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Sent: Monday, 10 October 2022 8:42 AM
To: Greig, Mitchell; Pitney, Sarah
Subject: B.Higgins [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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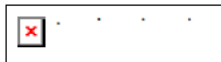
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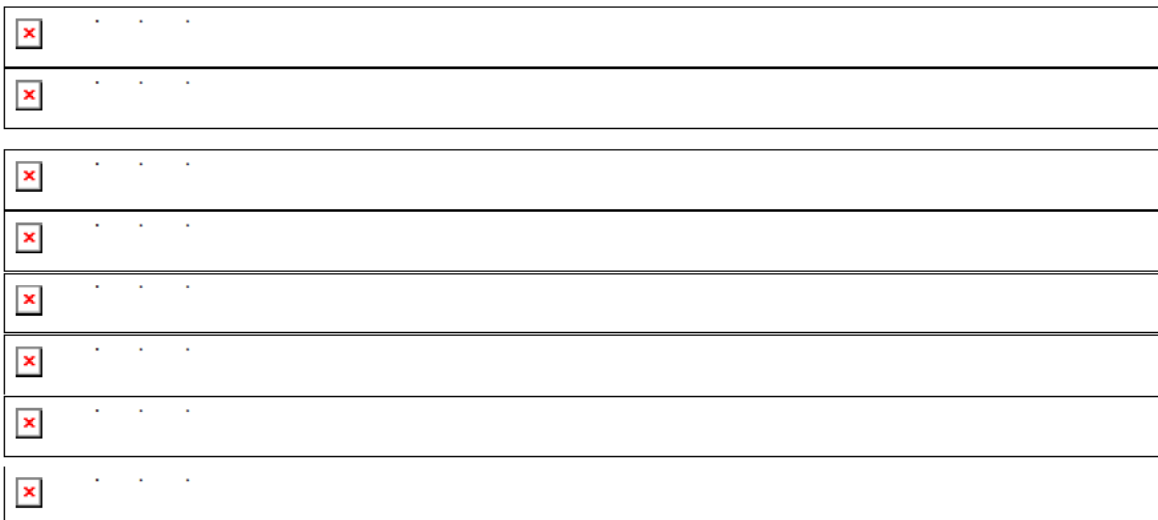
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Guest Name: Britney Higgins

Confirmation Number: 6448123

Arrival Date	Departure Date
October 2, 2022	October 8, 2022
Check-In	Check-Out
3:00 pm	11:00 am
Room Type	Number of Rooms
Creative Sun	1
Total Guests	Total Rate
Adults: 2	\$3,010.44
Children: 0	



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I've removed Brittany as CC as she gets email alerts and I'd like to remove as much stress from her plate as possible while I ask logistical questions.

Best,

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Send from iPhone

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Sent: Thursday, 16 June 2022 11:04 AM
To: Yates, Heidi <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Cc: <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: HIGGINS - Travel & Accommodation

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From: Pitney, Sarah
Sent: Monday, 19 September 2022 4:40 PM
To: David Sharaz; Yates, Heidi
Subject: RE: HIGGINS - Travel & Accommodation

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon

I confirm that we have booked a Remote Witness Room (RWR) suite that Ms Higgins (and support persons) will be able to access throughout the week.

The RWR area is accessed through the Children's Court entrance and there is no general public access. The common area has facilities such as tea/coffee, fridge, microwave and bathrooms. Each of the RWR suites is private and generally contains a seating area and TV.

Could I confirm who Emma Webster is/her intended role? (for example, is it proposed that she act as a support person in court while Ms Higgins gives her evidence?)

Kind regards



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Cc: Pitney, Sarah <**REDACTED**@act.gov.au>
Subject: Re: HIGGINS - Travel & Accommodation

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Thank you so much Heidi, and hello Sarah.

Can we confirm there will be a room for Brittany, myself and Emma Webster to wait in as to allow us to provide support to each other away from the public?

I've removed Brittany as CC as she gets email alerts and I'd like to remove as much stress from her plate as possible while I ask logistical questions.

Best,

David

Send from iPhone

On 19 Sep 2022, at 2:10 pm, Yates, Heidi <REDACTED@act.gov.au> wrote:

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Hi Sarah,

Many thanks for this confirmation.

Brittany and David – please see attached hotel booking, and not Sarah’s advice below regarding keeping receipts for related expenses.

Sarah – thanks to you and the team for locking in these arrangements.

Regards,

Heidi Yates

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To: Yates, Heidi <REDACTED@act.gov.au>

Subject: RE: HIGGINS - Travel & Accommodation

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Good afternoon

I confirm that a dog-friendly room at the Ovolo Nishi has been booked for Sunday 2 October 2022 to Saturday 8 October 2022 for Ms Higgins and her partner. At this stage we anticipate that her evidence will be complete by Friday afternoon, however if this is not the case we will extend the booking.

Please see **attached** the booking confirmation.

As per my colleague Erin’s earlier email, if Ms Higgins could keep receipts for meals, petrol and parking, these will be reimbursed upon completion of the Witness Expenses Claim Form.

In relation to security concerns, I will be in touch once we have finalised arrangements with the AFP.

Kind regards

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Good morning Heidi

I have spoken with Shane and he agrees it would be best to book accommodation (at Ovolo Nishi) from Sunday 2 October – we will book for the week and can reassess as the evidence progresses, if needed.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Sarah Pitney, who has joined the team working on this matter. **REDACTED**

I will also forward on the email regarding security concerns for Ms Higgins to Sarah, I imagine we will be able to organise a similar arrangement to last time in terms of entering and exiting the Court.

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Sent: Wednesday, 21 September 2022 11:29 AM
To: Greig, Mitchell
Cc: SVC_DPPCases
Subject: RE: Application Filings (202113941)

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I've had a chat to Heidi, she will speak with Brittany now and then send us through an email.

In summary:

- Yes Brittany wants both
- Emma is a long-term friend so they would be supporting her in different capacities

Doubling as a file note:

- Heidi told me she received a text from Brittany who was concerned that media coverage had suggested she wanted to give her evidence from the RWR
- I confirmed that we were aware she wanted to give her evidence from the courtroom after the EICs that she has to view from the RWR

Sarah

From: Greig, Mitchell <[REDACTED]@act.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 21 September 2022 10:56 AM
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I think that's for the best, because I may suspect that is what Brittany wants, but wouldn't be able to sign an application and affidavit if I don't believe it.

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Sent: Wednesday, 21 September 2022 10:54 AM
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Subject: RE: Application Filings (202113941)

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I'm happy to give Heidi a call and see if she can at least check with Brittany and put it in an email for us (and also indicate who Emma is)?

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Yes, I think we need to get confirmation from Brittany directly or possibly from Heidi?

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Thanks Mitch. I'll draft the applications re [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Re the s 49(2) one – awkward because I don't want to include the email from David.

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Cc: SVC_DPPCases <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Subject: Application Filings (202113941)

OFFICIAL

Hi Sarah,

Her Honour has directed us to file all applications in proceedings by Friday. This includes the remote witness rooms, closed court and s49(2).

I'm happy to prepare the applications and affidavits for LSC [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and we can discuss the applications for the closed court and s49(2).

Kind regards,



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Sent: Wednesday, 21 September 2022 2:27 PM
To: Yates, Heidi
Cc: Greig, Mitchell; Brit Mae; SVC_DPPCases
Subject: RE: Application for a second support person [202113941]

OFFICIAL

Dear Heidi

Thank you for the below email.

Unfortunately in light of previous exchanges between Ms Webster and Brittany contained in the Cellebrite report, counsel is of the view that Ms Webster may not be an appropriate support person. Of course, Ms Webster would still be welcome to attend with David and provide support throughout the day outside of the courtroom.

Is there anyone else that Brittany might like to have as a second support person, or would she be content to have only yourself in court with her?

Kind regards



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Cc: Greig, Mitchell <REDACTED@act.gov.au>; Brit Mae <REDACTED>
Subject: Application for a second support person
Importance: High

OFFICIAL

Good morning Sarah,

I am writing to confirm that Ms Brittany Higgins requests that the DPP make an application for her to have a second support person, Ms Emma Webster, in the court room whilst Ms Higgins is giving evidence (after viewing her EIC material from the remote witness room).

As you are aware, Ms Higgins has requested that I attend as a support person, in my professional capacity as the Victims of Crime Commissioner.

Ms Higgins also requests the support of Ms Emma Webster who is a long-term friend.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you require further information in order to make this application.

Regards,

Heidi Yates

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[REDACTED]

From: Pitney, Sarah
Sent: Wednesday, 28 September 2022 4:37 PM
To: Greig, Mitchell
Subject: Fwd: Lehrmann - Police presence

Can I confirm whether we have arranged anything with Callum?

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From: Yates, Heidi <[REDACTED]@act.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 4:35:30 PM
To: Pitney, Sarah <[REDACTED]@act.gov.au>
Subject: Lehrmann - Police presence

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Hello Sarah

I hope you're well.

Just touching base to ask where you or your team have liaised with police as yet in relation to Brittney's safety on Tuesday?

Based on previous events, I'm concerned to ensure there is police presence if possible at least when Brittney's entering the court (likely around 9am - walking over from DPP office) and if possible, at end of day when she returns to the DPP office. We plan to wait there for a period until media has died down, and I can organise a taxi for her back to her accommodation.

Happy to discuss further.

Many thanks,

Heidi

M: [REDACTED]

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From: Yates, Heidi
Sent: Thursday, 29 September 2022 1:35 PM
To: Greig, Mitchell
Cc: Pitney, Sarah; SVC_DPPCases; Brit Mae
Subject: Re: Publication Consent (202113941)

OFFICIAL

Hi Mitchell
Thanks great news - thanks so much for confirming.

Brittany is seeking an update in relation to the outcome of the defence disclosure applications that I understand Keegan was representing the DPP in. Are you or one of the team available for a quick chat with me about this this afternoon?

Thanks,
Heidi

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Hi Heidi,
Thanks for that confirmation.
I actually just got off the phone with the Police regarding their attendance. They plan to have uniform officers present at the Court entry during the first week of the trial and will then reassess the situation for the remainder of the trial. Police are meeting with Court Security today to co-ordinate with one another.
Kind regards,



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Subject: Re: Publication Consent (202113941)

OFFICIAL

Hi Mitchell

I confirm Ms Higgins (cc'd)

has already provided her consent to be named to the court. I can locate a copy of that email and forward it to you.

May I also seek your advice on the email I sent to Sarah yesterday requesting info about liaising with police regarding their attendance on Tuesday?

Happy to discuss if easier: REDACTED

Regards,

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OFFICIAL

Dear Heidi,

Under Section 74 of the *Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act* it prohibits the publication of the complainant's name in sexual offence proceedings unless it is established that the complainant consents to the publication of their name before it has occurred.

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From: Yates, Heidi
Sent: Tuesday, 4 October 2022 11:08 AM
To: Pitney, Sarah
Subject: Re: Reserved seat

OFFICIAL

Thanks so much Sarah. Brittney is glad to hear this news.

Heidi Yates
Victims of Crime Commissioner
ACT Human Rights Commission
P: [REDACTED]
E: [REDACTED]@act.gov.au

From: Pitney, Sarah <[REDACTED]@act.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 9:26:57 AM
To: Yates, Heidi <[REDACTED]@act.gov.au>
Subject: Reserved seat

OFFICIAL

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From: Pitney, Sarah
Sent: Tuesday, 4 October 2022 10:18 AM
To: Yates, Heidi
Subject: Update

OFFICIAL

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[REDACTED]

From: Pitney, Sarah
Sent: Tuesday, 4 October 2022 11:12 AM
To: Yates, Heidi
Subject: RE: Update

OFFICIAL

Jury has been empanelled, short break of 20 mins before openings

From: Yates, Heidi <[REDACTED]@act.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 4 October 2022 11:03 AM
To: Pitney, Sarah <[REDACTED]@act.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Update

OFFICIAL

Many thanks Sarah.

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P: [REDACTED]
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From: Pitney, Sarah <[REDACTED]@act.gov.au>
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Sent: Tuesday, 4 October 2022 12:16 PM
To: Yates, Heidi
Subject: Update

OFFICIAL

Dear Heidi

Shane is starting his opening now. We normally take lunch at 1pm, so it may be that we don't start Ms Higgin's evidence until after the lunch break.

Sarah



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From: Pitney, Sarah
Sent: Tuesday, 4 October 2022 1:01 PM
To: Yates, Heidi
Subject: Taking lunch now, Shane hasn't finished his opening

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Defence are still opening – short 5 minute break



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From: Pitney, Sarah
Sent: Thursday, 6 October 2022 12:29 PM
To: Yates, Heidi; Greig, Mitchell
Subject: RE: Accommodation extension

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Dear Heidi

I confirm that the booking has been extended through to Tuesday 11 October 2022. It is the same booking reference.

If there are any issues with the room cards on Saturday, the original check out date, Ms Higgins should contact reception who can update the access.

Kind regards



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Sent: Thursday, 6 October 2022 12:23 PM
To: Greig, Mitchell <REDACTED@act.gov.au>; Pitney, Sarah <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Accommodation extension

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Thanks so much.

Heidi Yates
Victims of Crime Commissioner
ACT Human Rights Commission
P: REDACTED
E: REDACTED@act.gov.au

From: Greig, Mitchell <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 12:09:40 PM
To: Yates, Heidi <REDACTED@act.gov.au>; Pitney, Sarah <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Accommodation extension

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Hi Heidi,

This has been extended. Sarah will send through the confirmation later tonight.

Kind regards,



Mitchell Greig
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Sent: Thursday, 6 October 2022 11:51 AM
To: Greig, Mitchell <**REDACTED**@act.gov.au>; Pitney, Sarah <**REDACTED**@act.gov.au>
Subject: Accommodation extension

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Hi Mitchell and Sarah,

Noting it is highly likely that Brittany will be required as a witness into early next week, are you able to extend her booking at the Nishi?

Many thanks,
Heidi

Heidi Yates
Victims of Crime Commissioner
ACT Human Rights Commission
P: **REDACTED**
E: **REDACTED**@act.gov.au

From: Yates, Heidi
Sent: Friday, 7 October 2022 5:39 PM
To: Greig, Mitchell; Pitney, Sarah
Subject: RE: Mobile number

OFFICIAL

Hi Sarah and Mitchell,
Thank you for your work this week.
Regards,

Heidi Yates

Victims of Crime Commissioner
ACT Human Rights Commission
56 Allara St
Canberra ACT 2601
Tel (REDACTED)



From: Greig, Mitchell <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 7 October 2022 11:45 AM
To: Yates, Heidi <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Mobile number

OFFICIAL

Thank you. Greatly appreciated. My mobile number is REDACTED if you need to contact me.

Kind regards,



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Sent: Friday, 7 October 2022 11:40 AM
To: Greig, Mitchell <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Mobile number

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Yes - please feel free to share with Sarah also. **REDACTED**

Heidi Yates
Victims of Crime Commissioner
ACT Human Rights Commission
P: **REDACTED**
E: **REDACTED**@act.gov.au

From: Greig, Mitchell <**REDACTED**@act.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, October 7, 2022 11:37:51 AM
To: Yates, Heidi <**REDACTED**@act.gov.au>
Subject: Mobile number

OFFICIAL

Hi Heidi,

May I have your mobile number so that I can contact you if urgent?

Kind regards,



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From: Yates, Heidi
Sent: Monday, 10 October 2022 4:46 PM
To: Pitney, Sarah; Greig, Mitchell
Subject: Re: Ovoli Nishi Accommodation

OFFICIAL: Sensitive - Personal Privacy

Wonderful - thank you Sarah.
I will let David know.

I note that [REDACTED] was also hoping to speak with your office regarding possibly bringing her flights forward, so that she can visit Britt.

If you or Mitch had a moment to call her this afternoon to discuss I'm sure she would very much appreciate it. Her contact:

REDACTED

Regards,
Heidi

Heidi Yates
Victims of Crime Commissioner
ACT Human Rights Commission
P: 6205 2222
E: **REDACTED**@act.gov.au

From: Pitney, Sarah <**REDACTED**@act.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 1:58:18 PM
To: Yates, Heidi <**REDACTED**@act.gov.au>; Greig, Mitchell <**REDACTED**@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Ovoli Nishi Accommodation

OFFICIAL: Sensitive - Personal Privacy

Dear Heidi
The booking at Ovolo Nishi has been extended until 15 October 2022.
We have also cancelled David's flights and accommodation.
Kind regards



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Sent: Monday, 10 October 2022 1:13 PM
To: Greig, Mitchell <**REDACTED**@act.gov.au>; Pitney, Sarah <**REDACTED**@act.gov.au>
Subject: Ovoli Nishi Accommodation

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Hello Mitchell and Sarah

Just touching base in relation to the Ovolo Nishi booking for Ms Higgins (and her partner who is staying with her). I note the booking is currently made until Tuesday.

I also note my understanding that Mr Sharaz will be required at court later this week, as may Ms Higgins. They will not return home before this time.

Can you please advise what arrangements could/should be made about the booking in the context of the current circumstances? In particular whether, for example, the booking could potentially be extended to the end of the week/ Saturday?

Feel free to call me on my mobile to discuss if easier: **REDACTED**

Many thanks,
Heidi Yates

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ACT Human Rights Commission

P: **REDACTED**

E: **REDACTED** [@act.gov.au](mailto:REDACTED@act.gov.au)

From: Yates, Heidi
Sent: Tuesday, 11 October 2022 8:42 PM
To: Pitney, Sarah
Cc: Greig, Mitchell
Subject: Re: David Sharaz, leave

OFFICIAL

Hi Sarah

I'm sure David will respond directly but based on my conversation with him earlier today I understand he will be available on Thursday.

If Skye has capacity at end of the day tomorrow, and it is appropriate, I think he would benefit greatly from a refreshed (brief) proofing conversation. This could be done online or in person.

He has understandably had a very big week and may need a refresher to re-focus on the process associated with giving evidence.

I also completely understand if this isn't possible.

Regards,

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ACT Human Rights Commission
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E: REDACTED@act.gov.au

From: Pitney, Sarah <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 8:33 pm
To: David Sharaz <REDACTED@act.gov.au>; Yates, Heidi <REDACTED@act.gov.au>; Greig, Mitchell <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
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From: Pitney, Sarah

Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 5:23:23 PM

To: David Sharaz <REDACTEDREDACTED> Yates, Heidi <REDACTED@act.gov.au>

Subject: RE: David Sharaz, leave

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Dear David

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From: David Sharaz <REDACTEDREDACTED>

Sent: Thursday, 6 October 2022 2:19 PM

To: Pitney, Sarah <REDACTED@act.gov.au>; Yates, Heidi <REDACTED@act.gov.au>

Subject: David Sharaz, leave

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Best,

David

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From: Stephanie Satouris <REDACTED@sca.com.au>

Date: 6 October 2022 at 11:26:56 am AEDT

To: David Sharaz <REDACTEDREDACTED>

Subject: FW: Leave Request

Hi David,

Please find attached your letter – please let me know of any amendments.

For this period, you would have been paid \$1,630 gross from SCA. Do you need this included in the letter?

Kind regards,

Steph

Stephanie Satouris
HR Advisor

SCA

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A 50 Goulburn Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000

P GPO Box 22, Sydney, NSW, 2001

From: **REDACTED** @sca.com.au

Date: 5 October 2022 at 1:18:49 pm AEDT

To: Tara Cassidy <**REDACTED** @sca.com.au>

Cc: David Sharaz <**REDACTED** @sca.com.au>

Subject: Leave Request

DAVID SHARAZ has requested LEAVE WITHOUT PAY from 10 Oct 2022 to 14 Oct 2022.

Manager: To login to ESS to action the request, select
<https://ess.macsc.net.au/Prod/hr21>

From: Yates, Heidi
Sent: Wednesday, 12 October 2022 3:53 PM
To: Pitney, Sarah
Subject: RE: David Sharaz, leave

OFFICIAL

Wonderful – thanks Sarah.

Heidi Yates

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Sent: Wednesday, 12 October 2022 3:52 PM
To: Yates, Heidi <[REDACTED]@act.gov.au>; David Sharaz <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Greig, Mitchell <[REDACTED]@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: David Sharaz, leave

OFFICIAL

Thanks Heidi – we will extend the booking and I'll send a further email confirming.

Kind regards



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Cc: Greig, Mitchell <[REDACTED]@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: David Sharaz, leave

OFFICIAL

Hi Sarah,
I've just spoken with David.
For a range of reasons he will remain in Canberra.

Is it possible to extend the hotel booking through to at least Tuesday next week, noting he will need to drive home afterwards and is unlikely to be in a position to start that drive on the Monday?

Many thanks,
Heidi

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Dear David

You will no longer be required to give evidence tomorrow – instead you will be called on Monday (i.e. after the completion of Brittany's evidence on Friday).

Can you please let me know if you would prefer to remain in Canberra, or to drive back with Brittany and then fly down again on Sunday evening/Monday morning?

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A deeply stressful time.

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Thanks,

David

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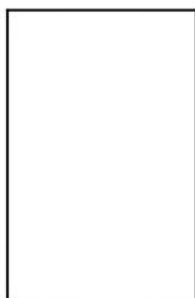
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P GPO Box 22, Sydney, NSW, 2001

From: [REDACTED]@sca.com.au
Date: 5 October 2022 at 1:18:49 pm AEDT
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@sca.com.au>
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May thanks Sarah.
Best
Heidi

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Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2022 7:40 pm
To: Yates, Heidi <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Cc: Greig, Mitchell <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Ovolo Nishi

OFFICIAL

Dear Heidi
I confirm that the booking has been extended until next Tuesday.
Kind regards



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From: Yates, Heidi <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 12 October 2022 3:53 PM
To: Pitney, Sarah <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: David Sharaz, leave

OFFICIAL

Wonderful – thanks Sarah.
Heidi Yates
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From: Pitney, Sarah <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 12 October 2022 3:52 PM
To: Yates, Heidi <REDACTED@act.gov.au>; David Sharaz <REDACTED>
Cc: Greig, Mitchell <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: David Sharaz, leave

OFFICIAL

Thanks Heidi – we will extend the booking and I'll send a further email confirming.
 Kind regards



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From: Yates, Heidi <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 12 October 2022 3:51 PM
To: Pitney, Sarah <REDACTED@act.gov.au>; David Sharaz <REDACTED>
Cc: Greig, Mitchell <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: David Sharaz, leave

OFFICIAL

Hi Sarah,

I've just spoken with David.

For a range of reasons he will remain in Canberra.

Is it possible to extend the hotel booking through to at least Tuesday next week, noting he will need to drive home afterwards and is unlikely to be in a position to start that drive on the Monday?

Many thanks,

Heidi

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From: Pitney, Sarah <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 12 October 2022 3:41 PM
To: David Sharaz <REDACTED>
Cc: Yates, Heidi <REDACTED@act.gov.au>; Greig, Mitchell <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: David Sharaz, leave

OFFICIAL

Dear David

You will no longer be required to give evidence tomorrow – instead you will be called on Monday (i.e. after the completion of Brittany's evidence on Friday).

Can you please let me know if you would prefer to remain in Canberra, or to drive back with Brittany and then fly down again on Sunday evening/Monday morning?

Kind regards



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To: Pitney, Sarah <**REDACTED**@act.gov.au>
Cc: Yates, Heidi <**REDACTED**@act.gov.au>; Greig, Mitchell <**REDACTED**@act.gov.au>
Subject: Re: David Sharaz, leave

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Hi Sarah,

A deeply stressful time.

I do hope I'm given a bit more information and specifics and a rough time of when I am needed?

Thanks,

David

Send from iPhone

On 11 Oct 2022, at 8:33 pm, Pitney, Sarah <**REDACTED**@act.gov.au> wrote:

OFFICIAL

Dear David

Could I please confirm whether you are available to give evidence on Thursday?

I appreciate that it is a difficult time and we will try not to keep you waiting around long before being called.

Kind regards



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From: Pitney, Sarah
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 5:23:23 PM
To: David Sharaz <**REDACTED**>; Yates, Heidi <**REDACTED**@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: David Sharaz, leave

OFFICIAL

Dear David

You can claim for lost income using the "Loss of Income Claim Form – Employee" available on the DPP website: https://www.dpp.act.gov.au/witness_and_victim_services/claiming-expenses
 However, unfortunately I anticipate that this would only cover the days you have been required to attend to give your evidence (i.e. 13-14 October 2022), as opposed to the days you attend to provide support.
 Kind regards



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From: David Sharaz <REDACTED>

Sent: Thursday, 6 October 2022 2:19 PM

To: Pitney, Sarah <REDACTED@act.gov.au>; Yates, Heidi <REDACTED@act.gov.au>

Subject: David Sharaz, leave

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Hi Sarah,

I've taken next week off to support Brittany as I am a witness and have zero leave.

I'm not sure if anything can be reimbursed but I got this letter below on the off chance something can be done.

Best,

David

Send from iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: REDACTED <REDACTED@sca.com.au>

Date: 6 October 2022 at 11:26:56 am AEDT

To: David Sharaz <REDACTED@sca.com.au>

Subject: FW: Leave Request

Hi David,

Please find attached your letter – please let me know of any amendments.

For this period, you would have been paid \$1,630 gross from SCA. Do you need this included in the letter?

Kind regards,

Steph

REDACTED
 HR Advisor

SCA

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E REDACTED@sca.com.au

A 50 Goulburn Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000

P GPO Box 22, Sydney, NSW, 2001

From: REDACTE@sca.com.au
Date: 5 October 2022 at 1:18:49 pm AEDT
To: <REDACTE@sca.com.au>
Cc: David Sharaz <REDACTE@sca.com.au>
Subject: Leave Request

DAVID SHARAZ has requested LEAVE WITHOUT PAY from 10 Oct 2022 to 14 Oct 2022.

Manager: To login to ESS to action the request, select <https://ess.macsc.net.au/Prod/hr21>

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From: Yates, Heidi
Sent: Monday, 17 October 2022 9:21 AM
To: Pitney, Sarah; Greig, Mitchell
Subject: FW: Attn Commissioner Heidi Yates Victims of Crime ACT
Attachments: Screenshot (1380).png; Screenshot (1382).png

OFFICIAL

Hello Sarah and Mitchell,
Just forwarding this to your team for information, noting it was sent to my office by a member of the public.
Regards,

Heidi Yates

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From: [REDACTED]@bigpond.net.au <[REDACTED]@bigpond.net.au>
Sent: Monday, 17 October 2022 9:01 AM
To: Human Rights <[REDACTED]@act.gov.au>
Cc: Human Rights Media <[REDACTED]@act.gov.au>
Subject: Attn Commissioner Heidi Yates Victims of Crime ACT

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Good Morning

I wish to bring to your attention a social media post made by disgraced Federal MLA Andrew Laming on 16/10/2022 in relation to the court case of Ms Brittany Higgins

[Facebook](#)

In the post Laming refers to Ms Higgins as a "liar" (please find enclosed a screen shot of the edit history), he then edited the post after facing somewhat of a backlash. I realize that Laming is a serial pest when it comes to legal action but surely there is something that can be done to highlight his cave man misogyny he demonstrates.

Regards

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Edit history



Yesterday at 19:05

33 reactions on this version



Andrew Laming

40% of Project viewers switch off when Lisa Wilkinson hosts. Speaks volumes for her gender hysteria and backing of liar and rape accuser Brittany Higgins.



Yesterday at 21:41

13 reactions on this version



Andrew Laming

40% of Project viewers switch off when Lisa Wilkinson hosts. Speaks volumes for her gender hysteria and backing of rape accuser Brittany Higgins.





 Author

Andrew Laming

Katie Coulson Im still calling her a liar. I just removed it from the post to evoke less anger because its not the point I am trying to make. Its about Wilkinson's repeated failures and opportunistic gender rubbish, that have corroded her stature over the last 18months.

Like 9 h



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From: Yates, Heidi
Sent: Monday, 17 October 2022 9:18 AM
To: Pitney, Sarah; Greig, Mitchell
Subject: RE: Tomorrow

OFFICIAL

Hi Sarah and Mitch,
Appreciate you updating David this morning.

I'm sure in the long run he may experience some relief about not having to give evidence, but as you can no doubt appreciate, he has mixed feelings this morning about the challenges of not having been able to support Brittany over the past fortnight in court whilst waiting to give evidence. I know a scenario like this will not be unfamiliar to you both.

I want to thank you for all the hard work you're doing and look forward to de-briefing about this matter once it has wrapped up.

Regards,

Heidi Yates

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From: David Sharaz <**REDACTED**>
Sent: Monday, 17 October 2022 9:01 AM
To: Pitney, Sarah <**REDACTED**@act.gov.au>
Cc: Greig, Mitchell <**REDACTED**@act.gov.au>; Yates, Heidi <**REDACTED**@act.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Tomorrow

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Hi Sarah,

Thanks for keeping me isolated and siloed from my partner for a fortnight.

I really appreciate the trauma you've put me through.

Best,

David

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On 17 Oct 2022, at 8:22 am, Pitney, Sarah <REDACTED@act.gov.au> wrote:

OFFICIAL

Dear David

The parties have now agreed that you are no longer required to give evidence.

Apologies for the late notice – we acknowledge that you have had to make yourself available in difficult circumstances.

Please still submit the loss of income form as you have been required to make yourself available.

Kind regards



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From: David Sharaz <REDACTED REDACTED >

Sent: Sunday, 16 October 2022 10:48 PM

To: Pitney, Sarah <REDACTED@act.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Tomorrow

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Hi Sarah,

I'm more than happy to arrive at 10am.

Heidi is not attending with me, however, someone from her office will be.

I'm not sure where the meeting rooms are, however, I'm happy to sit where the other witnesses are.

Can you please let me know where that is?

Best,

David

Send from iPhone

On 16 Oct 2022, at 5:44 pm, Pitney, Sarah <REDACTED@act.gov.au> wrote:

OFFICIAL

Dear David

Could you please aim to arrive by 10am?

Can I please confirm if Heidi is accompanying you? If so, she will be aware of the meeting rooms near the Courtroom where you can wait away from the general public.

Kind regards

Sarah

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From: David Sharaz <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Sent: Sunday, October 16, 2022 4:56 pm
To: Pitney, Sarah <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Subject: Tomorrow

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Hi Sarah,

What time am I to arrive tomorrow?

Is there anything I need to do?

Best,

David

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From: Yates, Heidi
Sent: Monday, 17 October 2022 10:16 AM
To: Pitney, Sarah; Greig, Mitchell
Cc: David Sharaz
Subject: RE: Pet fee - Ms Higgins booking at Ovolo Nishi

OFFICIAL

Wonderful, thank you.

Heidi Yates

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From: Pitney, Sarah <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 17 October 2022 10:12 AM
To: Yates, Heidi <REDACTED@act.gov.au>; Greig, Mitchell <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Cc: David Sharaz <REDACTED.REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Pet fee - Ms Higgins booking at Ovolo Nishi

OFFICIAL

Dear Heidi

Our Corporate team has confirmed that this should have been authorised/will be covered, and they will follow up with the hotel this morning.

Kind regards



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From: Yates, Heidi <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 17 October 2022 10:07 AM
To: Pitney, Sarah <REDACTED@act.gov.au>; Greig, Mitchell <REDACTED@act.gov.au>

Cc: David Sharaz <REDACTED REDACTED>

Subject: RE: Pet fee - Ms Higgins booking at Ovolo Nishi

OFFICIAL

Many thanks Sarah.

Heidi Yates

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From: Pitney, Sarah <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 17 October 2022 10:06 AM
To: Yates, Heidi <REDACTED@act.gov.au>; Greig, Mitchell <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Cc: David Sharaz <REDACTED REDACTED>
Subject: RE: Pet fee - Ms Higgins booking at Ovolo Nishi

OFFICIAL

Dear Heidi

I will confirm with our Corporate team and get back to you as soon as possible.

Kind regards



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From: Yates, Heidi <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 17 October 2022 10:05 AM
To: Pitney, Sarah <REDACTED@act.gov.au>; Greig, Mitchell <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Cc: David Sharaz <REDACTED REDACTED>
Subject: Pet fee - Ms Higgins booking at Ovolo Nishi

OFFICIAL

Hello Sarah and Mitch,

When Brittany checked out of her room this morning, the hotel indicated that DPP hadn't provided credit card authorisation to cover the dog fee with their hotel room. I spoke to them, and they are going to contact your office to confirm that you are open to covering this fee.

If you can't for any reason – please let me know and we can discuss.

Regards,

Heidi Yates

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From: Yates, Heidi
Sent: Wednesday, 19 October 2022 12:03 PM
To: Greig, Mitchell; Pitney, Sarah
Subject: RE: Update - DPP v Lehrmann

OFFICIAL

Many thanks Mitchell,
I'd be grateful if you could send me a quick text when the Jury is sent out?
Heidi

Heidi Yates

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From: Greig, Mitchell <(REDACTED)@act.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 19 October 2022 11:37 AM
To: Yates, Heidi <(REDACTED)@act.gov.au>; Pitney, Sarah <(REDACTED)@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Update - DPP v Lehrmann

OFFICIAL

Hi Heidi,
Hi Heidi,

Thank you for informing us, that is noted.

For your information, Defence completed their closing this morning and Her Honour is currently giving her Jury Directions.

Kind regards,



Mitchell Greig
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From: Yates, Heidi <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 18 October 2022 4:04 PM
To: Pitney, Sarah <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Cc: Greig, Mitchell <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Update - DPP v Lehrmann

OFFICIAL

Thank you for this update Sarah – much appreciated.
 To confirm, at this stage Ms Higgins will be returning to the ACT this evening.
 She plans to stay in Canberra until the Jury return, and intends on being in court when their verdict is delivered.

Don't hesitate to let me know if you need anything further from us.
 Regards,

Heidi Yates

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From: Pitney, Sarah <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 18 October 2022 3:58 PM
To: Yates, Heidi <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Cc: Greig, Mitchell <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Update - DPP v Lehrmann

OFFICIAL

Dear Heidi

The Director has completed his closing and we are part way through defence's closing.

Her Honour will direct the jury tomorrow after defence's closing and then the jury will be sent out.

Kind regards



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Sent: Tuesday, 18 October 2022 12:08 PM
To: Pitney, Sarah <[REDACTED]@act.gov.au>
Cc: Greig, Mitchell <[REDACTED]@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Update - DPP v Lehrmann

OFFICIAL

Thank you Sarah.

Heidi Yates

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Sent: Tuesday, 18 October 2022 12:04 PM
To: Yates, Heidi <[REDACTED]@act.gov.au>
Cc: Greig, Mitchell <[REDACTED]@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Update - DPP v Lehrmann

OFFICIAL

Dear Heidi

I think that is unlikely – the Director has not yet finished his closing, and then we will need to get through defence’s closing and her Honour’s directions to the jury – so probably tomorrow not today.

Kind regards



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Sent: Tuesday, 18 October 2022 12:02 PM
To: Pitney, Sarah <[REDACTED]@act.gov.au>
Cc: Greig, Mitchell <[REDACTED]@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Update - DPP v Lehrmann

OFFICIAL

Thank you Sarah.

At this stage, do you think it's possible the jury will be sent out today?

Heidi Yates

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To: Yates, Heidi <**REDACTED**@act.gov.au>
Cc: Greig, Mitchell <**REDACTED**@act.gov.au>
Subject: Update - DPP v Lehrmann

OFFICIAL

Dear Heidi

Just confirming that:

- The DPP has closed its case
- Defence have not called a case
- The Director has commenced his closing

I will provide a further update this afternoon.

Kind regards



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[REDACTED]

From: Yates, Heidi
Sent: Thursday, 20 October 2022 9:56 AM
To: Greig, Mitchell; Pitney, Sarah
Subject: Seat reservation @ verdict

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Good morning Mitch and Sarah,

As previously advised, Ms Higgins intends to come to the verdict in person, noting we will only have a short period of notice to make sure she's at the court.

Miss Higgins has asked a small support team to attend with her, a total of six people including her (and myself).

Is it possible that the prosecution could reserve six seats immediately behind you in court?

This would allow Brittany to be looking ahead, with the Media behind her, rather than in front of her, which may make it easier in terms of her being able to have a slightly more private reaction to the verdict.

If this isn't possible, we will of course make other arrangements.

Many thanks,

Heidi Yates
Victims of Crime Commissioner
ACT Human Rights Commission

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From: Pitney, Sarah
Sent: Tuesday, 7 February 2023 12:57 PM
To: Drumgold, Shane; Greig, Mitchell; Jerome, Skye
Subject: RE: Board of Inquiry subpoena

Dear Shane

I have saved all my email correspondence with witnesses/their representatives in the ebrief folder (E:\eBriefs_Secure_005_WHoG)

As there are 416 emails, I haven't been able to combine them into a single PDF. If it needs to be a PDF, let me know and I'll see if [REDACTED] has a solution.

I haven't extracted emails with defence or the AFP as I understand that Mitch is already doing this and Mitch would have been CC'ed into any emails I sent or received.

Kind regards



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From: Drumgold, Shane <[REDACTED]@act.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 7 February 2023 11:20 AM
To: Pitney, Sarah <[REDACTED]@act.gov.au>; Greig, Mitchell <[REDACTED]@act.gov.au>; Jerome, Skye <[REDACTED]@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Board of Inquiry subpoena

UNOFFICIAL

Thanks Sarah

Could I get you to save all of the emails into a PDF file and label it "Sarah Pitney emails" and I will include them anyway.

In relation to the discontinuance, I agree. I have disclosed the psychiatric reports and the letter from defence, as well as my reasoning



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From: Pitney, Sarah <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 7 February 2023 11:09 AM
To: Drumgold, Shane <REDACTED@act.gov.au>; Greig, Mitchell <REDACTED@act.gov.au>; Jerome, Skye <REDACTED@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Board of Inquiry subpoena

Dear Shane

Paragraph 3(a)(i) – file notes of discussions with witnesses

Please see attached file note of telephone conversation between Fiona Brown, Mitch and I (also saved to CASES).

Paragraph 3(e)(iii)

I'm confused as to what is sought by this paragraph, as (e) is confined to the decision to discontinue, then subparagraph (iii) is expressed very broadly. For example, reference is made to the emails from DLSC Madders on 14 October 2022, however these do not (in my view) relate to the decision to discontinue.

If the Board is in fact seeking all correspondence with witnesses, then I have a large number of emails that would not have been forwarded to you (primarily in relation to flights/accommodation/time they are required to attend). Most of these emails will be saved to CASES but some may have been missed – if necessary I can go through my emails.

Kind regards



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Hi All
Please find enclosed subpoena for the board of inquiry

I have most things, but could you forward me any proofing or meeting notes that were not sent to me, and maybe just look at anything else you think you may exclusively have



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From: Pitney, Sarah
Sent: Monday, 27 February 2023 2:08 PM
To: Jerome, Skye; Greig, Mitchell
Subject: RE: Proofing notes for LERHMANN
Attachments: M202113941_R v Lehrmann - 25 May 2022 Proofing Notes.pdf; M202113941_R v Lehrmann - 26 May 2022 Proofing Notes.pdf; M202113941_R v Lehrmann - 27 May 2022 Proofing Notes.pdf; M202113941_R v Lehrmann - 9 May 2022 Proofing Notes.pdf; M202113941_R v Lehrmann - 10 May 2022 Proofing notes.pdf; M202113941_R v Lehrmann - 11 May 2022 Proofing Notes.pdf; M202113941_R v Lehrmann - 12 May 2022 Proofing Notes.pdf; M202113941_R v Lehrmann - 16 May 2022 Proofing Notes.pdf; M202113941_R v Lehrmann - 17 May 2022 Proofing Notes.pdf; M202113941_R v Lehrmann - 18 May 2022 Proofing Notes.pdf; M202113941_R v Lehrmann - 20 May 2022 Proofing Notes.pdf; M202113941_R v Lehrmann - 23 May 2022 Proofing notes.pdf; M202113941_R v Lehrmann - 24 May 2022 Proofing Notes.pdf; M202113941_Monday 26 October 2022 – Conference Notes for Dr Jennifer [REDACTED].pdf

Dear Skye

I have attached the proofing notes from CASES – please let me know where to disclose them and I'll forward them through.

Sarah



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Subject: Proofing notes for LERHMANN

Hi Sarah and Greig

Can you please disclose all of the proofing notes for all witnesses for the matter of LERHMANN.

This needs to be done by COB today please.

I have been advised that it has not yet been disclosed.

Kind regards

Skye



Skye Jerome

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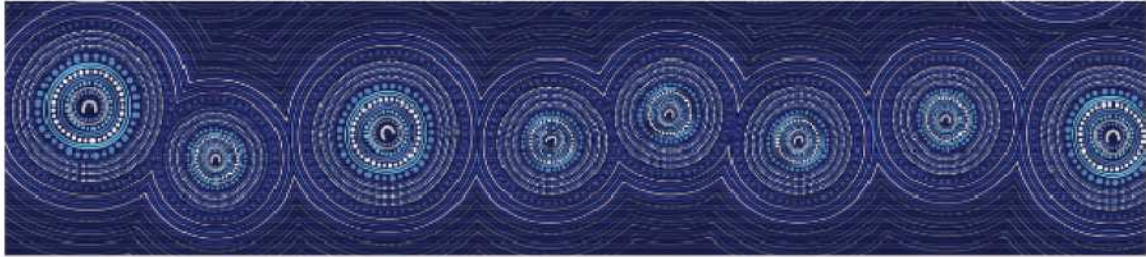
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