

HER HONOUR: Yes. Members of the Jury, in relation to what we've just heard from Ms Higgins, there are two things I must tell you. The first is that the woman who is a support person. She's a person who works within the court system. She is known to me. She's not a friend of Ms Higgins, she's a part of the system, if I could put it that way, and it is usual practice for a witness in these kinds of proceedings to have a support person with them. You must not draw any inference against Mr Lehrmann or give the complainant's evidence any more or less weight simply on account of the presence of the support person.

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And secondly, the evidence, as you have heard, was recorded by police in an audio-visual recording. And again, that is usual practice, and again, you must draw no adverse inference against Mr Lehrmann on account of the fact that the evidence is given in that way, or give it any more or less weight than you otherwise would. It's a usual way of giving evidence in these kinds of proceedings.

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