

Subpoena Number: 2023 / 25

Section 26(1)(a) of the *Inquiries Act 1991*

SUBPOENA TO GIVE EVIDENCE

To: Ms Fiona Brown

By email: [REDACTED]

Pursuant to section 26(1)(a) of the *Inquiries Act 1991*, I, WALTER SOFRONOFF KC, Chairperson of the Board of Inquiry established by the Inquiries (Board of Inquiry – Criminal Justice System) Appointment 2023 (NI2023-49)¹ dated 1 February 2023 require you to give evidence in accordance with the schedule to this subpoena.

Failure to comply with this subpoena without lawful excuse is a Contempt of Board and you may be dealt with accordingly.

Date: 23 February 2023



Walter Sofronoff KC
Chairperson
Board of Inquiry

¹ The terms of reference of the Board of Inquiry, contained in NI2023-49 dated 1 February 2023 are set out as Annexure A to this subpoena.

Schedule

Date, time and place where you must attend to give evidence —

Date: 24 February 2023

Time: 3:30pm (AEDT)

Place: via Audio Visual Link

Notes

Informal service

1. Even if this subpoena has not been served personally on you, you must, nevertheless, comply with its requirements, if you have actual knowledge of the subpoena and its requirements.

Where the addressee is a corporation or agency

2. If this subpoena is addressed to a corporation or agency, the corporation or agency must comply with the subpoena by its appropriate person or proper officer.

Attendance to give evidence

3. Queries regarding your attendance to give evidence should be directed in the first instance to BOI.Notices@inquiry.act.gov.au.

Contempt of Board of Inquiry

4. A person commits an offence if the person does something in the face, or within the hearing, of a board that would be contempt of court if the board were a court of record (see *Inquiries Act 1991*, section 36 (**Contempt of Board**)).
5. Failure to comply with a subpoena without lawful excuse is a Contempt of Board and may be dealt with accordingly.
6. Failure to comply with a subpoena may also be a criminal offence (see *Criminal Code*, section 719 (Failing to attend) and section 720 (Failing to produce document or other thing)).

Protections

7. Where a person is required to produce a document (or other thing) or answer a question to the Board of Inquiry, that person is not able to rely on the common law privileges against self-incrimination and exposure to the imposition of a civil penalty to refuse to produce the document or other thing or answer the question (see *Inquiries Act 1991*, section 19 (Privileges against self-incrimination and exposure to civil penalty)).
8. However, anything obtained because of the producing of the document or other thing, or the answering of the question, is not admissible in evidence against that person in a civil or criminal proceeding, except for an offence relating to the falsity or misleading nature of the document or other thing or answer, and for an offence against chapter 7 of the *Criminal Code* (see *Inquiries Act 1991*, section 19 (Privileges against self-incrimination and exposure to civil penalty)).

ANNEXURE A
Terms of Reference

1. The Board will inquire into:
 - (a) Whether any police officers failed to act in accordance with their duties or acted in breach of their duties:
 - (i) in their conduct of the investigation of the allegations of Ms Brittany Higgins concerning Mr Bruce Lehrmann;
 - (ii) in their dealings with the Director of Public Prosecutions in relation to his duty to decide whether to commence, to continue and to discontinue criminal proceedings against Mr Lehrmann in relation to those allegations;
 - (iii) in their dealings with the legal representatives for Mr Lehrmann before, during or after the trial in the matter of *R v Lehrmann*;
 - (iv) in their provision of information to any persons in relation to the matter of *R v Lehrmann*.
 - (b) If any police officers so acted, their reasons and motives for their actions.
 - (c) Whether the Director of Public Prosecutions failed to act in accordance with his duties or acted in breach of his duties in making his decisions to commence, to continue and to discontinue criminal proceedings against Mr Lehrmann.
 - (d) If the Director of Public Prosecutions so acted, his reasons and motives for his actions.
 - (e) The circumstances around, and decisions which led to the public release of the ACT Director of Public Prosecutions' letter to the Chief Police Officer of ACT Policing dated 1 November 2022.
 - (f) Whether the Victims of Crime Commissioner acted in accordance with the relevant statutory framework in terms of support provided to the complainant in the matter of *R v Lehrmann*.
 - (g) Any matter reasonably incidental to any of the above matters.
2. The Board will report to the Chief Minister by 30 June 2023.

From: Brown, Fiona
Sent: Wednesday, 13 October 2021 5:50 PM
To: 'Madders, Trent' <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Trent

[REDACTED] just returned my call and said you can contact him through his Executive Officer, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Kind regards
Fiona

From: Brown, Fiona
Sent: Wednesday, 13 October 2021 5:42 PM
To: 'Madders, Trent' <[REDACTED]>
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for the clarification. .

[REDACTED] Best I provide my lawyers details to you:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Kind regards
Fiona

From: Madders, Trent <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 13 October 2021 4:59 PM
To: Brown, Fiona <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

G'day Fiona,

Thanks for the reply.

Regarding your bona fides it is for the DPP if they are going to call you to Court. I will put down your lawyer's address as the point of contact. Just checking that it is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The only paperwork would be subpoena for Court to attend as a witness.

Thanks for assisting.

Regards,

Trent

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From: Brown, Fiona <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 13 October 2021 4:30 PM
To: Madders, Trent <[REDACTED]>
Subject: [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi Trent

Received your text message, surviving COVID and am working from home.

Regarding my personal details, can you please let me know why you need them, if you need to serve a document I can give you my solicitors contact details.

In relation to next year [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I have left a message for [REDACTED] who is in meetings to return my call.

Kind regards
Fiona

Fiona Brown | Director of Operations
Office of the Prime Minister, the Hon Scott Morrison MP
MG 8, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600

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Erin Priestly <[REDACTED]>

6/5/2022 09:58

FW: R v Lehrmann: Proofing with the DPP [SEC=OFFICIAL]

To Fiona <[REDACTED]>

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Priestly, Erin <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, 6 May 2022 9:58 AM

To: Priestly, Erin; Brown, Fiona

Subject: R v Lehrmann: Proofing with the DPP [SEC=OFFICIAL]

When: Wednesday, 18 May 2022 10:00 AM-11:00 AM (UTC+10:00) Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney.

Where:

Dear Fiona

Please see below link, which will allow you to join our AVL meeting on 18 May 2022.

Kind regards



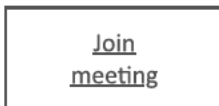
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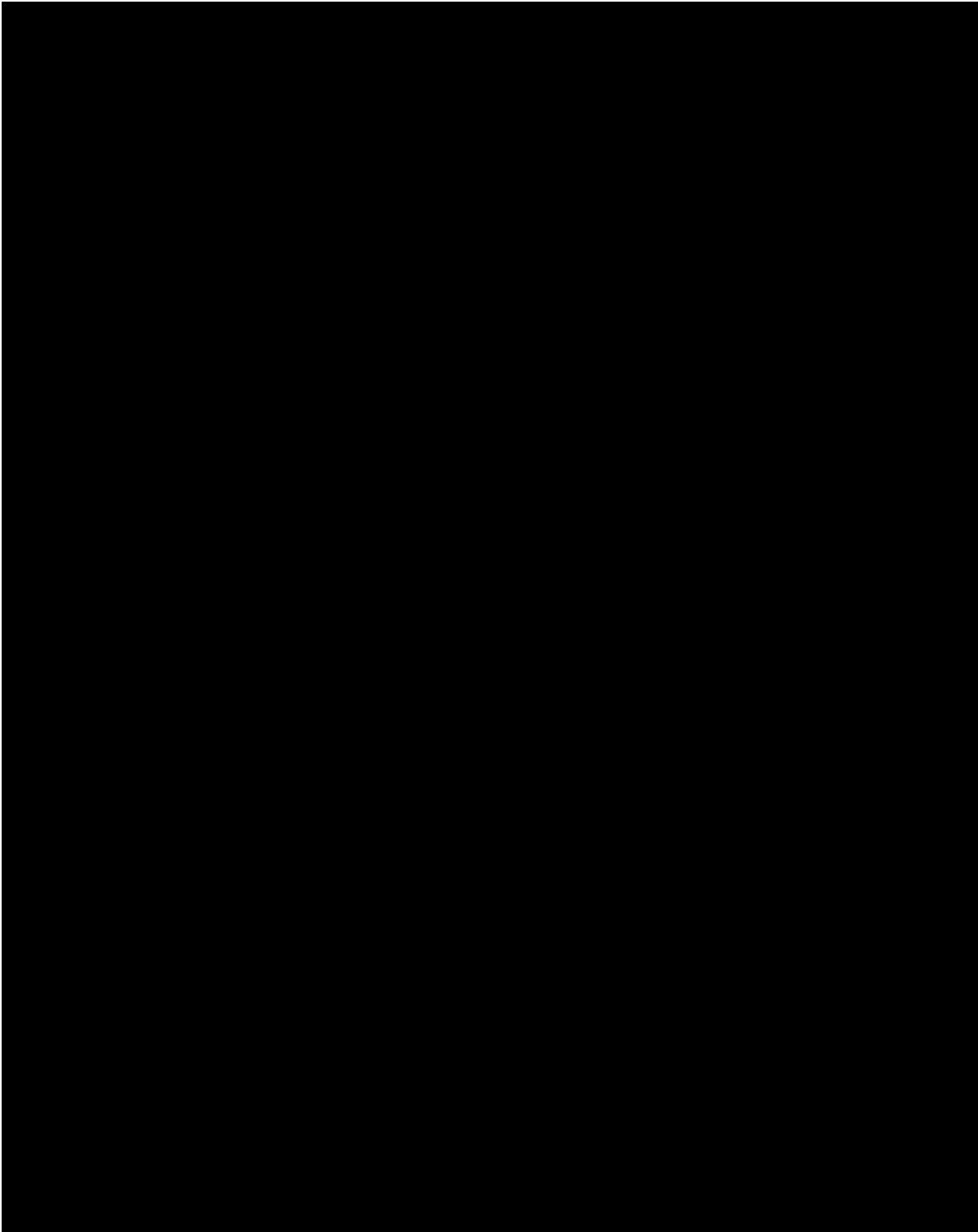
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Our Ref: [REDACTED]
Contact
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

23 June 2022

BY EMAIL

Mr Shane Drumgold SC
Director of Public Prosecutions
Australian Capital Territory
GPO Box 595,
Canberra ACT 2601

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Dear Sir

Our client: Fiona Brown

We act for Fiona Brown.

We refer to the decision by the Chief Justice on 29 June to vacate the Lehmann trial (at which our client is to be called as a Crown witness) following the broadcast of the *TV Week Logies Awards* on 19 June 2022: *R v Lehmann (No 3) [2022] ATSC 145*.

We note the observations of the Chief Justice that “*The central issue in the trial, it is now clear, will be the credibility of the complainant and whether her allegation of sexual assault can be believed*”.

We note that on 18 May 2022, our client and counsel attended a conference with you and those appearing with you and instructing you at the trial.

During that conference, we are instructed that our client raised her ongoing distress with respect to false and defamatory publications concerning her, in particular the Ten Network’s *The Project* interview of Ms Higgins. She also raised her concerns about the upcoming broadcast of the *Logie Awards* in which the interview was nominated for an award.

As you know, an extract of that interview (**Interview Extract**) was replayed during the live broadcast of the *Logies Awards*, and the program remains accessible online. We note that our client is explicitly identified by Ms Wilkinson in the Interview Extract. Our client rejects the words attributed to her by Ms Higgins in the Interview Extract.

We bring to your attention that there are material differences between the Interview Extract broadcast by the Nine Network and the original Interview as broadcast by the Ten Network in February 2021 (transcript enclosed).

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We set out the two extracts as follows:

Nine Network broadcast of Interview Extract:

WILKINSON: And I believe that Fiona Brown from the Prime Minister's office gave you two choices

HIGGINS: I asked so what is the process of coming back, she said "well you wouldn't" and that was the really clarifying moment for me where I fully sort of internalised that this is a political issue, my job is on the line for this and I really don't have a choice.

Original Ten Network broadcast of Interview:

WILKINSON: And I believe that Fiona Brown from the Prime Minister's Office gave you two choices on how to proceed?

HIGGINS: Essentially I could go home. They'd pay me, I would technically be employed, in six weeks' time our contracts are going to expire anyway and I could sort of take leave and just sort of process what had happened to me and I could just go home.

WILKINSON: To try and heal?

HIGGINS: Yeah. And I asked, so what's the process of coming back and she ... said, well, you wouldn't and that was the really clarifying moment for me where I fully sort of internalised that this is a political issue, my job is on the line for this and I really don't have a choice.

WILKINSON: So what did you choose?

HIGGINS: This was my dream job. I had worked my entire life to get here. I wanted this future. I wanted to be a part of it, for my entire working life. So yeah I went to WA.

It is thus clear that steps were taken, either by the Nine Network, or the Ten Network, to edit the original interview.

It is not clear whether the editing was done, or authorised, with the intention of, or was reckless to the risk of, intimidating our client in relation to the evidence she will give as a witness in the trial.

In any event, it gives an impression to prospective jurors and the community at large of our client as having acted inappropriately, unprofessionally and dishonestly in relation to Ms Higgins and her allegations. That is, that she is an untrustworthy and dishonest person, who sought to silence Ms Higgins for political reasons.

This impression was only reinforced, if not exacerbated, by the subsequent broadcast of the radio program "Jonesy and Amanda". We refer to paragraph 23 of the Chief Justice's judgment:

The transcript attributes to "Jonesy" his assent to that recollection. He later refers to the fact that, "...the whole story was dreadful. Absolutely dreadful", adding, "[j]ust the very fact that she had to have a meeting in the very room that she was raped with her superiors and then her career was virtually finished." And so on.

By reason of the prior publication of the Interview Extract and Ms Wilkinson's award acceptance speech, the reference in the radio program to "her superiors" was clearly to be taken as a reference to our client. Our client rejects utterly the implication that she required Ms Higgins to "have a meeting in the very room that she was raped", because apart from the statement assuming that a rape had in fact occurred, Ms Higgins had not made any such allegation to our client (nor did she subsequently).

Needless to say, these recent events have caused further harm and great distress to our client who is very concerned that precisely the evidence that she is expected to give has been and is being canvassed in public by another witness, with the full weight of national television and radio networks behind her, in such a way as to sow doubt in the minds of potential jurors as to the veracity of our client's account of events and her credibility, whilst bolstering that of Ms Higgins and Ms Wilkinson.

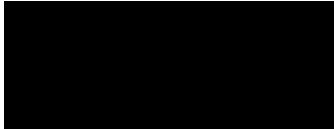
We are concerned not only about the effect upon potential jurors (being the reason Her Honour has vacated the trial and so in effect grant a temporary stay) but with the intentional or unintentional intimidation of our client as a witness in the proceedings, by holding her up to public condemnation.

In our view, the actions of Ms Wilkinson and the respective networks are capable of amounting to a very serious contempt.

Accordingly, we seek to arrange a further conference with you and our client to discuss these matters and arrangements for our client's evidence at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully

RUSSELL KENNEDY



Principal

From: Fiona <[REDACTED]>
Date: 1 August 2022 at 12:28:30 pm AEST
To: Erin Priestly <[REDACTED]>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Fiona Brown – Concerns Notice [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Erin

Further to the email below, I'm writing to advise that I have decided not to proceed with the meeting request.

I'll be in touch again shortly to find out the likely date I'll be required to attend court.

Kind regards
Fiona

From: Priestly, Erin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 11:02 am
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Fiona Brown – Concerns Notice [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

OFFICIAL

Dear Ms [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email and attached correspondence. As you may have seen, this matter has been given a new trial date of 4 October 2022.

The Director is happy to meet with Ms Brown and Mr [REDACTED], however, does not have availability until late August/early September. Would any day in the weeks of 22 or 29 August after 12.00pm work for you? The meeting can be either via AVL or in person, whichever is most suitable.

Kind regards



Erin Priestly

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From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, 23 June 2022 9:26 AM

To: Priestly, Erin <[REDACTED]>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fiona Brown – Concerns Notice [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Dear Ms Priestly,

Please see **attached** letter.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]



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Erin Priestly [REDACTED] >

13/7/2022 10:38

R v Lehmann - Formal Notice of New Trial Date - 202113941

To Fiona <[REDACTED]> Copy SVC_DPPCases [REDACTED]

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Dear Ms Brown

Please see attached correspondence.

Kind regards



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Sarah Pitney <[REDACTED]>

19/9/2022 14:48

RE: R v Lehrmann - 202113941

To Fiona <[REDACTED]> Copy SVC_DPPCases [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon

Would it suit if I gave you a call tomorrow at about 10am?

The number I have on file is [REDACTED] – are you able to confirm if this is correct?

Kind regards



Sarah Pitney
Prosecutor
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ACT)
GPO Box 595, Canberra ACT 2601 (DX 5725)

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From: Fiona <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, 19 September 2022 1:12 PM
To: Pitney, Sarah <[REDACTED]>
Cc: SVC_DPPCases [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: R v Lehrmann - 202113941

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Hi Sarah

I have left several messages for Erin and was wondering why I hadn't heard back, thanks for letting me know.

Arrangements for me are complicated, I really need to know what day you are expecting me to appear.

I have some other questions, can you please give me a time when I can call to discuss?

Thanks
Fiona

On 19 Sep 2022, at 12:58 pm, Pitney, Sarah <[REDACTED]> wrote:

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon

My colleague Erin Priestly has gone on long-term leave and I will now be assisting with this matter.

Could I please confirm which airport you would prefer to depart from? We will be booking flights and accommodation shortly.

Kind regards



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From: Fiona <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 13 July 2022 12:30 PM
To: Priestly, Erin <[REDACTED]>
Cc: SVC_DPPCases <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: R v Lehrmann - Formal Notice of New Trial Date - 202113941

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Thanks Erin

I will let you know closer to the time which airport I will depart from.

Kind regards
Fiona

On 13 Jul 2022, at 11:51 am, Priestly, Erin <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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At this stage, the best estimate is that you will be called to give evidence during the week of 10 October 2022. This will be narrowed closer to trial.

We will arrange flights and accommodation for you. Which airport would you like to fly out of?

Kind regards



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From: Fiona <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 13 July 2022 11:15 AM
To: Priestly, Erin <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: R v Lehmann - Formal Notice of New Trial Date - 202113941

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Hi Erin

Thank you for the updated advice. I would be grateful to know as soon as practicable roughly when I will be required during the trial period.



Can you please advise whether these arrangements will be made through you (DPP) or am I to make those bookings and seek reimbursement ?

Kind regards
Fiona

On 13 Jul 2022, at 10:38 am, Priestly, Erin <[REDACTED]>
wrote:

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Dear Ms Brown

Please see attached correspondence.

Kind regards



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If you are travelling from interstate to attend Court and live more than 60km from the ACT, the Office of the DPP will pay for, or reimburse you for, your reasonable costs directly related to your attendance at Court to give evidence, in excess of the conduct money, if receipts, displaying GST where relevant, are attached to your ***Witness Expenses Claim Form***.

All forms and further information are available from the ACT DPP website – www.dpp.act.gov.au. You should have received conduct money with your subpoena. This amount is automatically deducted from your claim (excluding wages).

Claims take approximately 28 working days from the time we receive a valid claim from you. The money will be deposited into the bank account you nominate on the ***Witness Expenses Claim Form***. Money claimed by your employer will be deposited into the employer's bank account.

Lost Wages / Income

If you did not receive your wages/salary which you would otherwise have been entitled to as a result of attending court to give evidence, the DPP will reimburse you for reasonable lost wages or salary. You must complete the ***ACT DPP Loss of Income Claim Form – Employee*** and attach a copy of your payslip.

If you are self-employed, the DPP will reimburse you for reasonable lost income as a result of attending Court to give evidence. You must complete the ***ACT DPP Loss of Income Claim Form – Self Employed*** and attach proof of income. If you are subpoenaed to give expert evidence, you will be paid according to the recommended fees for your particular professional group, where relevant. Please contact ACT DPP Corporate for further clarification.

If your employer paid you wages or salary for the time you attended Court to give evidence, the DPP will reimburse your employer directly. Your employer must complete the ***ACT DPP Loss of Income Claim Form – Employer*** and attach a copy of your payslip

Travel from Interstate

The DPP will provide one economy class return ticket to and from your nearest airport. The DPP will make the booking and pay for your ticket in advance. We will notify you of your travel details. If air travel is impractical, we may, if appropriate, arrange bus travel. If it is impractical to travel by other means, we will reimburse you for the kilometres travelled from your usual place of residence to Court and back (based on the Australian Taxation Office business kilometre rate). To claim these expenses you must tell us the kilometres travelled.

Accommodation

If you are travelling from interstate, the DPP will arrange accommodation (minimum 3 stars) for you in Canberra. Our Office will pay the hotel directly. (Accommodation will not be arranged for those travelling from NSW areas reasonably close to the ACT). We will let you know the details of the hotel we arrange.

We will not pay for any additional expenses incurred by you during your stay (eg ordering food from room service, consuming items from the mini-bar, telephone calls, pay per view movies etc).

Meals

Witnesses from interstate who have to stay overnight are entitled to be reimbursed, on submission of valid receipts, displaying GST where relevant, for the cost of meals up to the maximum amount. For overnight meal rates, see the ACT DPP website, under 'Witness and Victim Services – Claiming Expenses'. Meal rates are updated annually.

If breakfast is supplied as part of the room rate, you cannot claim reimbursement for breakfast. The DPP will not reimburse you for the purchase of alcohol. Receipts must be attached to your ***Witness Expenses Claim Form***.

Local Transport

If you are travelling by air from interstate, the conduct money is intended to cover the cost of transport from your home to the airport and return. The conduct money which accompanies your subpoena is intended to cover local transport costs such as taxis, buses or small distances travelled within the ACT by private vehicle. We will reimburse you for any reasonable travel costs you incur in excess of the conduct money if receipts are attached to your ***Witness Expenses Claim Form***.

Parking

The conduct money which accompanies your subpoena is intended to cover any parking expenses. We will reimburse you for any reasonable parking expenses incurred in excess of the conduct money if receipts are attached to your ***Witness Expenses Claim Form***.

Childcare

Please note our office is not able to assist with arranging care while you are giving evidence. Parents or guardians are responsible for ensuring arrangements are in place and this WILL NOT be arranged by the ACT DPP. Reasonable expenses will be considered on a case-by-case basis with receipts attached.

Sarah Pitney <[REDACTED]>

26/9/2022 15:00

RE: R v Lehrmann - 202113941

To [REDACTED] Copy Mitchell Greig <[REDACTED]>
SVC_DPPCases <[REDACTED]>

OFFICIAL

Dear Fiona

Travel arrangements

I have consulted with our Corporate team and confirm that we can book the following:

- Flight from [REDACTED] the evening of 6 October 2022
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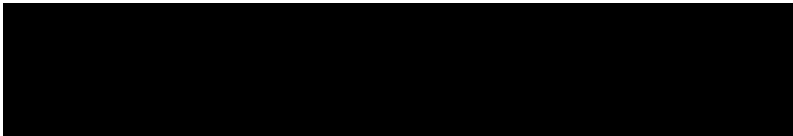
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Can you please advise whether these arrangements will be made through you (DPP) or am I to make those bookings and seek reimbursement ?

Kind regards
Fiona

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Dear Ms Brown

Please see attached correspondence.

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Mitchell Greig <[REDACTED]>

27/9/2022 15:53

RE: Contact Details (DPP Ref: 202113941)

To Fiona <[REDACTED]> Copy Sarah Pitney <[REDACTED]>
SVC_DPPCases <[REDACTED]>

OFFICIAL

Dear Fiona,

Thanks for confirming, I will inform them of this.

Kind regards,



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Dear Mitch

My preference is not to share my contact details with anyone.

Should Defence wish to follow up the best contact for them would be my barrister [REDACTED]

Kind regards
Fiona

On 27 Sep 2022, at 11:00 am, Greig, Mitchell <[REDACTED]> wrote:

OFFICIAL

Dear Fiona,

Defence have requested contact details for yourself so that they can contact you. Our office won't provide any details unless you consent to this. Or if you felt more comfortable, I can provide you with their contact details if you so wish to contact them. You don't have to if you don't want to, the decision to speak to them is up to you.

Please let me know what you would like to do so I can inform Defence.

Kind regards,



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OFFICIAL

Dear Fiona

Please see attached with that change.

Kind regards



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Dear Sarah

Thanks for the itinerary.

With the departure in 6 October - [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] is it possible to get the later flight [REDACTED] departing @ 1455? (Due to work commitments)

Otherwise everything else is fine.

Thanks
Fiona

Sent from my iPhone

On 27 Sep 2022, at 2:27 pm, Pitney, Sarah <[REDACTED]> wrote:

OFFICIAL

Dear Fiona

Please see attached confirmation of your flights and accommodation.

Please let me know if there are any issues.

Kind regards



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Hi Sarah

Sounds perfect and I was planning on arriving early so it saves me sitting in the car !

Thank you!

Fiona

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On 27 Sep 2022, at 10:17 am, Pitney, Sarah <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Dear Fiona

Further to the below, Court Security has confirmed that 8:45am would be a suitable time. Although Court usually doesn't start until 10am, arriving early will mean less media around.

I will ask Izzi to meet you over at the carpark around 8:40am if that is suitable?

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Thanks so much Sarah, I really appreciate your assistance.

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Fiona

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Dear Fiona

Thanks for confirming those arrangements. I have requested Corporate book the flights and accommodation with that amendment.

I have arranged for Izzi Johnstone, who is part of our Witness Liaison team, to meet you in the carpark and escort you through the entrance up to one of the meeting rooms near the courtroom. Izzi is available to wait with you in the meeting room until you give your evidence if you would find that helpful. If you have any difficulty locating her in the morning, her work mobile number is [REDACTED]

I am just waiting for Court Security to get back to me with a recommended time for you to enter the court building in the morning. This will ensure that someone from security is waiting at the entrance to swipe you through. I will let you know when we receive a time.

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<[REDACTED]>

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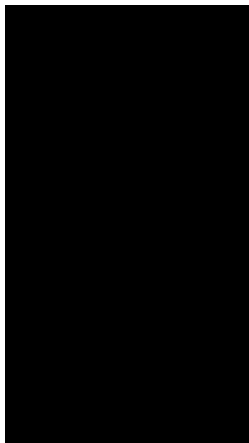
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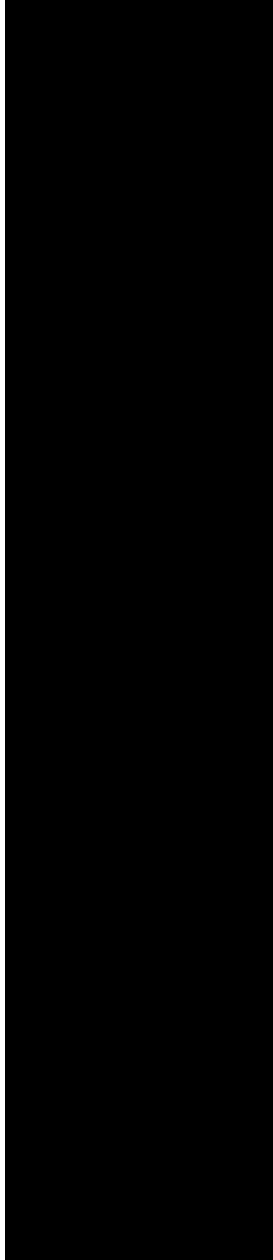
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Sarah Pitney <[REDACTED]>

5/10/2022 16:40

FW: R v Lehrmann - 202113941

To: [REDACTED] Copy Mitchell Greig <[REDACTED]>
SVC_DPPCases <[REDACTED]>

OFFICIAL

Dear Fiona

I understand you had a conversation with Izzi earlier today regarding the accommodation and flights.

In relation to the accommodation, it has been booked in your name. The attached confirmation also includes the reservation number.

In relation to the flights, the itinerary is attached however seat numbers have not been allocated. I can't confirm a seat number from my end, but you could try contacting Qantas directly or requesting an aisle seat when you arrive at the airport.

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From: Fiona [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 27 September 2022 2:22 PM
To: Pitney, Sarah [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Greig, Mitchell <[REDACTED]>; SVC_DPPCases <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: R v Lehrmann - 202113941

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Hi Sarah

Sounds perfect and I was planning on arriving early so it saves me sitting in the car !

Thank you!
Fiona

Sent from my iPhone

On 27 Sep 2022, at 10:17 am, Pitney, Sarah <[REDACTED]> wrote:

OFFICIAL

Dear Fiona

Further to the below, Court Security has confirmed that 8:45am would be a suitable time. Although Court usually doesn't start until 10am, arriving early will mean less media around.

I will ask Izzi to meet you over at the carpark around 8:40am if that is suitable?

Kind regards



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Thanks so much Sarah, I really appreciate your assistance.

Kind regards

Fiona

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On 27 Sep 2022, at 8:24 am, Pitney, Sarah <[REDACTED]> wrote:

OFFICIAL

Dear Fiona

Thanks for confirming those arrangements. I have requested Corporate book the flights and accommodation with that amendment.

I have arranged for Izzi Johnstone, who is part of our Witness Liaison team, to meet you in the carpark and escort you through the entrance up to one of the meeting rooms near the courtroom. Izzi is available to wait with you in the meeting room until you give your evidence if you would find that helpful. If you have any difficulty locating her in the morning, her work mobile number is [REDACTED]

I am just waiting for Court Security to get back to me with a recommended time for you to enter the court building in the morning. This will ensure that someone from security

is waiting at the entrance to swipe you through. I will let you know when we receive a time.

Kind regards



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From: Fiona <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, 20 September 2022 3:26 PM
To: Pitney, Sarah <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Greig, Mitchell <[REDACTED]>; SVC_DPPCases <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: R v Lehrmann - 202113941

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Hi Sarah

Thanks for getting back to me so quickly! See my notations after each question.

1. Flight from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] the evening of 6 October 2022 (CONFIRMED)
1. Accommodation in Canberra from 10-11 October 2022, with your evidence to be given on **11 October 2022** (not 10 October 2022, i.e. we have narrowed it down to 11 October 2022) (CONFIRMED)
1. Fly [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] the morning of 12 October 2022 (May I please take a flight from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] late afternoon/early evening) just in case I need to drive back to Sydney the morning of 12th

I understand about mileage, no worries. I just don't want to be coming in and out of the airport in Canberra at this time so will cover my own mileage expenses.

I will drive myself and park as you suggested, if you could please let me know who will meet me and their phone number closer to the time that would be appreciated.

I also will not be bringing anyone with me to the court.

I really appreciate your assistance with my arrangements.

Kind regards
Fiona

Sent from my iPhone

On 26 Sep 2022, at 3:01 pm, Pitney, Sarah <[REDACTED]>
wrote:

OFFICIAL

Dear Fiona

Travel arrangements

I have consulted with our Corporate team and confirm that we can book the following:

1. Flight from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] the evening of 6 October 2022
2. Accommodation in Canberra from 10-11 October 2022, with your evidence to be given on **11 October 2022** (not 10 October 2022, i.e. we have narrowed it down to 11 October 2022)
3. Fly [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] the morning of 12 October 2022

Unfortunately I have been advised that you would not be reimbursed for the kms travelled between [REDACTED] and Canberra, because this would be more expensive than return plane fares from [REDACTED] to Canberra.

Could you please confirm if this would be suitable? If so, I will ask Corporate to make the bookings.

Security

Court Security has advised that you will be permitted to use the Vernon Circle back entrance into the Court building. I note that this is a very unusual arrangement, and therefore we would not expect the media to anticipate it.

Court Security has indicated that, as there is construction activity on Vernon Circle (the gutter lane is marked off with cones), it will likely be possible for a vehicle to briefly pull over to facilitate a drop off right near the entrance.

Alternatively, if you are unable to pull in or were intending on driving yourself, I would recommend parking in the new underground secure carpark located at the opposite end of Knowles Place to the Court. You can then access Vernon Circle via the pathway depicted in the **attached** photograph from Google Maps. If you would prefer to access the entrance via the pathway, I can arrange for a member of our staff to meet you in the carpark and escort you to the entrance (it would not be myself or Mitchell as by the second week of the trial I imagine the media will have realised we are assisting with the matter).

Kind regards



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From: Fiona <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, 20 September 2022 11:57 AM
To: Pitney, Sarah [REDACTED]
Cc: Greig, Mitchell [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: R v Lehrmann - 202113941

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Hi Sarah and Mitch

I was hoping to speak to you about my proposed plans but can't get through on the phone to you.

Below are details of how I would prefer to manage my travel if possible. Can you please review and advise if this is possible or not?

1. I would like to fly down from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] on the evening of Thursday, 6 October

2. I would plan to stay in [REDACTED] at my own expense until required to travel to Canberra which I understand from you could be Monday 10 or Tuesday 11 October

3. I plan to drive to Canberra the day before I am required to give evidence.

4. I would like to drive back to [REDACTED] at the end of the day I have given my evidence and would cover my own accommodation costs in [REDACTED]

5. Subject to the timing of the above, I would fly out of [REDACTED] back to [REDACTED] the following morning (depending on what day that was)

My strong preference is to stay the minimal amount of time in Canberra, meaning I would arrive the day before appearing as a witness and leave straight after I have discharged my duty.

I can be contacted on [REDACTED]

Kind regards
Fiona

On 19 Sep 2022, at 2:49 pm, Pitney, Sarah

[REDACTED] wrote:

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon

Would it suit if I gave you a call tomorrow at about 10am?

The number I have on file is [REDACTED] - are you able to confirm if this is correct?

Kind regards



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From: Fiona <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, 19 September 2022 1:12 PM
To: Pitney, Sarah <[REDACTED]>
Cc: SVC_DPPCases <[REDACTED]>
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Hi Sarah

I have left several messages for Erin and was wondering why I hadn't heard back, thanks for letting me know.

Arrangements for me are complicated, I really need to know what day you are expecting me to appear.

I have some other questions, can you please give me a time when I can call to discuss?

Thanks
Fiona

On 19 Sep 2022, at 12:58 pm, Pitney, Sarah
<[REDACTED]> wrote:

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon

My colleague Erin Priestly has gone on long-term leave and I will now be assisting with this matter.

Could I please confirm which airport you would prefer to depart from? We will be booking flights and accommodation shortly.

Kind regards



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From: Fiona <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 13 July 2022 12:30 PM
To: Priestly, Erin <[REDACTED]>
Cc: SVC_DPPCases
<[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: R v Lehrmann - Formal Notice of
New Trial Date - 202113941

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Thanks Erin

I will let you know closer to the time which
airport I will depart from.

Kind regards
Fiona

On 13 Jul 2022, at 11:51 am,
Priestly, Erin
<[REDACTED]>
wrote:

OFFICIAL

At this stage, the best estimate is that you will be called to give evidence during the week of 10 October 2022. This will be narrowed closer to trial.

We will arrange flights and accommodation for you. Which airport would you like to fly out of?

Kind regards

Erin Priestly

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From: Fiona

<[REDACTED]>

Sent: wednesday, 13 July 2022
11:15 AM

To: Priestly, Erin

<[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: R v Lehrmann -
Formal Notice of New Trial Date -
202113941

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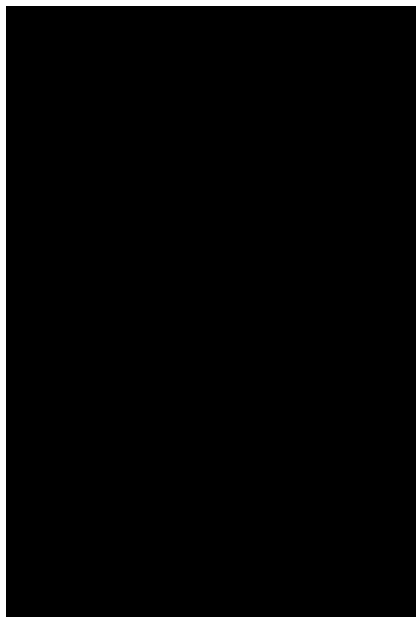
Hi Erin

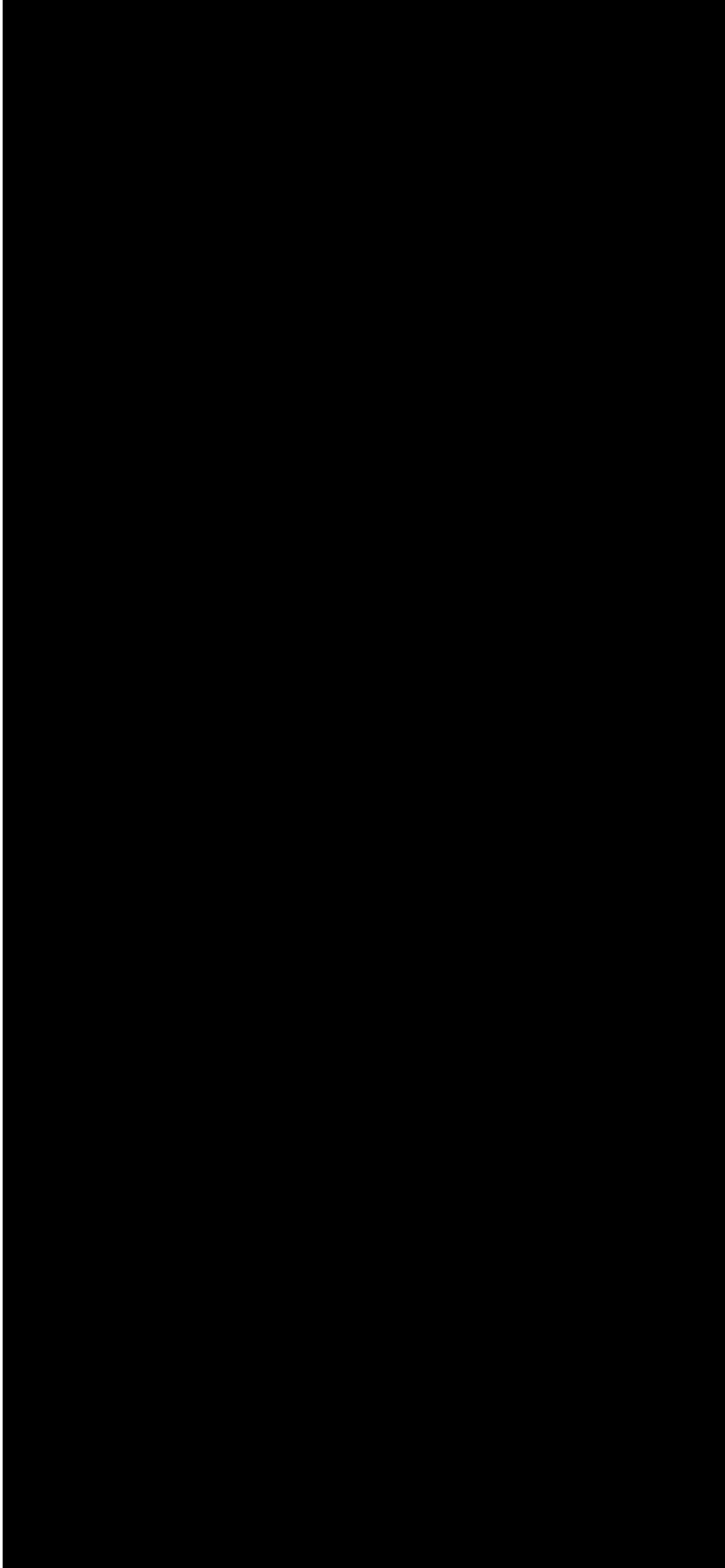
Thank you for the updated advice. I would be grateful to know as soon as practicable roughly when I will be required during the trial period.

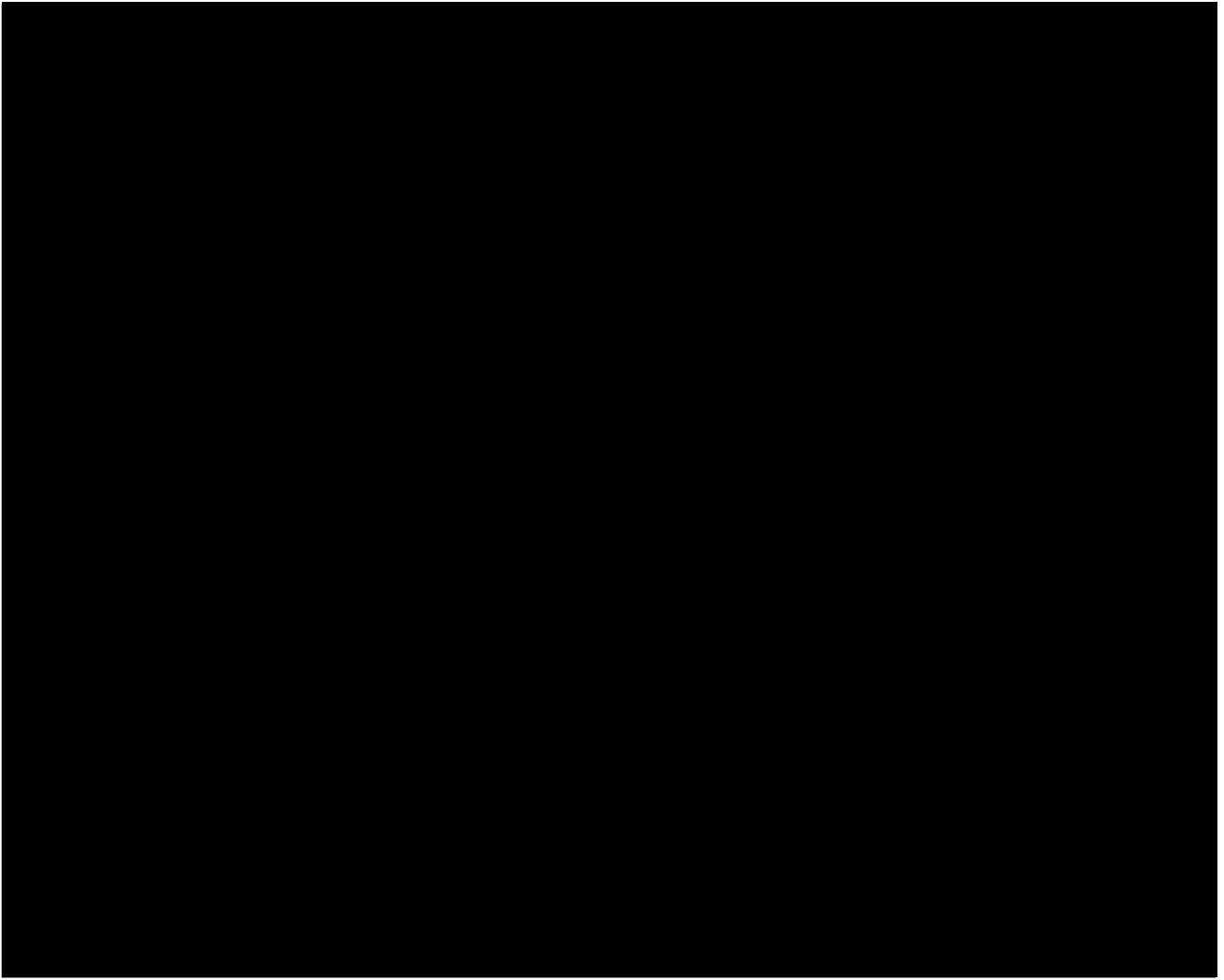


Can you please advise whether these arrangements will be made through you (DPP) or am I to make those bookings and seek reimbursement ?

Kind regards
Fiona







Fiona <[REDACTED]>

14/10/2022 11:17

Urgent attention for today - Privileged and Confidential

To Sarah Pitney <[REDACTED]> • Mitchell Greig <[REDACTED]>
SVC_DPPCases <[REDACTED]>

Dear Sarah

Unfortunately my lawyer is unavailable today but advised me to make urgent contact with the Crown Prosecutor.

I am disturbed by the evidence presented by Ms Higgins this morning after reading her testimony online.

Statements made by Ms Higgins are false and and misleading regarding what I said to her. She categorically has stated that 100% I said the following:

Ms Higgins said Linda Reynolds' chief of staff Fiona Brown offered to pay her six weeks' wages to go to the Gold Coast during the election campaign but that if she went, there would be no prospect of her returning to work after the election.

They said they would pay me out for the entirety of the election to go to the Gold Coast but there would be no prospect of me coming back," she said.

"That was 100 per cent said.

"That was a conversation Fiona Brown and I had and that was the tipping point of me going to Perth."

Neither Minister Reynolds or I had the authority to pay any staff member out. And I did not at any time state or suggest this.

You have messages I provided in my evidence to the police which clearly show that flowers and cake were for a staff farewell [REDACTED] not by way of any gift to me or the office and she was reimbursed in cash.

I am deeply troubled by this serious misrepresentation in proceedings and I seek to have them corrected or put to me in court.

Can you please advise what happens is times like this?

Kind regards

Fiona

Sent from my iPhone

Sarah Pitney <[REDACTED]>

2/11/2022 12:24

RE: Request for Transcript - R v Lehrmann [202113941]

To Fiona <[REDACTED]> Copy Mitchell Greig <[REDACTED]> •
SVC_DPPCases <[REDACTED]>

OFFICIAL

Dear Fiona

We are unable to disseminate copies of the transcripts as the transcripts belong to the Court. Further, in circumstances where the matter has been listed for a new trial in February, it would be inappropriate for us to provide transcripts to a witness.

Kind regards



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From: Fiona <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 2 November 2022 10:27 AM
To: Reception, DPP <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Pitney, Sarah <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Request for Transcript - R v Lehrmann

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Dear [REDACTED]

As discussed I was a witness at the trial R v Lehrmann.

I would like to request a copy of the full transcript of the proceedings.

Can you please assist me with this request?

I can also be contacted on [REDACTED] or via this email address.

Kind regards
Fiona

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Sarah Pitney <[REDACTED]>

2/11/2022 12:40

New trial date - DPP v Lehrmann [202113941]

To Fiona <[REDACTED]> Copy SVC_DPPCases <[REDACTED]>

OFFICIAL

Dear Fiona

DPP v Lehrmann

The matter has been listed for a retrial commencing on Monday **20 February 2023**.

Could you please advise whether you have any unavailability between 20 February 2023 and 20 March 2023?

Kind regards



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Sarah Pitney <[REDACTED]>

22/11/2022 14:15

Subpoena for retrial - DPP v Lehrmann [202113941]

To Fiona <[REDACTED]> Copy SVC_DPPCases <[REDACTED]>

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon

DPP v Lehrmann

I refer to the above matter that is listed for retrial commencing on 20 February 2023.

We are in the process of arranging service of subpoenas for the retrial.

Can I please confirm an address for you to be served, or, if you would prefer to attend a police station to collect the subpoena, which police station would be most convenient so we can arrange for it to be posted there?

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