

**BRIEFING FOR CPO – 6 MAY 2021**

Disclosure of this incident has 7 significant components:

1. Disclosure to [REDACTED]
2. Disclosure to Fiona Brown (2019)
3. Disclosure to initial Police (Thelming/Cleaves) (2019)
4. Disclosure to SACAT (2019)
5. Disclosure to Mikayla Cash (2021)
6. Disclosure to the Project (2021)
7. EICI (2021)

Below is a time line of the disclosures of this incident:

**TIME LINE OF DISCLOSURE:**

<b>23 MARCH 2019</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10.08am 23 March 2019 – [REDACTED]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone Call. [REDACTED] missed a phone call from Ms Higgins on 22 March 2019 at 10.39pm</li> <li>• Ms Higgins told [REDACTED] she had went back to APH for a 'party' or 'back for drinks' or similar;</li> <li>• Shut down the conversation when probed further;</li> <li>• [REDACTED] thought she had hooked up with someone.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Return Home – Flatmates</li> <li>• Brittany states that she was distressed when she returns home and her flatmate thought this was odd.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statement from [REDACTED] (Registered nurse) does not recall Ms Higgins being distressed or emotional during the weekend</li> </ul>
<b>26 MARCH 2019</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>12.00pm Mr Lehmann summonsed to Fiona Brown's office regarding security breach. Meeting ends with Bruce packing his items and leaving the building.</b></li> <li>• <b>At 1.14pm Mr Lehmann had left the building.</b></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12.30pm 26 March 2019 - [REDACTED]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Text message thread to [REDACTED]</li> <li>• 'So, I think I may not continue to be employed with Linda'</li> <li>• 'I genuinely don't know how it is going to play out/how I want it to play out'</li> <li>• 'So on Friday night I ended up in the minister's office, it didn't play out how I made out'</li> <li>• 'I was barely lucid, I don't feel like it was consensual at all' 'I just think if he felt it was ok, why would he just leave me there like that'</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.30pm - 26 March 2019 – Fiona Brown</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.30pm Ms Brown had a discussion with Ms Higgins following knowledge of the security breach.</li> <li>Ms Higgins stated that she didn't remember accessing the office, she recalled going through the security checkpoint. Recalls being semi naked and waking about 8.00am on the couch.</li> <li>Asked if she was alright – 'Yes';</li> <li>Asked if there was anything else, Ms Higgins shook her head and said 'no I am responsible for what I drink and my actions'</li> <li>Ms Higgins advised that what she had done was a security breach and that PMO would be notified.</li> <li>Ms Higgins offered EAP support and sent home</li> </ul>
<b>27 MARCH 2019</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.53am - 27 March 2019 - [REDACTED]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'I went to a GP last night and back at work today'</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>27 March 2019 – Fiona Brown</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conversations with Ms Higgins. Nil disclosures throughout the day to Ms Brown</li> </ul>
<b>28 MARCH 2019</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>28 March 2019 – Fiona Brown</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brought into the office, discussions surrounding the security breach;</li> <li>Requested to sign Ministerial code of conduct</li> <li><b>'I recall him being on top of me'</b></li> <li>At 7.53pm that same date, Ms Higgins texted Fiona Brown and advised that she had made a medical appointment and would be working from home on 29 March 2019.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>28 March 2019 – [REDACTED]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Went for a coffee following the meeting;</li> <li>Disclosed had been at 88MPH; drinking with Lehrmann and others;</li> <li>Disclosed that she had went back to APH for further drinks;</li> <li>Went back to APH, woke up with him on top her</li> </ul>
<b>1 APRIL 2021</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 April 2019 – [REDACTED] Taken from Diary notes)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Was having drinks at Dock with Work colleagues including Mr Lehrmann;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Went to the City (NFD) and had further drinks. Things get a little hazy here</li> <li>• Recalls falling over at some point</li> <li>• While sitting in the booth, Mr Lehrmann got 'a little handsy, I didn't really mind'</li> <li>• Got into a taxi (Uber) – gave Bruce my address. Next recall being at APH.</li> <li>• Talking about a storm in QLD;</li> <li>• Couldn't write my name in the security log, gave a version of my signature</li> <li>• Recall being in the Minister's office.</li> <li>• Recall him being on top of her.</li> <li>• Mr Lehrmann said something about finishing and I said something like 'No don't'</li> <li>• Mr Lehrmann left I just stayed there;</li> <li>• Felt grossed out because I could smell what had happened on me.</li> <li>• Was sick in the bathroom</li> <li>• Saw stains all over the top of my dress (dark)</li> <li>• Had dealings with Mr Lehrmann on the Monday and Tuesday.</li> <li>• Has been to Phillip Medical Centre to get tests done – awaiting results.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes from Rebecca [REDACTED]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Lehrmann told her to 'Play along'</li> </ul>
<b>2 April 2019</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 April 2019 - CRCC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [REDACTED]</li> <li>• [REDACTED]</li> <li>• [REDACTED]</li> </ul>
<b>8 APRIL 2019</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 April 2021 – Meet and Greet with ACTPCI SACAT (Harman) (Taken from Diary notes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Got an Uber from the Dock to the City;</li> <li>• She went to one other venue (a bar) in the City – she did not know the location and stated that she would ask a friend and advise me;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She was intoxicated and Bruce signed her name for her;</li> <li>• Work spoke with her on Wednesday 27/03/2019 and asked her what had happened surrounding the security breach;</li> <li>• She reported the sexual assault and work told her that if she wanted to report it (to Police) she could and they would not stop her, they just wanted to know if she did;</li> <li>• She stated she had photographs of the evening on her phone and she was asked not to delete them;</li> <li>• Ms Higgins stated she was unsure if protection was used in the intercourse and she stated she had not sought any medical attention. I discussed seeing a GP or the option of attending the sexual health clinic/FAMSAC. She accepted the offer for me to make enquiries with FAMSAC/the Sexual Health Clinic and providing those details to her.</li> <li>• She advised that work would give her time off to attend or she could go on the weekend;</li> <li>• Discussed the value of evidence available now versus later and the potential importance of CCTV/Clothing etc;</li> </ul>
<p><b>29 January 2021 – Ms Higgins submits her resignation to ██████████ COS to Minister Michaelia Cash. Following this Ms Higgins records a telephone conversation with Minister Cash (Open source, 4Corners interview indicates this date to be 5 February 2021)</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5 FEBRUARY 2021</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister Cash</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invited defence industry contacts to drinks;</li> <li>• Mr Lehrmann had a record of bullying Ms Higgins within the office, everyone knew about it</li> <li>• Very inebriated</li> <li>• 'I last remember passing out on the couch, remember him assaulting me, I had a struggle with him and he wouldn't stop, then he left and I couldn't get off the couch'</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE PROJECT – 15 FEBRUARY 2021</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lisa Wilkinson</li> <li>• <b>(Full transcript can be provided)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Lehrmann was buying her a lot of drinks</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Higgins fell over in front of a lot of people;</li> <li>• Showed no romantic interest towards Mr Lehrmann</li> <li>• He said 'just be quiet'</li> <li>• Not sure if Mr Lehrmann guided her there, or if Ms Higgins made her own way there, but she ended up on the couch;</li> <li>• First thing that awoke Ms Higgins was pain;</li> <li>• My leg was kind of being crushed;</li> <li>• He was clearly almost finished, I woke up mid-rape, he was sweaty, I couldn't get him off me, I started crying;</li> <li>• I told him to stop, at least half a dozen times, I was crying the whole way through it, he didn't speak with me the entire time;</li> <li>• Eventually he stopped and got up, he just looked at me, I couldn't get up and he just left;</li> <li>• Presents the bruise as an injury sustained that night during the incident</li> <li>• My dress was up around my waist, the straps were kind of down, I was pretty dishevelled;</li> <li>• I was scared I was at work;</li> <li>• I got home and my roommate thought it was kind of weird</li> </ul>
<b>EICI – 24 FEBRUARY 2021</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 February 2021 – Ms Brittany Higgins</li> <li>• <b>(Full EICI transcript can be provided)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Lehrmann was buying Ms Higgins a lot of drinks</li> <li>• Went to 88 MPH, where Ms Higgins recalls falling over;</li> <li>• Mr Lehrmann said he had to pick something up from work (APH);</li> <li>• I've just sort of pieced together what I thought happened;</li> <li>• 'just be quiet or they wont let you in'</li> <li>• Difficulties signing her name due to intoxic;</li> <li>• 'something about me being so drunk I couldn't sign my own name'</li> <li>• I was falling all over the place, I fell over at Parliament;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Don't recall interactions with security guard;</li><li>• Recalls sitting on a ledge in the Ministers Office</li><li>• Next thing I recall is being on the couch and he was raping me</li><li>• I felt like he was almost finished</li><li>• The first thing that I sort of woke up to was a pain in my leg</li><li>• My head was on the top end of the couch closest to the door, he had his knee on my thigh;</li><li>• I was stuck in a corner and couldn't get him off me;</li><li>• I was crying throughout the entire process, I said no at least a half dozen times, he did not stop, he kept going, to my knowledge he finished but I'm not exactly sure;</li><li>• Ive always assumed that he finished in me, but I'm not sure</li><li>• He looked at me and left, I couldn't get up off the couch and I passed out until the next day</li><li>• I ate most of a box of chocolates</li><li>• Was sick in the Minister's bathroom;</li><li>• Went home, saw roommate, I said that I had been at APH after a good night out;</li><li>• I spent the entire weekend sort of bunkered down, sort of essentially in hysterics crying;</li><li>• Disclosed to Fiona Brown on Tuesday 26 March 2019;</li><li>• Was drinking Vodka Lime and Soda;</li><li>• Drank the whole gauntlet, Rum and Coke, shots</li><li>• Adversarial relationship with Bruce – Came to the attention of Fiona Brown;</li><li>• Recalls seating in a booth with everyone at 88MPH</li><li>• Recalls dancing</li><li>• No commentary about Bruce at 88MPH</li><li>• I've always had in my mind and known that it was 88MPH</li><li>• It's as drunk as I have ever been in my whole life;</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cant recall if it was an uber or a taxi, but believes it was a Taxi;</li> <li>• Doesn't recall much in the taxi, at that point I was focussed on not being sick, I felt very ill;</li> <li>• Mr Lehrmann wanted to stop in and get something from work;</li> <li>• Doesn't really carry much cash</li> <li>• My dress was on my body, but it was scrunched up, around my waist</li> <li>• As soon as I came too I started crying</li> <li>• I felt like he finished in me but I cant be sure, a strange moment of eye contact</li> <li>• He definitely didn't have pants on;</li> <li>• I kind of remember him getting dressed, I remember him looking at me, strange eye contact, I didn't say anything, he didn't say anything, then he left;</li> <li>• I was sick in the Minister's stoilet;</li> <li>• The next thing I remember is security yelling at me, they didn't come in just yelling in</li> <li>• Probably around 8am</li> <li>• Doesn't recall waking up at all between assault and 8am</li> <li>• Security said, 'Is everything ok in there, I replied 'I'm Fine'</li> <li>• DLO's office, found a box of chocolates</li> <li>• Clothing was still around waist when she woke up</li> <li>• When I got home my room mate tried to introduce her to her friend [REDACTED] I was quite distressed;</li> <li>• My room mate thought that it was weird</li> <li>• No communication with him over the weekend, he was in the office on Monday</li> <li>• I remember he bought me a coffee;</li> <li>• I was trying to over compensate, broadly nice to him</li> <li>• Thought he was single at the time</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Issues</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Disclosures contain differences in detail;</b></li> </ul>

**RECORD OF INTERVIEW WITH MR LEHRMANN:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19 April 2021 – ROI – Bruce Lehrmann</li> <li>• Informant – Marcus Boorman</li> <li>• Corroborator – Emma Frizzell</li> <li>• <b>(Full transcript can be provided)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rejects the allegation;</li> <li>• Drinks at the dock, accepts that he may have been invited by Ms Higgins</li> <li>• Only had one or two drinks at the Dock, I was not intoxicated at all</li> <li>• Believes it was his idea to attend 88MPH</li> <li>• Only spent \$40 at 88MPH</li> <li>• Sitting in a booth</li> <li>• They would have all been dancing, though he doesn't recall specifics</li> <li>• Doesn't recall anyone falling over</li> <li>• I had to go to APH to pick up the keys to my apartment where I was living with my GF</li> <li>• Ms Higgins said she needed to go to APH too;</li> <li>• Mr Lehrmann booked the Uber</li> <li>• Had conversations in the Uber about [REDACTED]</li> <li>• About how it was a good night</li> <li>• Said they could split an Uber</li> <li>• Both didn't have their passes</li> <li>• Mr Lehrmann buzzed the intercom at the front to be allowed to the security check point</li> <li>• I've provided my ID and signed for a pass</li> <li>• Confirmed his handwriting for his name on the security log, provided Higgins handwriting to not be his;</li> <li>• He was 7/10 intoxicated, as was Brittany, he described intoxication level to be 'moderate' explaining he could still hold conversations;</li> <li>• Put item through security scanner and waited for Brittany to put her shoes back on</li> <li>• I was not intoxicated to a point where I couldn't sign in or do those things</li> <li>• Under the belief that if a person was 10/10 intoxicated the security staff would deny entry;</li> <li>• Ms Higgins was taking a while to put her shoes back on</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Security came and took us to the office</li><li>• They opened the door, I turned to the left to my desk, Ms Higgins turned to the right towards the Minister's office. I didn't see her again;</li><li>• I went to my desk, got what I needed for the weekend;</li><li>• He collected his belongings and did work on files he had on his desk for Question Time. The notes were in relation to 'Submarines' based on conversations he had earlier that night while out with the personnel from the Department of Defence;</li><li>• So while it was on my mind I did that</li><li>• Ordered myself an Uber and left</li><li>• He is unsure if he utilised his work computer or not;</li><li>• There was no alcohol in the Minister's Suite. He had no alcohol at his desk;</li><li>• He ordered an Uber about 2:22-2:25am and left;</li><li>• He did not see Higgins once they entered, he did not check on her or speak to her;</li><li>• He was called into a meeting by Fiona Brown on Monday in relation to a security breach;</li><li>• Brown was informed by security that he and Higgins had entered APH after hours which is a security breach and against the Ministerial Code of Conduct;</li><li>• He was due to cease his employment on the Friday. Brown told him it was probably best to pack his belongings and leave now. He returned to his desk, gathered his belongings and left, leaving his pass at security;</li><li>• He denied 'pashing' Higgins, however accepted they were all close;</li><li>• He denied in engaging in sexual intercourse with Higgins;</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He denied entering the Minister's Office;</li> <li>• He denied telling Fiona Brown that he and Higgins returned to the office to drink whiskey as there was no alcohol in the office.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The version of events do not seem plausible. The suggestion that two people enter an office at that time of the evening and have no further interaction seems unlikely;</li> <li>• He denies having drinks in the office. Notes of Ms Fiona Brown taken at the time he concedes that he was drinking Whiskey and had two glasses while chatting with Ms Higgins;</li> <li>• He denies any 'pashing' with Ms Higgins which has been independently corroborated as occurring;</li> <li>• He denies having alcohol at his desk. Police have spoken with [REDACTED] who states that Mr Lehrmann had alcohol in the office;</li> <li>• Mr Lehrmann did not hear his phone ringing at the time due to it possibly being on silent. Mr Lehrmann later ordered an Uber utilising his phone.</li> <li>• However, given the intense media interest in this matter, it is possible that Mr Lehrmann felt he had to lie to investigators or he would be arrested.</li> </ul>

The following are points of interest in the investigation as a whole:

INTOXICATION	
DISCLOSURE	OBJECTIVE EVIDENCE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lehrmann buying her drinks all night</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCTV footage does not depict this;</li> <li>Statement from ██████ states that at 88MPH the group were in shouts;</li> <li>Financial records of Lehrmann reflects \$XXX spent at the Dock and \$40.00 spent at 88MPH</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In relation to intoxication. Ms Higgins states that her intoxication in the Uber was:</li> <li><i>'Um, yeah, and at that point I was kind of focussed on not being sick, I felt very ill'; 'Um, I don't think there was much of a conversation, I think I was really quite out of it'</i> and describes her intoxication level as <i>'10/10'</i> drunk - EICI</li> <li><i>'I feel like I got super inebriated'</i> – ██████ AFP diary notes</li> <li><i>'I couldn't write my name –</i> ██████ AFP diary notes</li> <li><i>'Bruce signed her name – Harman</i> AFP Diary notes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>APH CCTV footage depicts Ms Higgins as interacting with security;</li> <li>APH CCTV shows Ms Higgins smiling and laughing, no signs of sickness or being unwell;</li> <li>APH CCTV shows Ms Higgins walking without issue in heels;</li> <li>APH CCTV shows significant conversation and interaction with security;</li> <li>APH CCTV shows Ms Higgins jogging with a smile towards Mr Lehrmann;</li> <li>Statement from ██████ describes Ms Higgins as willingly signing her own name;</li> <li>Describes as slightly intoxicated;</li> <li>Neither party was slurring</li> <li>Wouldn't allow in if Ms Higgins was intoxicated as described in the media</li> <li>F/A ██████ notes indicate that there was conversation about a storm in QLD;</li> <li>ROI with Lehrmann states conversation about how the night went and how ██████ were hooking up;</li> <li>Lehrmann describes their intoxications levels as 7/10 – Moderately intoxicated.</li> </ul>

88MPH	
DISCLOSURE	OBJECTIVE EVIDENCE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From April 2019 in any interactions with Police, Ms Higgins' did not know where she had been drinking with Bruce, [REDACTED]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statement obtained from [REDACTED]. Ms Higgins told her on 28 March 2019 that she had been at 88MPH;</li> <li>8 April 2019, Harman specifically asked where she had been in the city prior to APH. Ms Higgins stated that she had no idea and would ask friends. Ms Higgins was aware that Harman had already collected footage from the Dock at this time.</li> <li>EICI states that she's not known why but always known the place to be 88MPH</li> <li>As a result of this 'non-disclosure' to Police no objective CCTV footage from the club is able to be obtained.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Told the Project she had no romantic actions with Mr Lehrmann</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statement from [REDACTED] Ms Higgins was sitting next to Mr Lehrmann, hands on each others legs. Also seen 'pashing'. This is corroborated by a text sent by [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] the next day;</li> <li>Ms Higgins observed to be taking 'selfies' of Mr Lehrmann and herself on her mobile phone;</li> <li>Ms Higgins informed FC Harman (SACAT) that she had photos on her phone of the evening that she would keep for Police;</li> <li>ROI Lehrmann denies 'pashing' Ms Higgins but concedes they were close.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Higgins fell over</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statement from [REDACTED] supports this;</li> <li>Potentially her injury as documented in the digital image provided to the media supports this</li> <li>ROI Lehrmann does not recall anyone falling</li> </ul>

THE SCENE	
DISCLOSURE	OBJECTIVE EVIDENCE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Higgins states that she had her dress up around her hips and the straps down below her shoulders.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statement from ██████████ Ms Higgins was completely naked in the foetal position. Her dress was on the floor next to her shoes.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Higgins states that she had her head towards the door during the alleged sexual assault. Following the alleged assault she fell straight asleep.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statement from ██████████ Ms Higgins was not found in the position described. Her head was towards the window and feet towards the door (180 degree difference).</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In some disclosures Ms Higgins states that she was crying throughout the incident.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statement from ██████████ Took attention to her face. Observed a full face of makeup, no signs of crying or distress.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Higgins states in EICI (<b>nowhere else</b>) that she ate a whole box of roses branded chocolates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cleaner, ██████████ paid special attention to the state of the office. No sign of Roses chocolates or wrappers.</li> <li>Backed by text messages and independent phone calls</li> <li>Statement obtained from DLO ██████████ who stated there were no chocolates in his office to the best of his knowledge</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Higgins describes vomiting in the bathroom</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cleaner, ██████████ checked the bathroom and toilet for any signs of disturbance or need to be cleaned. Nothing found.</li> <li>Backed by text messages and independent phone calls.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cleaner deliberately checked all bins of the office, looking for condoms, alcohol containers or any signs of a party. Nothing found.</li> <li>Cleaner checked the couch for staining. No stains.</li> </ul>

<b>PHONE</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19 February 2021</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Higgins asked to participate in EICI, appointment made. Police informed Ms Higgins we required her phones</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 February 2021</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EICI conducted advised Police wished to download phone</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25 February 2021</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Declined to provide phone –citing privacy and information sharing concerns</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 26 February 2021</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recontacted Ms Higgins, told of the need for the phone and damage at court, example given;</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 March 2021</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contacted Ms Higgins, request she bring phones to appointment</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 March 2021</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmation of appointment with Police on 12 March 2021, will bring phones happy to relinquish for the day</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 March 2021</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doesn't show for appointment due to urgent legal matter. Open source shows this is the defamation issue with Senator Reynolds resolution. Ms Higgins makes appointment for 15 March 2021</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 March 2021</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two investigators on OT, DFT on standby to examine phone. Doesn't show. Open source shows Ms Higgins attended March4Justice rally. Introduced to stage by Lisa Wilkinson who states Ms Higgins contacted her on 14 March advising of her attendance.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Identified Issues</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigators are aware 'selfies' were taken on the evening, this is through the independent witness [REDACTED] and also through the conversations had between Ms Higgins and DSC Harman on 8 April 2019;</li> <li>• <b>Private email has been discovered (content unknown) between the personal email account of Ms Higgins and Mr Lehrmann two days after the incident;</b></li> <li>• Ms Higgins stated that she utilises secure applications to communicate with persons. Records of these communications will not show on any [REDACTED]</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms Higgins has provided screenshots of conversations relating to this matter. These are not objective and do not provide the full circumstance of the communication;</li><li>• Edited versions of her screenshots have been published by the media to support a version of events but do not provide an objective overview of the conversation. I.e the blurring of the text relating to Ms Fiona Brown being very helpful throughout her ordeal.</li><li>• No metadata obtained in relation to the image of injury provided to the media.</li></ul>
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**INJURY TO LEG**

- Digital image of injury to right leg provided to media outlets. Ms Higgins states this injury occurred during the assault.
- First disclosure of any injury was to the 'Project' in 2021, no prior mentions;
- The photo itself has not been provided to Police (see phone issues) as such no metadata including date/time/location of where the photo was taken can be ascertained;
- Ms Higgins is wearing a different dress and shoes at the time of the digital image;
- This injury appears to be of the upper right outside thigh of Ms Higgins, based on disclosure, this leg would have been closest to the back of the couch;
- Ms Higgins and [REDACTED] both state that she fell up some steps at 88MPH – this could be the likely cause of the injury
- A physical examination of the couch did not identify any hard surfaces or objects.





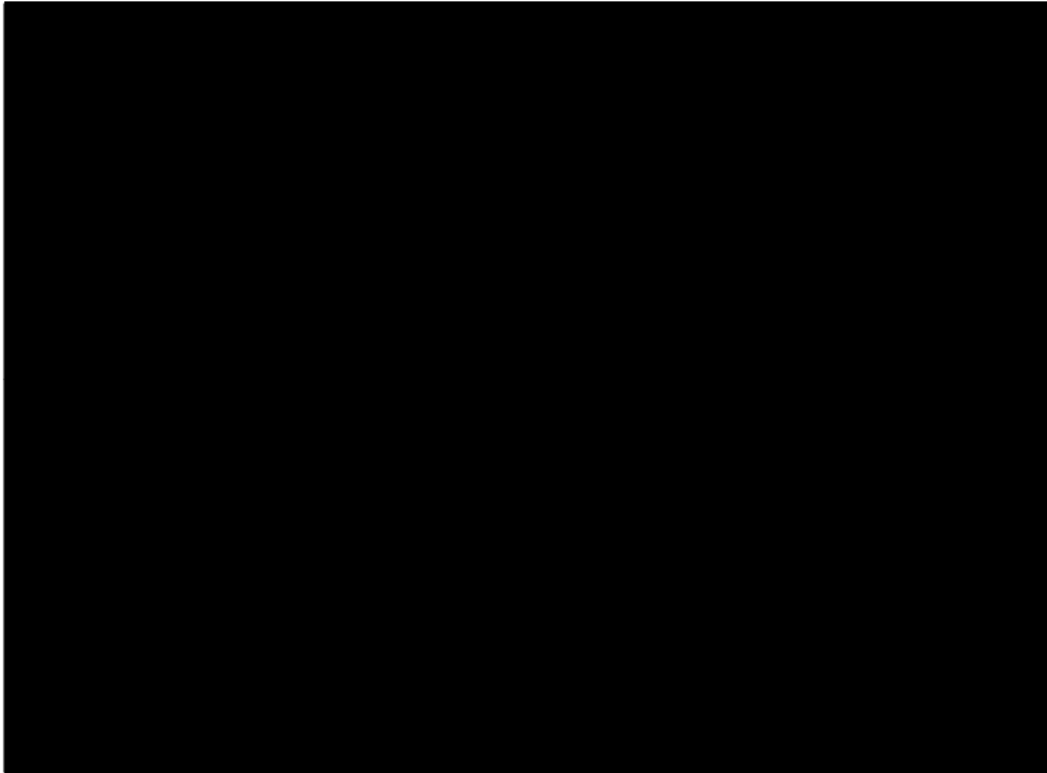
<b>MEDICAL EVIDENCE</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 27 March 2019</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Text conversation with ██████ ██████ Stated that Ms Higgins had 'been to a GP last night and back at work today'</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 28 March 2019</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Text conversation with Fiona Brown. Stated that she had made a GP appointment and would be working from home tomorrow</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 April 2019</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AFP ██████ Had been to the Philip Medical Centre and was awaiting test results</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 April 2019</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CRCC. Had not sought medical attention but had the morning after pill</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 April 2019</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AFP Harman. Had not sought medical attention. Harman made enquiries on her behalf.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2021</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AFP Frizzell. Went to Kingston Medical Centre after the incident</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Issues</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only attendance for Ms Higgins at Philip Medical Centre is in February 2019. Prior to the alleged offending;</li> <li>• Ms Higgins was not a patient at Kingston Medical Centre until October 2019. 7 months after the alleged offending.</li> <li>• Medicare records show no engagement with medical facilities at the time of the alleged offending.</li> <li>• Morning after pill can be prescribed by a pharmacist within 48 hours of intercourse. Suggest examination of financial records at the time to ascertain location of Morning After Pill.</li> <li>• ██████ states that the pharmacist would be required to keep a record of the issue of the morning after pill.</li> </ul>

**MOTIVE**

- Ms Higgins' is likely to come under intense scrutiny in relation to her motives in relation to this matter.

**MEDIA ISSUES**

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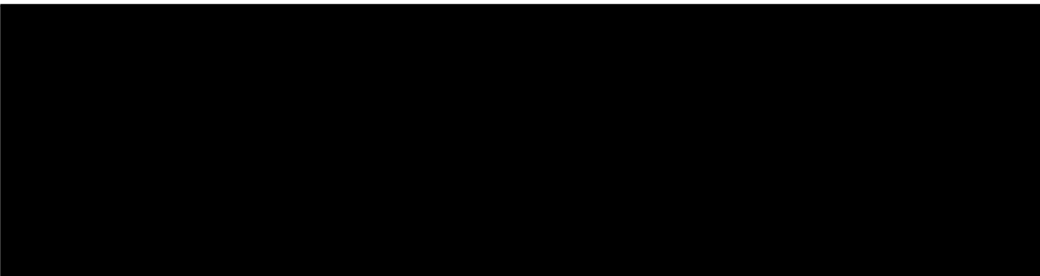
**OTHER FACTORS**

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**DEFAMATION RISK**

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## RISK MITIGATION

- Consideration should be given to obtaining independent objective legal counsel regarding this matter given political and media pressures upon DPP and AFP;
- Female high ranking investigator should also review
- SIOB to endorse decision to prosecute or not
- SIOB to approve second EICI with Higgins given potential media implications.
- Investigator to conduct second ROI with Lehrmann

Please see attached for a list of witnesses spoken with and witnesses yet to be spoke to.


## CCTV

CCTV has been obtained, viewed and documented from the following premises:

- Australian Parliament House; and
- The Dock.

There is no further CCTV enquiries to be made.

Legislative restriction



## WARRANTS:

- A section 3E Warrant and 3LA order were executed and Mr Lehrmanns phone seized. As a result of the examination the following key points were identified:
  - 3 x emails from Mr Lehrmann's personal email account on 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2019 to a combination of Ms Higgins' personal, defence and APH emails.  
**\*\*\*\*The content of these emails is unknown at this stage\*\*\*\*;**