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And then there was a meeting on Monday 1 April?---Correct.

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Right. Okay. I'm sorry, I interrupted. Please?---Minister Reynolds did most of the talking and she wanted to check on the welfare of Brittany. She said, you know, 'How are you?' They just had a bit of an exchange of, you know, chit chat and then she wanted to check on her welfare. She asked how she was. She said if that something had happened, that Brittany was, you know – wanted to talk about or you know, felt there was a complaint to be made, that she was within her rights to make a complaint and to go to the police. She would be fully supported. Minister Reynolds also referred to a time in her – times in her life when she had repressed going and speaking out and she had – it had come back to her and she regretted it and Brittany seemed to, you know, like they seemed to be relating really well and – and Linda said – sorry, Senator Reynolds said, 'You know, if you want to – if you want to do something, we will really support you and we're happy to help you. If you let us know, we can help facilitate that.' And so I don't remember having a lot to say during that meeting.

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5 Then the meeting terminated?---I'm trying to recall if it was at that meeting
Brittany agreed that she would like us to approach the AFP on her behalf or
whether I did it subsequent, when the meeting was over, but I do recall that
Brittany at some point, either at that meeting or shortly after, said that she
would like to talk to the AFP – because that's the other thing,
10 Senator Reynolds also said – she encouraged the discussion with the AFP
because it was a way to talk these things through and it was giving Brittany
the opportunity for that independence and agency, if you like. So I then –
once I got told by Brittany that she would like to have that discussion - - -

Yes?---Once I got told by Brittany she would like to have that discussion, I
then sought to find the phone number of the Parliament House based AFP.

15 Two questions. I'm just trying to set a context for this meeting. Had you
conveyed to Minister Reynolds the 'I recall him being on top of me'
comment?---Yes.

20 When did you convey that to Minister Reynolds?---It was either the Thursday
night or the Friday morning. I don't – I don't recall exactly.

Secondly, at this meeting on 1 April, did Brittany Higgins raise any concerns
with you?---About?

25 Well, about career and impacts on career?---I beg your pardon. Yes. She
said she – she did also ask – she was concerned about how this could impact
her career and Senator Reynolds said there would be no impact to her career
and that she had our full support.

30 I'm just trying to get where that is in the context of the invitation for
Ms Higgins to go and talk to the AFP. Was it in response to that or was it out
of sequence with that?---It was probably out of sequence with that, yes.

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