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From: aocwatch s. 47E(d)
Sent: Tuesday, 7 May 2013 3:04 AM
To: s. 47F(1)
Cc: s. 47F(1)

Subject: Philip BREZZO; Terry PRICE; Chris WALL; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
SITREP 4 - VID 156nm NNW of CI 2013/3048 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Sir,

- At 061445Z May 13, HMAS Launceston relocated and boarded VID AUSSAR 2013/3048 106nm NW of CI without incident.
- Initial assessment indicates 55 POB.
- HMAS Launceston crew deemed vessel unseaworthy following HSBQ and PII will be embarked on Launceston and hulk destroyed.
- Launceston will proceed to CI with embarked PII and will BPT offload to OGA CI - Timing TBC.

Respectfully,

For any AOC related queries, please email s. 47E(d)

s. 47F(1)

Flight Lieutenant
AIR OPERATIONS OFFICER
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From: s. 47F(1) **On Behalf Of** ADF SAR
Sent: Monday, 6 May 2013 23:45
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Subject: SITREP 3 - VID 156nm NNW of CI 2013/3048 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Sir,

- HMAS Launceston is in vessels expected location
- Vessel not found and Launceston is conducting search

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Air and Space Operations Centre

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Search and Rescue / Joint Personnel Recovery:

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AOC Watchkeeper:

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Subject: SITREP 2 - VID 156nm NNW of CI 2013/3048 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Sir,

- At 0404Z (1404K) RES101 located a Type 3, Indonesian flagged vessel tracking 100/05kts and which stopped when the aircraft came within visual range.
- Vessel's bilge pumps observed running and RES101 observed multiple pax on deck waving life-jackets.
- RCC has now requested a surface asset to assist.
- HMAS Launceston will be responding, ETA 1130Z (2130K).
- RES101 will maintain overwatch on the VID, PLE to Cocos is 0928Z (1928K).

Regards,

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From: s. 47F(1) **On Behalf Of** ADF SAR

Sent: Monday, 6 May 2013 10:35

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Subject: SITREP 1 - VID 156nm NNW of CI 2013/3048 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Sir,

- RCC have requested ADF assistance for a vessel with 65 POB they have lost communications with approximately 156nm NNW of CI.
- Last contact with the vessel was at 05 1241Z (05 2241K).
- CJOPS TASKORD 050/13 has been released.

Response

- AP-3C callsign RESCUE101 is being tasked to relocate the vessel,
- ETD Cocos Island 0130Z (1130K) estimating on-scene at 0330Z (1330K).

Regards,

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Flight Lieutenant

SO2 Joint Personnel Recovery (JPR) 1

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From: [CNOC](#)
To: [\[CNOC SIEV\]](#)
Subject: FW: AMSA SAR 2013/3455: Life jackets and debris sighted 105 nautical miles north – north – east of Christmas Island, SITREP 01 as at 1915 AEST, Wednesday, 22 May 2013 [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Date: Wednesday, 22 May 2013 7:22:34 PM

SITREP 1 for SAR 2013/3455 as received from BPC

AMSA SAR 2013/3455: Life jackets and debris sighted 105 nautical miles north – north – east of Christmas Island, SITREP 01 as at 1915 AEST, Wednesday, 22 May 2013

1. At approximately 1813 AEST today, a RAAF Maritime Patrol Aircraft, operating under the control of Border Protection Command (BPC), detected a number of life jackets tied together along with two inflated tyres in a position approximately 105 nautical miles north – north – east of Christmas Island and inside the Indonesian Search and Rescue Region. Debris was also observed including single life jackets and possible planks of wood out to a distance of approximately 2 nautical miles. Nil persons were observed in the water.
2. The RAAF Maritime Patrol Aircraft also reported a partially submerged section of a vessel approximately 9 nautical miles west – south – west of the originally detected debris. A fishing vessel was observed in the area with people on board.
3. This information was passed to the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) Rescue Coordination Centre (RCC) who are assessing the situation. AMSA SAR 2013/3455 refers.
4. This SITREP contains information about ongoing BPC operations and is provided to you under Section 16 of *the Customs Administration Act 1985* for the purpose of your agency's functions. The information must not be further circulated within your agency except on a need-to-know basis and must not be disseminated to a third party without the prior permission of BPC.

Kind Regards,

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Australian Customs and Border Protection Service
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From: CNOC
Sent: Friday, 24 May 2013 3:31 PM
To: RCCAUS; AMBOC Operations
Subject: 25 Life Jackets found on South Island beach (Cocos Keeling Islands)
[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

As 1517 AEST 24MAY2013 call received from a Custom Office based on Cocos Island.

The following information has been passed on by a friend of the person who saw the life jackets. No contact has been made with the person who saw the life jackets at this time. This information is unconfirmed.

A walking tour that goes between Home Island and South Island saw 25 life jackets that were fairly new washed up on the beach. A lot of debris does wash up on this beach.

Local AFP have been advised.

Regards

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From: CNOC
Sent: Friday, 24 May 2013 6:12 PM
To: RCCAUS
Cc: AMBOC Operations
Subject: 25 LIFE Jackets on South Island Cocos (Keeling) Islands [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Good evening

Please see the date and position for the two SIEV's destroyed in the area of Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

SIEV destroyed on 03/05/13 at 1300hrs local time.
Position – 12 05.61S 96 48.75E

SIEV destroyed on 06/05/2013 at 1430hrs local time.
Position – 12 05.98S 96 48.26E

Regards

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From: CNOC
Sent: Friday, 24 May 2013 7:03 PM
To: RCCAUS; AMBOC Operations
Subject: 25 LIFE Jackets on South Island Cocos (Keeling) Islands [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Good Evening,

Further information received regarding 25 LIFE Jackets on South Island Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

Customs on CKI advise that local AFP will respond to sighting 25MAY2013 on the low tide, as Island can be accessed by foot during low tide.

Further information received - Vests were sighted last Saturday 18MAY2013 with no signs of humans, camping or discarded food stuffs.

AFP will re-attend 3 days after first clearance.

Regards

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From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, 24 May 2013 4:02 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: Life jackets on South Island [SEC=PROTECTED]

FYI

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, 24 May 2013 1:59 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Life jackets on South Island [SEC=PROTECTED]

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) as per convo.- I received the info. From a member of the public & have passed on to AFP – they are trying to locate the original source of the info. To confirm.

Info. Was from s. 47F(1) - that another person who works in the visitor centre was taking a 'walk' group from Home Island to South Island & noticed 25 Life Jackets in pretty new condition.
There was no timeline on these events & it appears this was not reported to either us or AFP.

Sth Is is known for a lot of debris washing up there.

My coxswain can get there via Home Island on foot this arvo – however I am waiting on AFP – I have offered 2 officers if required to assist.

Rgds
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LAC - CIDF

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From: OIC Police CKI s. 47E(d)
Sent: Friday, 24 May 2013 8:48 PM
To: RCCAUS
Cc: s. 47F(1)
Subject: RE: LIFE JACKET SIGHTING SOUTH ISLAND, COCOS ISLANDS
Attachments: 92WG0094.jpg; 92WG0095.jpg; 92WG0096.jpg; 92WG0097.jpg; 92WG0098.jpg; 92WG0099.jpg; 92WG0100.jpg; 92WG0101.jpg; 92WG0102.jpg; 92WG0103.jpg; 92WG0104.jpg; 92WG0105.jpg; 92WG0106.jpg; 92WG0107.jpg; 92WG0108.jpg; 92WG0109.jpg; 92WG0110.jpg; 92WG0111.jpg; 92WG0112.jpg; 92WG0113.jpg; 92WG0114.jpg; 92WG0115.jpg; 92WG0116.jpg; 92WG0117.jpg

Importance: High

TO: RCC.

FROM: AFP COCOS.

1. PLS SEE ATTACHED IMAGES FROM RAAF AIRCRAFT.
2. PLS NOTE THAT LIFE JACKETS ARE SPREAD ACROSS A NUMBER OF ISLANDS FROM SOUTH ISLAND HEADING NORTH.
3. RAAF REPORT 23 LIFEJACKETS IN TOTAL WERE SIGHTED.
4. AFP COCOS PLAN AS PER PREVIOUS SITREP, ATTEND SOUTH ISLAND 0600 HRS 25 MAY 12.

s. 47F(1)
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From: OIC Police CKI s. 47E(d)
Sent: Friday, 24 May 2013 9:28 PM
To: RCCAUS
Cc: s. 47F(1)
Subject: FW: LIFE JACKET SIGHTING SOUTH ISLAND, COCOS ISLANDS
Importance: High

TO: RCC:
FROM: AFP COCOS ISLANDS

1. CUSTOMS OFFICERS HAVE LOCATED A LIFEJACKET ON WEST ISLAND IDENTICAL/VERY SIMILAR TO THOSE PHOTOGRAPHED BY RAAF AIRCRAFT
2. THE LIFE JACKET IS MANUFACTURED IN CEARLE, INDONESIA.
3. AFP COCOS ARE AWARE OF 2 INDONESIAN FLAGGED VESSELS THE PERMATA WIJAYA TUNA 1 AND PERMATA WIJAYA TUNA 6 WITHIN THE LAST FORTNIGHT REPORTED THAT THEY WERE SEEKING SHELTER IN THE VICINITY OF COCOS ISLANDS DUE TO BAD WEATHER.
4. AFP COCOS WERE NOT CONTACTED BY EITHER VESSEL AT THIS TIME.
5. IS RCC ABLE TO ESTABLISH WHETHER THESE VESSELS HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR HOME PORTS OR PROVIDE ANY OTHER INFORMATION ON THESE VESSELS MOVEMENTS.

THANKS

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OIC COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS

From: RCCAUS s. 47E(d)
Sent: Friday, 24 May 2013 10:22 PM
To: AMBOC Operations
Subject: 25 LIFE JACKETS LOCATED COCOS (KEELING) ISLAND

Importance: Low

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FM RCC AUSTRALIA
TO AFP POLICE COCOS ISLAND
BPC AMSOC
INFO AFP POLICE OPS COORD CENTRE (AOCC)
BT
UNCLAS
SUBJ:
AUSSAR: 2013/3504

1. RCC AUSTRALIA HAS SEARCHED PREVIOUS INCIDENTS IN THE COCOS (KEELING) ISLAND AREA AND THE FOLLOWING INCIDENT MAY PROVE HIGHLY RELEVANT.

2. THE MASTER ACV TRITON, REPORTED TO RCC AUSTRALIA, ON THE 25TH FEB 2013 THE LOSS OF ONE 20 MAN LIFERAFT AND APPROXIMATELY 30 LIFEJACKETS IN POSITION 10-50S 097-30E (DTG 250247UTC). REFERENCE AUSSAR 2013/1364

3. REPORTED POSITION OF LIFEJACKETS LOCATED ON THE SOUTH ISLAND, COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS (AUSSAR 2013/3504) AS 12-10.8S 096-55E. THE DISTANCE FROM COCOS (KEELING) ISLAND TO THE ACV TRITON INCIDENT 87NM IN A NNE DIRECTION .

4. SUGGEST AFP COCOS ISLAND LIASE DIRECTLY WITH AMSOC/BPC REGARDING THE ABOVE DETAILS. RCC WILL TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION AT THIS STAGE.

REGARDS
RCC AUSTRALIA
BT

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Cc: s. 47F(1)
Subject: SAR 2013/3504 SITREP 3 - debris near CKI [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: 92WG0097.jpg

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Sirs, all:

- RCC cancelled mil assistance request 1200Z
- CJOPS CEASO issued 1332Z
- imagery of life jackets attached

Regards,

s. 47F(1)

Joint Personnel Recovery Officer
Air and Space Operations Centre
Headquarters Joint Operations Command
Bungendore NSW 2621

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From: s. 47F(1)
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Subject: SAR 2013/3504 SITREP 2 - debris near CKI [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Sirs, all:

- SELN32 located 25 life jackets and 1 life ring in reported location
- SELN32 conducted further visual search, including North Keeling Island - nothing to report. ONSTA 0902Z - 0936Z
- Position of life jackets and photos passed to local AFP on landing at CKI
- No further tasking from RCC

Regards,

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Joint Personnel Recovery Officer
Air and Space Operations Centre
Headquarters Joint Operations Command
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From: s. 47F(1)

Sent: Friday, 24 May 2013 18:05

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s. 47F(1)

Cc: s. 47F(1)

Subject: RE: SAR 2013/3504 SITREP 1 - debris near CKI [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

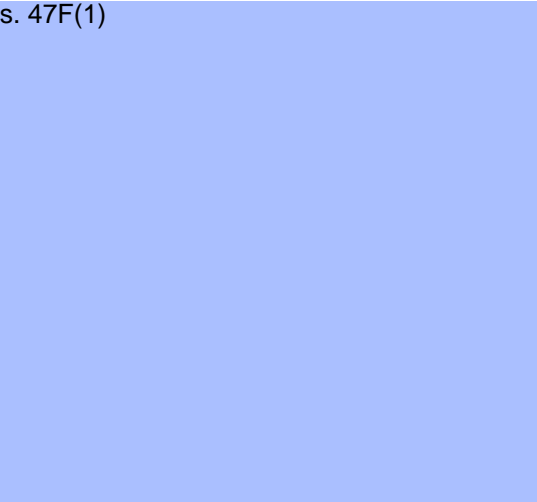
Sirs, all:

- local residents on Home Island, CKI, reported sighting 25 life jackets
- RCC has requested ADF assistance
- CJOPS TASKORD 055/13 released; designates CJTF639 as SAR commander
- AP-3C SELN32 has been diverted to search - ETA 0910Z - estimates 2 hours on task
- SELN32 will land at CKI

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Watchfloor Sup (AFP) s. 47E(d)
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To: AMBOC Operations
Cc: AOCC Watchfloor Sup (AFP)
Subject: RE: 25 LIFE JACKETS LOCATED COCOS (KEELING) ISLAND [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

Thanks - clears it up nicely

Regards

s. 47F(1)

WATCHFLOOR SUPERVISOR - AFP OPERATIONS COORDINATION CENTRE (AOCC) OPERATIONS
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Subject: RE: 25 LIFE JACKETS LOCATED COCOS (KEELING) ISLAND [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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REFERENCE AUSSAR 2013/1364 refers to an incident in which ACV TRITON lost a liferaft overboard on 25th Feb 2013. The liferaft was lost overboard due to heavy seas. There was a tropical low IVO of Cocos Island at the time and ACV TRITON had moved offshore to avoid weather .
There was no SAR or SIEV incident involved in this matter.

RCC advise that the number 2013/1364 refers to a "lost and found " incident and not an actual SAR per se.

Hope that clears this up

Regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Supervisor | AMSOC Current Operations | Border Protection Command | Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

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From: [TRITON](#)
To: [AMBOC Operations](#)
Subject: Triton lost SOLAS Life jackets
Date: Saturday, 25 May 2013 7:14:41 PM
Attachments: [P1020174.JPG](#)
[P1020175.JPG](#)
[P1020176.JPG](#)

Hi [s. 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)

As requested images of our lifejackets that were lost in the weather off Cocos, just for info our jackets do not have any Indonesian inscriptions on them they are SOLAS convention approved.

Regards,

[s. 22\(1\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)

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Enforcement Commander
ACV TRITON

From: C8PSH
Date: Sat, 25 May 2013 14:43 +0630 Msg: A09802-71162
Subject: PFD Photos
To: Enforcement Commander

Hi [s. 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)

Please find attached photos af the PII life jackets as requested

cheers

[s. 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) | Marine Tactical Officer | Customs Marine Unit |
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CKI Operational Update #336

CLASSIFICATION: **PROTECTED**

PRIORITY: Medium

SUBJECT: **COCOS DEPLOYMENT OPERATIONAL UPDATE No: 336**

From: **OPCOMD (N)**


To: **CNOC / Op Chief**

Date/Time: **250830FGMAY2013**

Please note all times quoted are Cocos Island time (GMT +6:30) - unless otherwise noted.


s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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- **Update on interagency SAR coordination Arrangements**
 - As previously reported – CIDF advised AFP 24/May 1140 hrs local of numerous Life Jackets being sighted by member of the public on South Island 18/May. 1745 hrs local last night CIDF OP located 1 Life Jacket on West Island & handed to AFP.
 - AFP & VRM staff are presently retrieving all Life Jackets.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

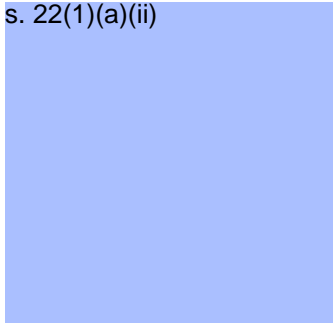


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CLASSIFICATION: **PROTECTED**

PRIORITY: Medium

SUBJECT: **COCOS DEPLOYMENT OPERATIONAL UPDATE No: 338**

From: **OPCOMD (N)**

To: **CNOC / Op Chief**


Date/Time: **270600FGMAY2013**

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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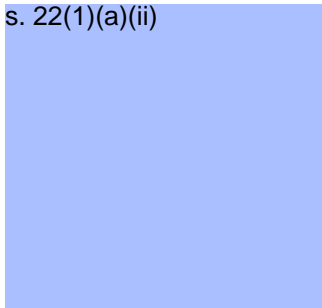
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From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Monday, 27 May 2013 10:37 AM

To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

[CNOC]

Subject: RE: Lifejackets washed up at Cocos - media article (West Australian 27 May) [SEC=DLM-ONLY:For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

In addition from CNOC the extract below from yesterday's Cocos Operation Update:

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Also to clarify the TRITON reference, that was confirming that some lifejackets that had previously been lost off TRITON when it was on-station at Cocos were not the same as those washed up.

Cheers, s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | Manager Targeted Operations | Enforcement Operations | Australian Customs and Border Protection Service | P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) |

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Monday, 27 May 2013 10:08 AM

To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii); [CNOC]

Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: Lifejackets washed up at Cocos - media article (West Australian 27 May) [SEC=DLM-ONLY:For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Attached are emails relating to life jackets from the weekend.

CNOC – as a matter of priority, could you pls provide s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (cc myself) any further information that has been received regarding lifejackets washed ashore – and also some context around what the TRITON lifejacket email is about?

This information is required for urgent Executive briefing.

Thanks, s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | Acting Director Targeted Operations | Enforcement Operations | Australian Customs and Border Protection Service | P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) |

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From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 28 May 2013 10:55 AM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: Life Jackets at CKI [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only] [SEC=DLM-ONLY:For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi All

While the seniors have discussion about who will own this brief, I'll pull together some words.

Could you pls send me any/all info you have on the lifejackets (pls let me know if coming on high side) asap.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) – anything you have already would be great and then I'll send it to you to add further as required.

Thanks, s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | Manager Targeted Operations | Enforcement Operations | Australian Customs and Border Protection Service | P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) |

From: PRICE Terry
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Don/ s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Regards

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Portfolio Media
Sent: Monday, 27 May 2013 12:31 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Portfolio Media
Subject: RE: AFP Media talking points - Life jackets found on Cocos Islands [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Thanks for your help s. 22(1)(a)(ii).

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Australian Customs and Border Protection Service
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From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, 27 May 2013 12:24 PM
To: Customs Media
Subject: RE: AFP Media talking points - Life jackets found on Cocos Islands [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | A/g Director Governance and Command Support
Border Protection Command | Australian Customs and Border Protection Service
P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Customs Media
Sent: Monday, 27 May 2013 11:55 AM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: BPC Governance and Command Support; Customs Media
Subject: RE: AFP Media talking points - Life jackets found on Cocos Islands [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

Sorry – I know you're busy with a few enquiries, but can you confirm these TPs are cleared?

- We are aware of the reporting of lifejackets washing up at Cocos (Keeling) Islands.
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Kind regards,

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From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, 27 May 2013 11:22 AM
To: Customs Media
Cc: BPC Governance and Command Support
Subject: RE: AFP Media talking points - Life jackets found on Cocos Islands [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

I spoke to Terry Price about this. We are OK with the AFP having the lead and suggest that Border protection Command is changed to 'Australian Customs and Border Protection Service and Border Protection Command'. It probably wouldn't hurt to have a contingency TP along the lines of:

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Cc: Customs Media; BPC Governance and Command Support
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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)/BPC,

We've had a few calls from the media today about the life jackets that washed up on Cocos Island. We've been directing them to the AFP, but they have been asking for further information. Specifically, can we confirm that "*The AFP is working closely with Border Protection Command in relation to this matter*"?

Also, should we prepare our own TPs on this, or should we continue to send the journalists to the AFP?

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s. 47F(1) **On Behalf Of** AFPNationalMedia
Sent: Sunday, 26 May 2013 1:16 PM
To: Customs Media; media@amsa.gov.au
Cc: AFP National Media [AFP]
Subject: AFP Media talking points - Life jackets found on Cocos Islands [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi AMSA and Customs Media,

FYI

Please see below the AFP media talking points in relation to the life jackets found on Cocos Island.

I am going to be responding to the West Australian shortly.

- *The AFP can confirm that a total of 8 life jackets have been found on Cocos (Keeling) Islands.*
- *The AFP is making enquiries into the origin of the life jackets.*
- *AFP officers on Cocos Islands would like any member of the public who has information or finds a life jacket to report it.*
- *The AFP is working closely with Border Protection Command in relation to this matter.*
- *As enquiries into this are ongoing, it would not be appropriate for the AFP to comment further at this time.*

Regards

s. 47F(1)



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To: [Cocos Island Deployment]
Cc: [CNOC] s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: AusSar 2013/3504 request for information [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
[SEC=PROTECTED]

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Sent: Monday, 27 May 2013 3:09 PM
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Subject: AusSar 2013/3504 request for information

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Morning chaps

I'm assuming from Terry's tone that BPC are not doing this brief. Is Intel doing it?

Cheers, s. 2

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | Manager Targeted Operations | Enforcement Operations | Australian Customs and Border Protection Service | P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) |

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From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Tuesday, 28 May 2013 10:44 AM

To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: C&E Coordination; Business Integration I&T; [Governance and Command Support BPC]; Customs Media

Subject: FW: AFP request for SEB/TPs re Cocos Island incident [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Importance: High

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

As discussed, grateful for advice on way forward for this request.

Thanks,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Acting Manager, Parliamentary and Executive Section

Executive Coordination Branch

Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) F: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s. 47F(1)

On Behalf Of Ministerial

Sent: Tuesday, 28 May 2013 9:47 AM

To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: MinisterialAFP

Subject: AFP request for SEB/TPs re Cocos Island incident [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Importance: High

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

As discussed, Our Executive are wanting copies of any Senate Estimates Brief or talking points Customs have prepared in relation to the Cocos Island incident where 28 life jackets have been found washed up on shore.

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I would appreciate anything you have as a priority please. I have attached below our most up to date media talking points for reference:

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ND Brief

Lifejackets washed ashore at Cocos (Keeling) Islands (CKI)

Issue:

Media reported on 27 and 28 May 2013 that lifejackets were found on the beach at Cocos (Keeling) Islands leading to speculation that a SIEV had foundered in the vicinity.

Key Points:

1. At approximately 3.17pm AEST on 24 May 2013 the Customs National Operation Centre (CNOC) received advice from an Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) officer deployed on Cocos Island who had been told of 25 life jackets washed up on the beach.
2. The ACBPS officer was advised on 24 May 2013 that a third party was on a walking tour between Home Island and South Island at CKI on 18 May 2013 and saw life jackets described as fairly new, washed up on the beach. It was reported that there were no signs of humans, camping or discarded food stuffs.
3. This information was passed to Australian Federal Police (AFP) on CKI and to Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) in Canberra. AFP is the emergency coordination agency on Cocos (Keeling) Islands.
4. A Border Protection Command (BPC) assigned surveillance flight was airborne at this time and was tasked by AFP to locate the life jackets. At approximately 5.18pm AEST AFP reported that the surveillance flight sighted 23 lifejackets in total, spread across a number of islands from South Island heading north.
5. Approximately 9.28pm on 24 May 2013 AFP reported that ACBPS located a lifejacket on West Island very similar to those sighted on South Island. The life jacket was manufactured in Cearle, Indonesia.
6. AFP responded to the sighting on 25 May 2013 at low tide when South Island is accessible on foot. ACBPS offered two officers to assist with this activity however this was not required. AFP also conducted a sea and land search of South Island, Home Island and Direction Island on 26 May 2013 and located 25 additional life jackets the same as those previously located.
7. ACBPS continue to assist AFP with their investigation by providing information on vessels movements. Given the vast area of ocean from which the life jackets may have originated it is not feasible to form a view as to their origin.
8. The overwhelming majority of SIEV intercepted at CKI and Christmas Island are incinerated within 96 hours of their arrival due to unseaworthiness. Where PII have been embarked on BPC assigned assets due to the danger of remaining on their vessel, their vessels are destroyed in situ which may be in either Australia or Indonesia's search and rescue zone.
9. On occasions debris such as lifejackets may not be fully incinerated in the process of vessel destruction. This debris is usually transported in a westerly direction on ocean currents.

Comment [LF1]: S. 22(1)(a) - can we confirm the time that we located so we don't need to use AFP reporting

Comment [LF2]: S. 22(1)(a) - are you able to check this with our guys on CKI I will talk to S. 47F(1) but want to try to get correct first

Comment [LF3]: BPC - is that figure anywhere near accurate?

Comment [LF4]: BPC - are you able to verify or I'll check with AMSA

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10. Enquiries undertaken by ACBPS established the following:

- Further debris located at CKI included one life ring in good condition and fibreglass debris with burn marks. Fibreglass hulls are typical of Sri Lankan vessels arriving at CKI rather than Christmas Island;
- One of the lifejackets located contained 50,000 Iranian Rial – approximately four Australian dollars;
- Merchant vessels do traverse the seas in the vicinity of CKI as there are a number of major shipping channels in the vicinity. The last fortnight has been a period of bad weather in the vicinity of CKI with merchant vessels reporting taking shelter near CKI.

Comment [LF5]: Can BPC- IC confirm based on their weather stuff?

11. ACBPS has no intelligence to suggest a vessel may have recently sunk near CKI or Christmas Island.

Background

Functional Arrangements at Cocos (Keeling) Islands:

s. 33(a)(i)

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Point 4 – Time seems early – should this be local time rather than EST
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s. 33(a)(i)

Point 10 – Also located was a part of a door of a container – not really relevant though

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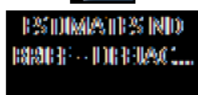
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ND Brief

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SENATE ESTIMATES BRIEF

TITLE: LIFE JACKETS ON COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS

Key facts:

- The Australian Federal Police can confirm that a total of 31 life jackets have been found on Cocos (Keeling) Islands.
- The entire coastline of the atoll, (with the exception of North Keeling) has now been searched.
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- It is common for debris and other items to wash up on the east coast of Cocos (Keeling) Islands, including items from Indonesia.
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- The AFP is continuing to make enquiries into the origin of the life jackets in conjunction with Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) Rescue Coordination Centre (RCC) and Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS).

- AMSA has confirmed there is no specific incident they can relate to these lifejackets. Consequently there is no Search and Rescue Operation in the Cocos (Keeling) Islands area.

Chronology of Key Events

Saturday 18 May 2013

- A member of the public originally discovered numerous life jackets on South Island of Cocos (Keeling) Islands (CKI). However, the matter was not reported for six days (24 May 2013).

Friday 24 May 2013

- At approximately 11.30am (CCT) on Friday 24th May 2013, Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) members attended Cocos (Keeling) Islands (CKI) Police Station to report that a member of the public had seen at least ten life jackets washed ashore on South Island.
- Police attended the home of the complainant who stated that on Saturday 18 May 2013, she was walking around CKI atoll with a group of about 10 people when she observed numerous life jackets washed ashore. The complainant did not report the incident to anyone until six days later.
- At 12:45pm, CKI Police discussed the lifejackets with AMSA Rescue Coordination Centre (RCC). As a result of those discussions, a RAAF

P-3 Orion Aircraft was tasked to search the seaward side of South Island.

- At 4:00pm, RAAF advised CKI Police that additional lifejackets were observed along the shore line of South Island during the flyover. The RAAF aircraft found no evidence of a relevant vessel or wreckage.

Saturday 25 May 2013

- About 9:30am, a search commenced on the seaward side of Home Island in the area identified earlier that morning as having life jackets washed ashore.
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Sunday 26 May 2013

- A sweep of South Island by Volunteer Marine Rescue Services (VMRS) located additional life jackets, bringing the total to 28.

Monday 27 May 2013

- At 4:30pm, **s. 47F(1)**, Duty Chief Rescue Coordination Centre AMSA confirmed that the life jackets cannot be linked to any search

and rescue incident as far back as February 2013. Consequently there is no search and rescue operation in the Cocos (Keeling) islands area.

- AFP members on Cocos (Keeling) Islands located two more life jackets on West Island.
- AFP members also located an additional life jacket which is currently on Horsburgh Island. This life jacket will be collected when tidal levels permit access to Horsburgh Island.
- The AFP has a total of 30 life jackets in their possession. There will be a revised total 31 life jackets when the remaining life jacket is recovered from Horsburgh Island.

Tuesday 28 May 2013

- The sweep of West Island shoreline was completed at 3:40pm CCT.
- The entire coastline of the atoll, (with the exception of North Keeling) has now been searched.
- There is no further search activity that can be performed by AFP on Cocos (Keeling) Islands at the conclusion of Tuesday. Further search activity will be initiated in the event that further items of interest are sighted by locals, police or potentially RAAF P-3 Orion aircraft.
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Subject: FW: Mediaportal Alert - Personal [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only] [SEC=DLM-ONLY:For-Official-Use-Only]

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

As requested, my response to our management about the life vests. Note, this is based entirely on what I was able to glean from media reporting (i.e., no official accounts of the finds from AFP)

s. 22

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Director People Smuggling Intelligence Analysis Team | Counter People Smuggling Taskforce
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From: SMITH Don
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Ph: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Monday, 27 May 2013 12:47 PM

To: NOBLE Rachel

Cc: SMITH Don; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: RE: Mediaportal Alert - Personal [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi Rachel.

No intel as yet, and nothing to suggest there has been a capsizing incident.

I note that the media article suggests that a small amount of Iranian currency was found in one of the jackets. Iranians do not transit to/near Cocos Islands, but rather to Christmas Island and Ashmore Islands.

It is possible (if not likely) that these jackets are those that were observed in water north of Christmas Island on Wednesday 22 May (SAR 3455 refers).

By way of background, on 22 May a P3 detected a number of life jackets tied together around 105nm NNE of CI, not far from a submerged section of a vessel. AMSA assessed that all of this material was the 'leftovers' of a previously destroyed SIEV, not a capsizing. This would be consistent with the Iranian currency being found in the jackets.

Notwithstanding this, we'll continue to ask our counterparts to hunt for any information that may suggest a different conclusion, and will let you know asap if something further comes to light.

Kind regards

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To: QUAEDVLIEG Roman

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Roman

What do we know?

Thanks,

MP

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Interviewees

Graham Powell, ABC Reporter

Ian Rintoul, Spokesperson, Refugee Action Coalition

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HI s. 22(1)(a)

Sorry to stuff you around but could we pls possibly replace previous version with this one?

Tks, s. 2

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | Manager Targeted Operations | Enforcement Operations | Australian Customs and Border Protection Service | s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

As discussed, suggested changes included in the attached. Fundamentally, not much change to content but rather restructuring to put key points at the front end.

Regards

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Key Points:

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Hi s. 47F(1)

A slightly revamped version of the doc – more about moving things around rather than changing them. Would you mind sending on to your business support people?

I understand our Ministerial people will shortly send this through to your Ministerial people but I'm happy to hear if there are changes required before we're on tomorrow morning!

Cheers, s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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2. The ACBPS officer was advised on 24 May 2013 that a third party was on a walking tour between Home Island and South Island at CKI on 18 May 2013 and saw life jackets described as fairly new, washed up on the beach. It was reported that there were no signs of humans, camping or discarded food stuffs.
3. This information was passed to Australian Federal Police (AFP) on CKI and to Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) in Canberra. AFP is the emergency coordination agency on Cocos (Keeling) Islands.
4. A Border Protection Command (BPC) assigned surveillance flight was airborne at this time and was tasked by RCC to locate the life jackets. At approximately 8.48pm AEST AFP reported that the surveillance flight sighted 23 lifejackets in total, spread across a number of islands from South Island heading north.
5. Approximately 9.28pm on 24 May 2013 AFP reported that ACBPS located a lifejacket on West Island very similar to those sighted on South Island. The life jacket was manufactured in Cearle, Indonesia.
6. AFP responded to the sighting on 25 May 2013 at low tide when South Island is accessible on foot. ACBPS offered two officers to assist with this activity however this was not required. AFP also conducted a sea and land search of South Island, Home Island and Direction Island on 26 May 2013 and located 25 additional life jackets the same as those previously sighted.
7. The overwhelming majority of SIEV intercepted at CKI and Christmas Island are destroyed by burning or sink of their own accord. Where PII have been embarked on BPC assigned assets due to the danger of remaining on their vessel, their vessels are destroyed in situ which may be in either Australia or Indonesia's search and rescue zone.
8. On occasions debris such as lifejackets may not be fully incinerated in the process of vessel destruction. Wind direction at this time of year tends to transport any debris in a north-westerly direction.
9. Enquiries undertaken by ACBPS established the following:
 - Further debris located at CKI included part of a shipping container door, one life ring in good condition and fibreglass debris with burn marks;

- One of the lifejackets located contained 50,000 Iranian Rial – approximately four Australian dollars (Iranians do not transit near CKI but rather to Christmas and Ashmore Islands):
 - Merchant vessels do traverse the seas in the vicinity of CKI as there are a number of major shipping channels in the vicinity.
10. ACBPS has no intelligence to suggest a vessel may have recently sunk near CKI or Christmas Island. It is possible that the lifejackets are debris from a SIEV which has been destroyed at sea after interception as has happened previously. Most recently with SAR2013/3455 (22 May 2013) when surveillance observed a number of lifejackets around 105 nautical miles north-north east of Christmas Island which were assessed to have been from vessel destruction rather than capsizing. *Note: the lifejackets were located on CKI prior to this particular event.*
11. ACBPS continue to assist AFP with their investigation by providing information on vessels movements.

Background

Functional Arrangements at Cocos (Keeling) Islands:

s. 33(a)(i)

Cleared by: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
NM Enforcement Operations

Work: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Mobile: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Mobile: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

ND Brief

Lifejackets washed ashore at Cocos (Keeling) Islands (CKI)**Issue:**

Media reported on 27 and 28 May 2013 that lifejackets were found on the beach at Cocos (Keeling) Islands leading to speculation that a SIEV had foundered in the vicinity.


Key Points:

1. At approximately 3.17pm AEST on 24 May 2013 the Customs National Operation Centre (CNOCC) received advice from an Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) officer deployed on Cocos Island who had been told of 25 life jackets washed up on the beach.
2. The ACBPS officer was advised on 24 May 2013 that a third party was on a walking tour between Home Island and South Island at CKI on 18 May 2013 and saw life jackets described as fairly new, washed up on the beach. It was reported that there were no signs of humans, camping or discarded food stuffs.
3. This information was passed to Australian Federal Police (AFP) on CKI and to Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) in Canberra. AFP is the emergency coordination agency on Cocos (Keeling) Islands.
4. A Border Protection Command (BPC) assigned surveillance flight was airborne at this time and was tasked by RCC to locate the life jackets. At approximately 8.48pm AEST AFP reported that the surveillance flight sighted 23 lifejackets in total, spread across a number of islands from South Island heading north.
5. Approximately 9.28pm on 24 May 2013 AFP reported that ACBPS located a lifejacket on West Island very similar to those sighted on South Island. The life jacket was manufactured in Cearle, Indonesia.
6. About 9:30am (local time) on 25 May 2013, a search commenced on the seaward side of Home Island in the area identified earlier as having life jackets washed ashore. AFP responded to the sighting on 25 May 2013 at low tide when South Island is accessible on foot. ACBPS offered two officers to assist with this activity however this was not required. AFP also conducted a sea and land search of South Island, Home Island and Direction Island on 26 May 2013 and located 25 additional life jackets the same as those previously located.
7. The overwhelming majority of SIEV intercepted at CKI and Christmas Island are destroyed by burning or sink of their own accord. Where PII have been embarked on BPC assigned assets due to the danger of remaining on their vessel, their vessels are destroyed in situ which may be in either Australia or Indonesia's search and rescue zone.
8. On occasions debris such as lifejackets may not be fully incinerated in the process of vessel destruction. Wind direction at this time of year tends to transport any debris in a north-westerly direction.
9. Enquiries undertaken by ACBPS established the following:

- Further debris located at CKI included part of a shipping container door, one life ring in good condition and fibreglass debris with burn marks (fibreglass hulls are typical of Sri Lankan vessels arriving at CKI rather than Christmas Island);
 - One of the lifejackets located contained 50,000 Iranian Rial – approximately four Australian dollars (Iranians do not transit near CKI but rather to Christmas and Ashmore Islands);
 - Merchant vessels do traverse the seas in the vicinity of CKI as there are a number of major shipping channels in the vicinity. The last fortnight has been a period of bad weather in the vicinity of CKI with merchant vessels reporting taking shelter near CKI.
10. ACBPS has no intelligence to suggest a vessel may have recently sunk near CKI or Christmas Island. It is possible that the lifejackets are debris from a SIEV which has been destroyed at sea after interception as has happened previously. Most recently with SAR2013/3455 (22 May 2013) when surveillance observed a number of lifejackets around 105 nautical miles north-north east of Christmas Island which were assessed to have been from vessel destruction rather than capsizing. *Note: the lifejackets were located on CKI prior to this particular event.*
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Log Entry Type	SIEV / PII
Title	Life jackets at Cocos
Follow Up Required	No
Ongoing Requirement(s)	Emails filed under Cocos Response Planning Currently nil requirements for CNOC CKI req fwd to s. 22(1)(a)
Action	s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (2/06/2013 5:01 PM): No further action required s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (28/05/2013 4:33 PM): Hj s. 22(1)(a) et al

ND cleared brief attached. I will advise if any major issues from AFP through consultation at my level – noting this is not to be regarded as AFP consultation/clearance.

Thanks, s. 22(1)(a)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | Manager Targeted Operations | Enforcement Operations | Australian Customs and Border Protection Service | P:
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) |
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (28/05/2013 3:59 PM):
Hj s. 22(1)

s. 22(1) & BPC have cleared attached brief.

I am still waiting to hear from AFP re detail in paragraph 6 but will not be doing formal consultation and clearance with AFP, and I do not anticipate major changes to para 6.

Could you pls get s. 22(1)(a) to clear asap as AFP are waiting to do a brief swap at Ministerial and Parliamentary level between the two agencies.

Thanks s. 22

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | Manager Targeted Operations | Enforcement Operations | Australian Customs and Border Protection Service | P:
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) |
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (28/05/2013 3:42 PM):
Gentlemen

Attached is Estimates Brief re life jackets at CKI for your consideration (and clearance pls s. 22(1)).

In parallel I am checking at my level in AFP around facts in para 6 but will not have time for consultation with AMSA & AFP prior to your consideration and clearance.

Thanks, s. 22(1)(a)
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (28/05/2013 1:28 PM):
AMIFC,

Are you able to assist with the below query? Please also note the urgency.
Kind Regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Customs National Operations Centre
Australian Customs and Border Protection Service
2 Constitution Avenue, Canberra City ACT 2601
P s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | F s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | email: cnoc@customs.gov.au
From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 28 May 2013 12:06 PM
To: [CNOC]
Subject: Query for AMIFC [SEC=DLM-ONLY:For-Official-Use-Only]

s. 47C(1)

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) |
 s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (28/05/2013 1:28 PM):
 Noel

I think this is for you...

s. 22

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 28 May 2013 12:30 PM
To: [CNOOC]
Subject: RE: Query for AMIFIC [SEC=DLM-ONLY:For-Official-Use-Only]

s. 47C(1)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | Manager Targeted Operations | Enforcement
 Operations | Australian Customs and Border Protection Service | P:
 s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) |
From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 28 May 2013 12:06 PM
To: [CNOOC]
Subject: Query for AMIFIC [SEC=DLM-ONLY:For-Official-Use-Only]

s. 47C(1)

While the seniors have discussion about who will own this brief, I'll pull together some words.

Could you pls send me any/all info you have on the lifejackets (pls let me know if coming on high side) asap.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) – anything you have already would be great and then I'll send it to you to add further as required.

Thanks, s. 22(1)(a)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | Manager Targeted Operations | Enforcement
 Operations | Australian Customs and Border Protection Service | P:
 s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) |

From: PRICE Terry
Sent: Tuesday, 28 May 2013 10:23 AM
To: SMITH Don; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
CC: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Life Jackets at CKI [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Don, s. 22(1)

s. 47F(1) Commander Special Operations AFP rang to ascertain what if any action BPC were taking on this issue and what information BPC had. s. 47F(1) informed me that she is the POC on the issue however the Senate Estimates brief on this will be written by others. AFP will be requesting a copy of our Senate Estimates brief (via the MLO network) on this subject and they will also share their brief with us. Form a BPC perspective we'll see what we can add to any information that can be used in the brief, potentially along the lines of what destructions have occurred that may have contributed to the life jackets found (I understand 3 or so were from ACV *Triton* and a life ring found showed signs of being burnt). BPC has prepared a brief on destructions so COMBPC will talk to that one.

Don – you'll already be aware of some of this but I've included you in this email to s. 22(1) for completeness.

Regards

Terry Price
 s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (27/05/2013 4:02 PM):
 Hi s. 22(1)(a)

Could you pls pass the information below to s. 47F(1) (wasn't sure of

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ability to transmit Protected to AFP address)

s. 33(a)(i)

We understand that as the lead SAR agency on Cocos, AFP will be responsible for any possible questions which arise at Senate Estimates on Wednesday relating to this issue but if you have any information further to that we received from our officers on-island yesterday (AFP conducted sea and land search of South, Home and Direction Islands yesterday Sunday 26 May and located 25 additional life jackets all same as those previously located. Also located 1 Life Ring in good condition and fibreglass debris with burn marks) we would be grateful for any further information you obtain.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

(27/05/2013 3:12 PM):

Good Morning,

AFP are currently coordinating a search of the Cocos Islands Group in relation to a number of lifejackets located ashore on Cocos Islands (refer to previous emails).

We are seeking advice on any overdue SIEV's to Cocos or Christmas Island in the last 30 days.

This information is required to establish potential last known position of vessels known to be overdue.

If this information can be obtained please provide, if known; suspected numbers aboard, nationalities, last known position and type of vessel.

Regards

s. 47F(1)

AFP – Cocos Island

s. 47F(1)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

(27/05/2013 11:19 AM):

Hi s. 22(1)(a)

In addition from CNOC the extract below from yesterday's Cocos

Operation Update:

- o AFP conducted sea and land search of South, Home and Direction Islands yesterday Sunday 26 May and located 25 additional life jackets all same as those previously located. Also located 1 Life Ring in good condition and fibreglass debris with burn marks.

Also to clarify the TRITON reference, that was confirming that some lifejackets that had previously been lost off TRITON when it was on-station at Cocos were not the same as those washed up.

Cheers, s. 22(1)(a)

Hi s. 22(1)(a)

Attached are emails relating to life jackets from the weekend.

CNOC – as a matter of priority, could you pls provide [REDACTED] (cc myself) any further information that has been received regarding lifejackets washed ashore – and also some context around what the TRITON lifejacket email is about?

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