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From: s47F <s47F@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 12 August 2020 2:05 PM
To: ABF Media; media@newsroom.abf.gov.au
Subject: Ruby Princess

Hi team,

I'm working on a story about the Ruby Princess.

I understand that Virgin Australia and Qantas both made representations to Border Force (and other agencies) seeking the manifest for the Ruby Princess, so they could prevent passengers from getting on their planes.

Both airlines were told the manifest could not be provided to them for privacy reasons (Qantas eventually got it from NSW Health on March 23).

Qantas was also told by Border Force that it could not stop passengers travelling, which tallies with what Assistant Commissioner Kylie Rendina told health authorities on March 22 in an email found in annexure 21 here:

<https://www.rubyprincessinquiry.nsw.gov.au/assets/scirp/files/Exhibit-58-Annexures-to-the-second-statement-of-Dr-Jeremy-McAnulty-13-26.pdf>

- **In light of representations made to Border Force by the airlines in the wake of the arrival of Ruby Princess, is Border Force in discussion with airlines and/or the airline industry about a protocol for sharing manifests upon request?**

Could I please get a response **by 5pm.**

Any questions, call me.

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Subject: s47F enquiry on Ruby Princess due at 5pm [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi all,

Please see our latest enquiry below from s47F (ABC). I have given him a call to discuss the story further.
 s47F advises:

- He has also spoken with Qantas who advised on background that “a formal process for sharing manifests upon request to relevant stakeholders is not yet resolved”.
- He says Qantas and Virgin were eventually provided the Ruby Princess pax list after they pointed out that they regularly provide them to appropriate stakeholders and cruise ship operators should too.
- AC Rendina is likely to be mentioned in the story.
- The story is only going online, either tomorrow or Friday morning.

Please let me know how we can assist with the drafting of a response. We don't currently hold a previous response that will work for this enquiry.

Kind regards,

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Good afternoon,

Please see our latest enquiry below from s47F (ABC) on the Ruby Princess and the sharing of passenger manifests.

We are looking into the request. He wants a response by 5pm. He says the story will likely run online either tomorrow morning or Friday morning.

Kind regards,

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Hi all,

Correction, we have a line used previous on the provision of manifests. It was used in January. Are you happy to use this same line again?

- The Australian Border Force **is providing** passenger information from relevant flights and crew information from relevant sea vessels to the Department of Health to support contact tracing of other individuals who were on the same flight or ship with any passenger or crew member suspected of being infected.

For background, Minister Hunt in January spoke about the provision of manifests.

HUNT: Any information we have, we have shared and will share. I would like to confirm the Tigerair flight manifest, the emails, the contact numbers and other known details, were provided to Queensland at 4:00pm yesterday. Just to reaffirm, those details were provided to Queensland at 4:00pm yesterday. I would also indicate that in relation to daily engagement with Queensland, Queensland has been part of the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee meetings of 20 January, 23 January, 24 January, 25 January, 27 January, 28 January, 29 January, 30 January and I believe there is one scheduled for today. Queensland has been part of and, indeeds the chair of the Communicable Diseases Network of Australia committee, meetings of 10 January, 20 January, 23 January, 24 January, 25 January, 27 January, 28 January, 29 January, 30 January and I believe there is also a meeting scheduled for today. Queensland was part of the Joint Health Ministers and AHPPC ministerial teleconference of 25 January and only yesterday the first ministers departments, meaning the Premier's own department, was part of the National Crisis Committee hook-up. So if that information has not been provided within the Queensland system to the Premier, I would respectfully urge the Premier to seek that advice from her own system, but everything that is available to us is available to them and, again, I've confirmed that with Minister Dutton directly, by contact half an hour before coming here and the information about the manifest being provided at 4:00pm yesterday, that may not have been passed by the Queensland system to the Premier, but it was certainly made available to Queensland at 4:00pm yesterday and any and all other information we have can and will be shared.

Regards,

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

As below – not approved by legal yet.

- The Australian Border Force provides passenger information from relevant flights and crew information from relevant sea vessels to the Department of Health to enable contact tracing.
- The ABF does not disclose any sea vessel passenger manifests to airlines.
- ABF placed additional measures within its authority and capabilities to prevent boarding of Ruby Princess passengers.

Regards

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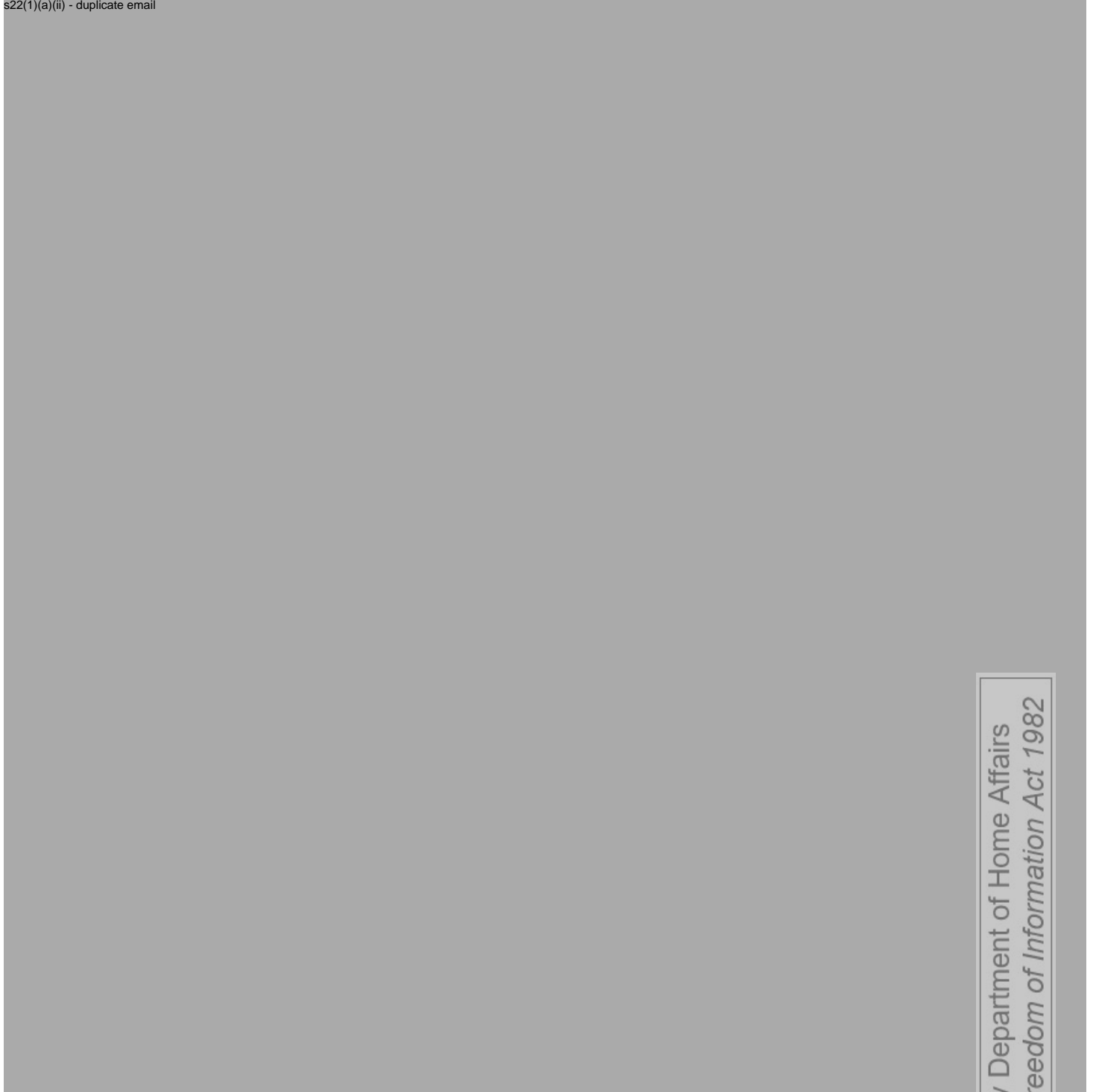
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Good afternoon

Legal have cleared. I would be grateful if you could please facilitate MO clearance.

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Many thanks

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Exceptional effort s22(1)(a)(ii) Thank you all for actioning this so promptly

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Dear All,

I have now completed the DAL bulk load for the Ruby Princess with a total of 3,795 documents. These DAL's are set to expire on 02 April 2020. If this date needs to be extended, I can arrange for this to be done via a data-fix.

Apologies for the delay, there were some issues with the data requiring amendments in order for the template to be loaded into CMAL.

Any questions or issues, feel free to give me a call.

Regards,

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A/g Inspector

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Importance: High

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Good afternoon all,

Proposed narrative:

DAL Narrative (All)

DAL listing is in response to Australian Government announcement regarding coronavirus enhanced border security measures to ensure health safety and wellbeing of the Australian community. This traveller was listed as being on board the Ruby Princess which has confirmed cases of COVID-19 and therefore they have been informed by Health they must complete a 14 day self-isolation period ending 03APR20 before departing Australia. This information is provided for the airline's information to enable them to decide whether to provide uplift to the traveller.

The BPCC AC has approved DAL listing. BOC is not to prevent travel of the passenger if airline decides to uplift - they are to provide the advice to airline.

This was very rushed as we have a bit going on but feel free to adjust as needed or provided comment ASAP. I want this loaded ASAP to enable us to start the messaging. The intent of the DAL is to provide advice to the airline so that they can make the decision to uplift or not, it is not for us to prevent the travel.

Regards,

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Good afternoon,

s22(1)(a)(ii) is ready to commence the DAL listing process. A narrative is require however. Are you able to assist? Do we need to get the narrative cleared by our colleagues in legal noting we are effectively denying travel Aust citis?

Kylie was after something very simple but this is the level that is usually used. It needs to have enough so if an uninformed BOC officer reads it and knows what to do.

Foreign citizen:

DAL listing in response to Aus Government announcement re coronavirus enhanced border security measures to ensure health safety and well being of the Aus community. This foreign national was listed as on board the Ruby princess and therefore must complete a 14 day self isolation period ending XXAPR20 before departing Australia. This is require under XXXXXXXX of the biosecurity act. The BPCC AC has approved DAL listing. If pax attempts to depart AUS BOC is to DENY uplift. Enter Denied Movement Notes to add to reporting spreadsheet and update DAL. BOC to read to airlines the Ruby Princess DAL approved script for foreign nationals. If airline or pax insists on travelling DO NOT issue G override and escalate to BOC Superintendent or BOC Inspector.

Australian citizen:

DAL listing in response to Aus Government announcement re coronavirus enhanced border security measures to ensure health safety and well being of the Aus community. This AUST citzn was listed as on board the Ruby princess and therefore must complete a 14 day self isolation period ending XXAPR20 before departing Australia. This is require under XXXXXXXX of the biosecurity act. The BPCC AC has approved DAL listing. If pax attempts to depart AUS BOC is to DENY uplift. Enter Denied Movement Notes to add to reporting spreadsheet and update DAL. BOC to read to airlines the Ruby Princess DAL approved script for Australian citizens. If airline or pax insists on travelling DO NOT issue G override and escalate to BOC Superintendent or BOC Inspector.

Please advise.

Regards,

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Hi ^{s22(1)(a)}

My preference is to list in DAL with a note 'this pax has been recommended to quarantine for 14 days'

I think this then leaves the decision for airlines.

Thanks

Kylie

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Hi Kylie

Follow-up to phone hook-up this afternoon. I note that NSW Health have declined to provide passenger information to airlines based on privacy concerns, ^{s42}

This would be a preferable option to prevent bookings being made (and pax arriving at airports), with DALs placed as another layer of assurance.

Grateful your advice of whether you wish this option to be progressed.

^{s22(1)(a)(ii)} - thanks for such prompt assistance - much appreciated.

Thanks, ^{s22(1)(a)(ii)}

Duty Superintendent ABOC

Border Patrol and Coordination Command

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All,

For info.

Following on from my previous email (email attached), the attached word doc and text below provides the information that NSW Health have sent to passengers from the Ruby Princess in relation to the COVID-19 issue.

Regards

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Subject: Ruby Princess onward travel

Hi

As discussed.

Please find attached letter provided to Ruby Princess close contacts.

We are aware, through Qantas, that 170 close contacts boarded a flight to the US last night. They have been advised on multiple occasions to remain in quarantine until midnight 2 April. Their travel, against public health advice, puts other passengers and the crew at risk of COVID-19.

The text in the Fact Sheet is:

Please note: If you are a returned traveller and have subsequently been identified as a close contact (e.g. from a cruise ship or flight) you are now considered a close contact

<<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/novel-coronavirus-close-contact.aspx>> . You cannot continue with onward flights, trains or buses. You can travel directly to your home or hotel by private car, taxi or ride-share (provided you are wearing a surgical mask and sit in the back seat) to begin your period of home isolation.

The Commonwealth will have legal powers which are relevant for airports.

Please follow-up with the NIR as this is also relevant to International Health Regulations.

Thanks

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Cleared thanks - though pls let Health know also.
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Kind regards

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Hi Tharanie,

For your approval. Please see the response we intend to provide s47F (ABC) following his enquiry on the Ruby Princess and the sharing of passenger manifests. The response has been approved by AC Rendina and Legal. DC Saunders is also comfortable with the lines.

The journo has provided an extension until 9am tomorrow but we are continuing to progress it tonight.

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Sent: Wednesday, 12 August 2020 8:31 PM
To: Media Operations
Cc: Kylie RENDINA; Tim FITZGERALD; ABF Media; s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Re: For urgent actioning: Response to ABC on Ruby Princess and the sharing of passenger manifests [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Categories: s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for calling. I have brought this to AC Rendina's attention. We are doing some more investigations and will attempt to have a response to you by 0800 tomorrow at the latest to give you time to clear through the the MO.

Regards

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From: "Media Operations" <media@homeaffairs.gov.au>
Date: Wednesday, 12 August 2020 at 8:03:24 pm
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Cc: "Kylie RENDINA" s22(1)(a)(ii) <@abf.gov.au>, "Tim FITZGERALD" s22(1)(a)(ii) <@abf.gov.au>, "ABF Media" <media@abf.gov.au>, s22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@abf.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au)>, s22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@abf.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au)>
Subject: For urgent actioning: Response to ABC on Ruby Princess and the sharing of passenger manifests [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good evening s22(1)(a)(ii)

Our AS, Jaycob McMahon, would like for us to try and expand on the proposed response in relation to latest media enquiry on the Ruby Princess. Namely: s47F

Can we please expand on what the "authority and capability" in the third dot point means. And can we please look at whether we worked with qantas and VA - if so, in what regard etc

The current response is:

- The Australian Border Force provides passenger information from relevant flights and crew information from relevant sea vessels to the Department of Health to enable contact tracing.
- The ABF does not disclose any sea vessel passenger manifests to airlines.
- ABF placed additional measures within its authority and capabilities to prevent boarding of Ruby Princess passengers.

Cheers

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Subject: Re: For noting - Response to ABC on Ruby Princess and the sharing of passenger manifests [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

UNOFFICIAL

Can we please expand on what the "authority and capability" in the third dot point means. And can we please look at whether we worked with qantas and VA - if so, in what regard etc

Kind regards,
Jaycob

Jaycob McMahon
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Executive Assistant: s22(1)(a)(ii)**UNOFFICIAL**

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Date: Wednesday, 12 August 2020 at 5:19:40 pm
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Subject: For noting - Response to ABC on Ruby Princess and the sharing of passenger manifests
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon,

For noting. Please see the response below we intend to provide s47F (ABC) on the Ruby Princess and the sharing of passenger manifests. The response has been approved by the ABF executive and Legal.

The journalist has provided an extension until 9am tomorrow.

- The Australian Border Force provides passenger information from relevant flights and crew information from relevant sea vessels to the Department of Health to enable contact tracing.
- The ABF does not disclose any sea vessel passenger manifests to airlines.
- ABF placed additional measures within its authority and capabilities to prevent boarding of Ruby Princess passengers.

Regards,

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To: Tharanie VITHANAGE
Cc: ABF Media; s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: For urgent actioning: Response to ABC on Ruby Princess and the sharing of passenger manifests [SEC=OFFICIAL: Sensitive]

Importance: High

Categories: s22(1)(a)(ii)

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Latest response from s22(1)(a)(ii)

Cheers

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Wednesday, 12 August 2020 9:40 PM
To: Tharanie VITHANAGE
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii) ABF Media; s22(1)(a)(ii)
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Importance: High

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Fyi

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Sent: Wednesday, 12 August 2020 9:34 PM
To: Media Operations <media@homeaffairs.gov.au>; s22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Tim FITZGERALD s22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; ABF Media <media@abf.gov.au>; s22(1)(a)(ii)
 <s22(1)(a)(ii) HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU>; s22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>
Subject: Re: For urgent actioning: Response to ABC on Ruby Princess and the sharing of passenger manifests [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Hi all

We have been unable to find comms with airlines outside a call I had with qantas. The request originally came from Cth health after they advised that they would not disclose the manifest for privacy reasons so they asked if we had a means to prevent boarding. If we discover additional engagements with customs group, we'll let you know.

TPs at this point:

The Australian Border Force provides passenger and crew information to the Department of Health to enable contact tracing.

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- The ABF does not disclose any sea vessel passenger manifests to airlines.

In the case of Ruby Princess, ABF placed passengers on a Document Alert to give effect to the request received by Dept of Health on 22 March to prevent boarding of ruby princess passengers on international flights. The decision to deny uplift is a matter for airlines once the alert triggers a communication with ABF whereby ABF gives advice or recommendation around uplift.

ABF had a conversation with Qantas following their request for manifest information from the dept of health (Cth). ABF advised that ruby princess passengers would be placed on alert as a mechanism to achieve the effect of airlines being able to deny boarding until end of the NSW defined quarantine period.

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Cc: "Tim FITZGERALD" s22(1)(a)(ii) <[\[REDACTED\]@abf.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@abf.gov.au)>, "ABF Media" <media@abf.gov.au>, s22(1)(a)(ii) <[\[REDACTED\]@HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU](mailto:[REDACTED]@HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU)>, s22(1)(a)(ii) <[\[REDACTED\]@abf.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@abf.gov.au)>
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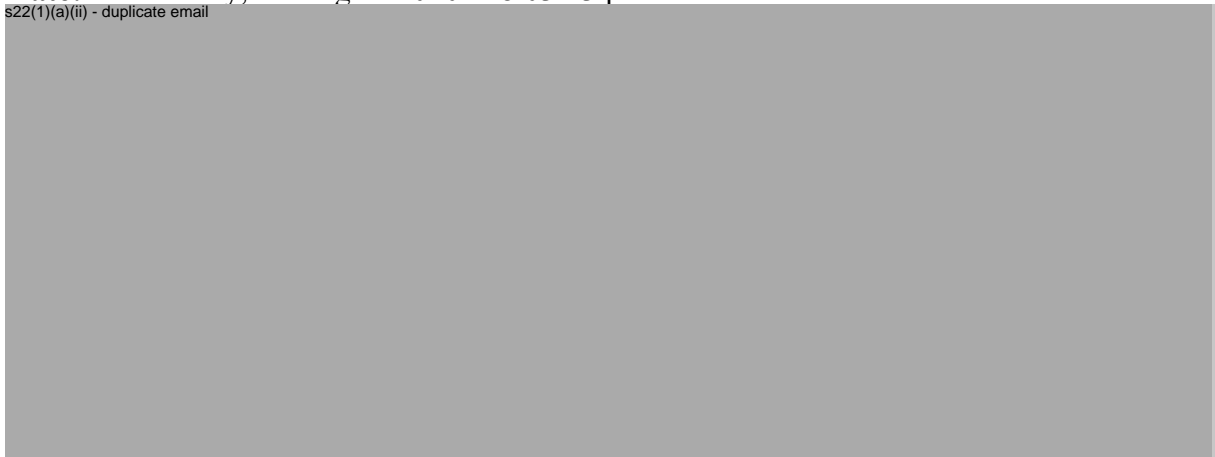
As per usual practice, we liaised with all airlines regarding the communications they may receive as a result of the new alerts (to check with BOC).

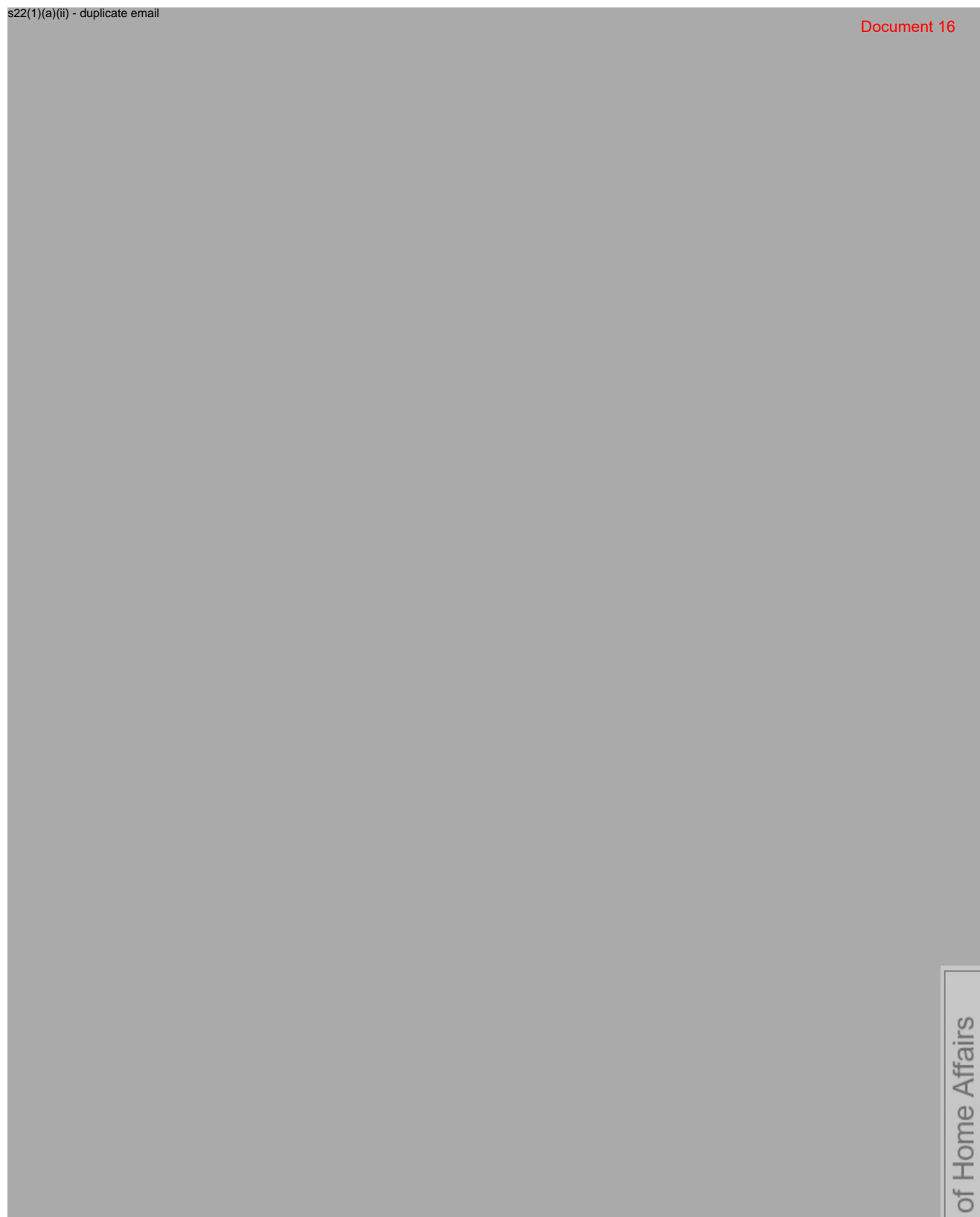
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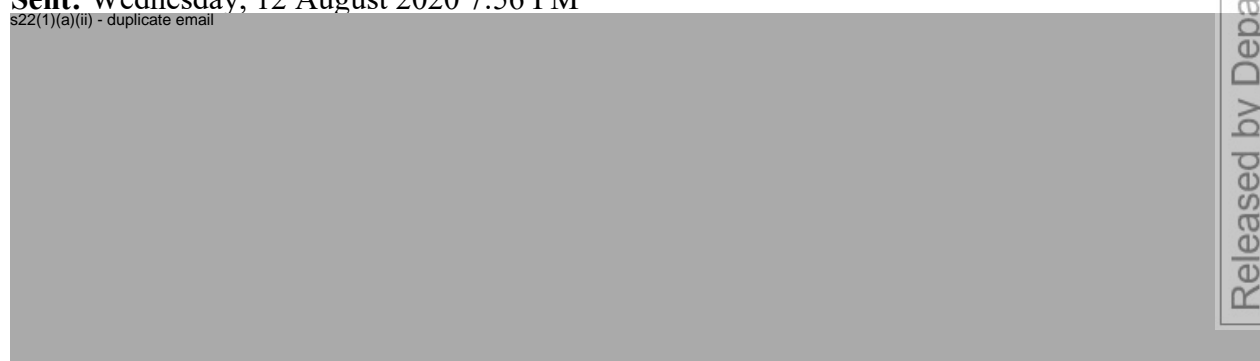




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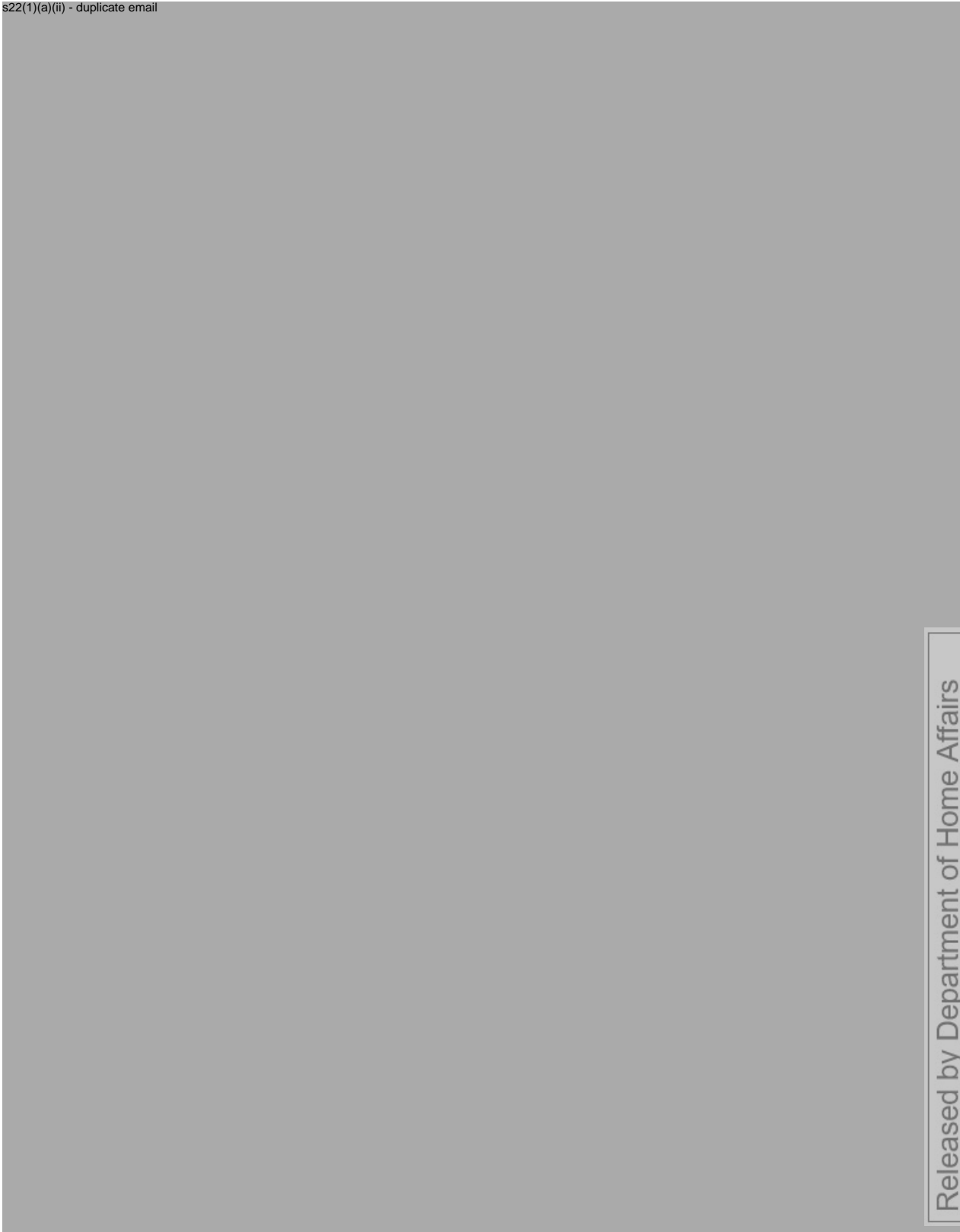
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From: Tharanie VITHANAGE
Sent: Thursday, 13 August 2020 7:55 AM
To: ABF Media
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: For your urgent clearance: Revised response for media enquiry on passenger manifests from Ruby Princess_ABC News [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Categories: s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Cleared thanks

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Kind regards

Commander Tharanie Vithanage
Chief of Staff to Commissioner Michael Outram APM
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Sent: Thursday, 13 August 2020 7:54 AM
To: Tharanie VITHANAGE s22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au
Cc: ABF Media <media@abf.gov.au>; s22(1)(a)(ii) @ABF.GOV.AU>; s22(1)(a)(ii) @HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU>; s22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au
Subject: For your urgent clearance: Revised response for media enquiry on passenger manifests from Ruby Princess_ABC News [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

OFFICIAL

Good morning Tharanie

Attached for your clearance is a revised response for a media enquiry about passenger manifests from the Ruby Princess. The revised response has been cleared by:

Kylie Rendina	AC Border Patrol and Coord Command	Thursday 13 August 2020
s22(1)(a)(ii)	Director, ABF Media	Thursday 13 August 2020

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The revised response is:

- The Australian Border Force provides passenger and crew information to the Department of Health to enable contact tracing.
- The ABF does not disclose any sea vessel passenger manifests to airlines.

There is additional background information in the attached template for the MO.

Cheers

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 13 August 2020 8:35 AM
To: ABF Media
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: For noting: s47F media enquiry on Ruby Princess [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Categories: s22(1)(a)(ii)

OFFICIAL

Good morning

AC Rendina has revised her points below based on Customs Group feedback, and discussions with DoH last night:

- The Australian Border Force provides passenger and crew information to the Department of Health to enable contact tracing.
- The ABF was not directly asked by Qantas and Virgin to provide manifests from the Ruby Princess. The request went to the Department of Health who subsequently asked for assistance from ABF in options to prevent boarding of Ruby Princess passengers.
- The ABF has not been asked to establish a standing procedure for sharing manifests to airlines from sea vessels.
- The ABF does not disclose any sea vessel passenger manifests to airlines.

AC Rendina's contact in the DoH are not in a position to clear until midday today so if you do have a media contact it is suggested that perhaps that would be faster.

Please call if you need anything further.

Regards

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Subject: RE: For noting: ^{§47F} media enquiry on Ruby Princess [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi – we haven't acknowledged my questions (attached), not even in background.

The journo also isn't asking about contact tracing. He's more concerned about onward travel.

The below doesn't actually address the question.

We need a strong response on this, noting the Walker inquiry report and senate select committee on Tuesday next week.

Can we please rework.

Kind regards
Jaycob

Jaycob McMahon
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Subject: For noting: s47F media enquiry on Ruby Princess [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

OFFICIAL

Good morning s22(1)(a)(ii)

For your noting is a revised response for s47F media enquiry about passenger manifests from the Ruby Princess. The attached template includes background information that could be released publically if required. The proposed response is:

- The Australian Border Force provides passenger and crew information to the Department of Health to enable contact tracing.
- The ABF does not disclose any sea vessel passenger manifests to airlines.

Cheers

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Sent: Thursday, 13 August 2020 8:10 AM
To: News <News@health.gov.au>
Cc: ABF Media <media@abf.gov.au>
Subject: For urgent review: s47F media enquiry on Ruby Princess [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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Good morning Health media team

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For awareness, we received the below media enquiry yesterday from ^{s47F} from ABC News about passenger manifests from the Ruby Princess. Attached is our proposed response as well as background information for our Minister's Office. Our MO may use some of the background information in the attached document as part of the final response due at **9am today** (we got an extension). Any issues with the proposed talking points and the background information in the attached document please advise urgently.

Cheers

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MEDIA ENQUIRY

Subject: Passenger manifests for Ruby Princess		
Deadline: urgent		
Journalist: s47F	Outlet: ABC News	
Phone:	Mobile:	Email: s47F@abc.net.au
Enquiry Received (Time & Date): 12 August 2020		
Media Officer: s22(1)(a)(ii)	Media Ph: 02 6264 2211	

QUESTION / ISSUE

I'm working on a story about the Ruby Princess.

I understand that Virgin Australia and Qantas both made representations to Border Force (and other agencies) seeking the manifest for the Ruby Princess, so they could prevent passengers from getting on their planes.

Both airlines were told the manifest could not be provided to them for privacy reasons (Qantas eventually got it from NSW Health on March 23).

Qantas was also told by Border Force that it could not stop passengers travelling, which tallies with what Assistant Commissioner Kylie Rendina told health authorities on March 22 in an email found in annexure 21 here:

<https://www.rubyprincessinquiry.nsw.gov.au/assets/scirp/files/Exhibit-58-Annexures-to-the-second-statement-of-Dr-Jeremy-McAnulty-13-26.pdf>

RESPONSE UNCLASSIFIED

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- The ABF does not disclose any sea vessel passenger manifests to airlines.
- [Passengers were placed on an alert system so that if a person attempted to board the airline would be notified that the person was a passenger on board the Ruby Princess and required to quarantine for 14 days.](#)

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BACKGROUND

ABF placed passengers on a Document Alert to give effect to the request received by Dept of Health on 22 March to prevent boarding of ruby princess passengers on international flights.

The decision to deny uplift is a matter for airlines once the alert triggers a communication with the ABF whereby

The Australian Border Force provides passenger and crew information to the Department of Health to enable contact tracing.

The ABF does not disclose any sea vessel passenger manifests to airlines.

In the case of Ruby Princess, ABF placed passengers on a Document Alert to give effect to the request received by Dept of Health on 22 March to prevent boarding of ruby princess passengers on international flights. The decision to deny uplift is a matter for airlines once the alert triggers a communication with ABF whereby ABF gives advice or recommendation around uplift.

The ABF had a conversation with Qantas following their request for manifest information from the Dept of Health (Cth). ABF advised that ruby princess passengers would be placed on alert as a mechanism to achieve the effect of airlines being able to deny boarding until end of the NSW defined quarantine period.

Background (not for public release)

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Sent: Thursday, 13 August 2020 9:04 AM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: ABF Media
Subject: RE: Fact check - background information [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Importance: High

Categories: s22(1)(a)(ii)

OFFICIAL

Hi: s22(1)(a)(ii)

Please see revised response from Legal below:

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Cheers

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Cc: ABF Media <media@abf.gov.au>
Subject: Fact check - background information [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

Could you please check the below background for me to confirm it is correct:

Q:

Can we please expand on what the “authority and capability” in the third dot point means

A:

- **ABF placed additional measures within its authority and capabilities to prevent boarding of Ruby Princess passengers.**

ABF placed passengers on a Document Alert to give effect to the request received by Department of Health (Cth) on 22 March to prevent boarding of ruby princess passengers on international flights.

The decision to deny uplift is a matter for airlines once the alert triggers a communication with the ABF whereby the ABF gives advice or recommendation around uplift.

Q:

And can we please look at whether we worked with Qantas and VA - if so, in what regard etc

The ABF had a conversation with Qantas who rang to raise their concerns following the request through NSW Health (to check).

We have been unable to find communications with airlines outside a call AC Border and Coord Command had with Qantas. The request originally came from the Department of Health (Cth) after they advised that they would not disclose the manifest for privacy reasons so Department of Health asked if we had a means to prevent boarding.

Cheers

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 13 August 2020 9:05 AM
To: ABF Media
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RESPONSE: Fact check - background information [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High
Categories: s22(1)(a)(ii)

OFFICIAL

Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

Apologies, I had to go to the Deputy Office.

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A:

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- The ABF has not been asked to establish a standing procedure for sharing manifests to airlines from sea vessels.
- The ABF does not disclose any sea vessel passenger manifests to airlines.

This should answer Jacob's queries but if not, please let me know.

Regards

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Sent: Thursday, 13 August 2020 9:29 AM
To: ABF Media; s22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Tharanie VITHANAGE; Sophie SHARPE; s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: For noting: s47F media enquiry on Ruby Princess [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Categories: s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Thanks for the update s22(1)(a)(ii)

Jaycob McMahon
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Executive Assistant: s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Thursday, 13 August 2020 9:01 AM
To: Jaycob MCMAHON s22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au; s22(1)(a)(ii)
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Cc: Tharanie VITHANAGE s22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; Sophie SHARPE s22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au;
 s22(1)(a)(ii) @HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU>
Subject: RE: For noting: s47F media enquiry on Ruby Princess [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good morning Jaycob

For awareness, the journalist has agreed (over the phone) to extend their deadline till midday today.

Cheers

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To: ABF Media <media@abf.gov.au>; media@newsroom.abf.gov.au
Subject: Ruby Princess

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 13 August 2020 9:38 AM
To: ABF Media
Cc: Kylie RENDINA; s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: UPDATED Latest template: Media enquiry -Passenger Manifests_ s47F ABC News [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Media enquiry -Passenger Manifests_ s47F ABC News.docx
Categories: s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

Apologies, we received some additional information and AC Rendina has updated the attached both in the TP's and also the background.

Regards

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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 Sent: Thursday, 13 August 2020 9:16 AM
 To: s22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>
 Cc: ABF Media <media@abf.gov.au>
 Subject: Latest template: Media enquiry -Passenger Manifests_ s47F ABC News [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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MEDIA ENQUIRY

Subject: Passenger manifests for Ruby Princess		
Deadline: asap		
Journalist: ^{s47F}	Outlet: ABC News	
Phone:	Mobile:	Email: ^{s47F} @abc.net.au
Enquiry Received (Time & Date): 12 August 2020		
Media Officer: ^{s22(1)(a)(ii)}	Media Ph: 02 6264 2211	

QUESTION / ISSUE

I'm working on a story about the Ruby Princess.

I understand that Virgin Australia and Qantas both made representations to Border Force (and other agencies) seeking the manifest for the Ruby Princess, so they could prevent passengers from getting on their planes.

Both airlines were told the manifest could not be provided to them for privacy reasons (Qantas eventually got it from NSW Health on March 23).

Qantas was also told by Border Force that it could not stop passengers travelling, which tallies with what Assistant Commissioner Kylie Rendina told health authorities on March 22 in an email found in annexure 21 here:

<https://www.rubyprincessinquiry.nsw.gov.au/assets/scirp/files/Exhibit-58-Annexures-to-the-second-statement-of-Dr-Jeremy-McAnulty-13-26.pdf>

RESPONSE **UNCLASSIFIED**

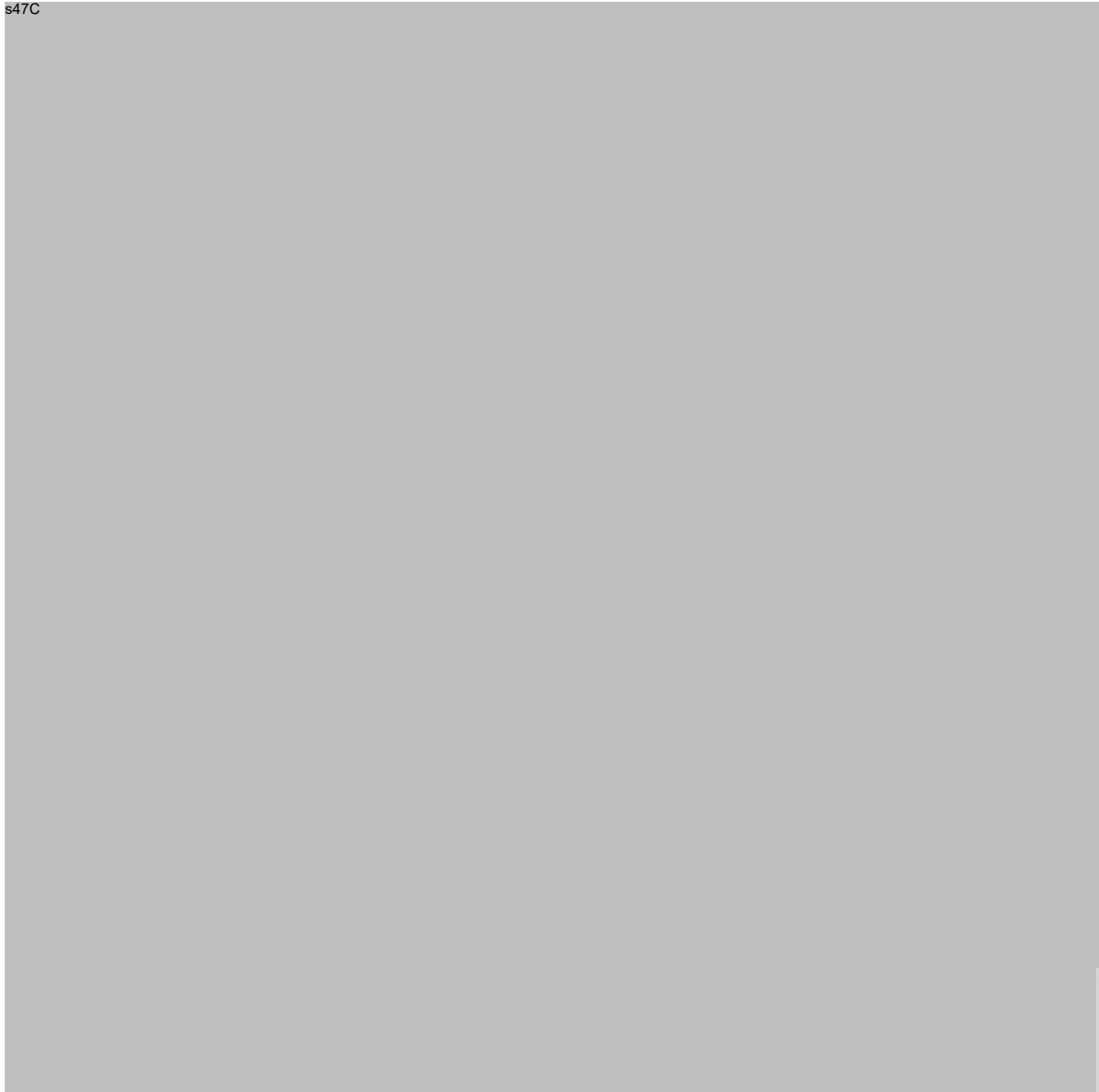
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Kylie Rendina	AC Border Patrol and Coord Command	Thursday 13 August 2020
s22(1)(a)(ii)	Director, ABF Media	
Jaycob McMahon	AS Communication and Media	
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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 13 August 2020 10:11 AM
To: Media Operations
Subject: RE: Media Pulse: Wednesday 12 August 2020 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Categories: s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi team

Would you be able to advise any further details of this request and which area of ABF is addressing?

- **ABF –** s47F **ABC 730:** Asked if ABF are in discussions with Qantas about protocol for sharing manifests upon request. **With MO for noting.**

Thanks, s22(1)(a)(ii)

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A/g Deputy Commander
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From: Media Operations <media@homeaffairs.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 12 August 2020 6:26 PM
To: Media Operations <media@homeaffairs.gov.au>
Subject: Media Pulse: Wednesday 12 August 2020 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good evening,

Please see below for today's Media Operations summary.

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Kind regards,

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Sent: Thursday, 13 August 2020 10:17 AM
To: Jaycob MCMAHON; s22(1)(a)(ii) Tharanie VITHANAGE
Cc: ABF Media; s22(1)(a)(ii) Steve WEBBER; Kylie RENDINA; s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: For your review and clearance: Revised s47F media enquiry on Ruby Princess, due asap [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Media enquiry -Passenger Manifests_ s47F ABC News_latest.docx
Importance: High

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Good morning Jaycob, s22(1)(a)(ii) and Tharanie

Please see attached and below a revised response for your review and clearance for s47F latest media enquiry regarding passenger manifests from the Ruby Princess. The revised response has been reviewed and cleared by:

- Kylie Rendina, AC Border Control and Coord Command
- Steve Webber, AS National Security and Law Enforcement Legal Branch.

The revised response is:

- The Australian Border Force (ABF) provides passenger and crew information to the Commonwealth Department of Health to enable contact tracing.
- On 21 March 2020, the ABF and Commonwealth Department of Health were asked by Qantas if we could provide manifests from the Ruby Princess. The Commonwealth Department of Health took the lead.
- On 22 March 2020, the Commonwealth Department of Health asked the ABF for options to prevent boarding of Ruby Princess passengers.
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- The ABF does not disclose any sea vessel passenger manifests to airlines.

The revised background information (not for public release) is:

Q:

Can we please expand on what the “authority and capability” means, ie ABF placed additional measures within its authority and capabilities to prevent boarding of Ruby Princess passengers.

A:

- The ABF placed passengers on a Document Alert list to give effect to the request received by Department of Health (Cth) on 22 March to prevent boarding of Ruby Princess passengers on international flights.
- The decision to deny uplift is a matter for airlines once the Document Alert triggers a communication with the ABF, whereby the ABF (Border Operations Centre) gives advice or recommendation around uplift. BOC would have given advice to the airlines that Ruby Princess passengers have been advised by the Department of Health (Cth) to be in 14 days self-isolation. The document alert is below:

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DAL listing is in response to Australian Government announcement regarding coronavirus enhanced border security measures to ensure health safety and wellbeing of the Australian community. This traveller was listed as being on board the Ruby Princess which has confirmed cases of COVID-19 and therefore they have been informed by Health they must complete a 14 day self-isolation period ending 03APR20 before departing Australia. This information is provided for the airline's information to enable them to decide whether to provide uplift to the traveller.

Q:

And can we please look at whether we worked with Qantas and Virgin Australia - if so, in what regard etc

A:

- On **21 March 2020, 1843 hrs** the Department of Health (Cth) told Qantas they were unable to share the manifest for privacy reasons. The Department of Health (Cth) indicated that everyone should be isolating and that states were contact tracing and ensuring isolation. The Department of Health (Cth) indicated that they would share any domestic flight details when/if available.
- The ABF had conversations with Qantas firstly to refer them to Department of Health (Cth), knowing that Health (Cth) had already made the decision (to not release the manifest). The ABF also advised airlines that we would put the Ruby Princess passengers on the Document Alert list consistent with standing practice and Qantas seemed satisfied with this measure (because it would prevent the Ruby Princess passengers from boarding international flights).
- We understand that NSW Health shared the Ruby Princess manifest information with airlines on 23 March 2020.

Grateful for your review and clearance asap.

Cheers

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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MEDIA ENQUIRY

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Deadline: asap		
Journalist: ^{s47F}	Outlet: ABC News	
Phone:	Mobile:	Email: ^{s47F} @abc.net.au
Enquiry Received (Time & Date): 12 August 2020		
Media Officer: ^{s22(1)(a)(ii)}	Media Ph: 02 6264 2211	

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RESPONSE **UNCLASSIFIED**

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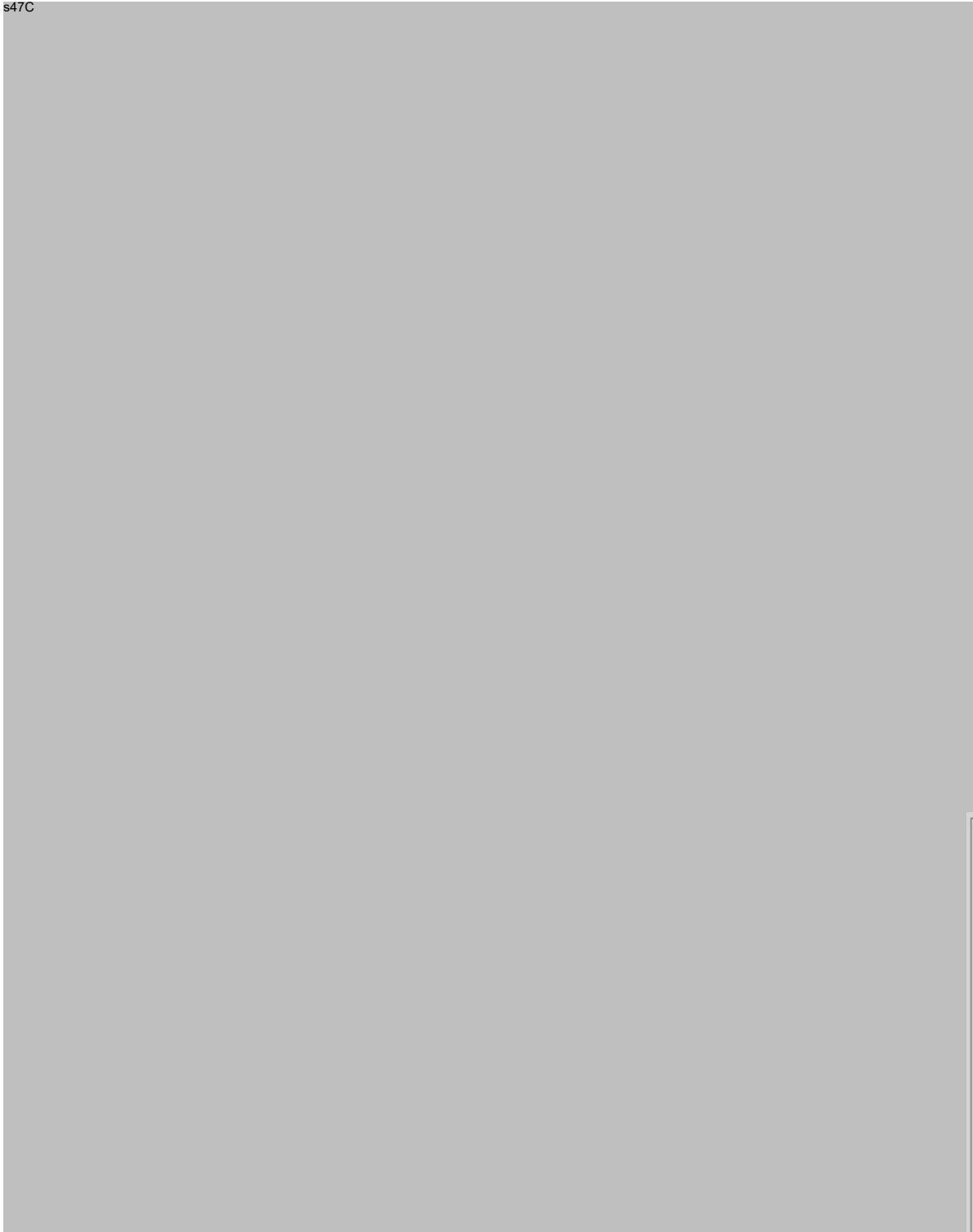
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- The ABF does not disclose any sea vessel passenger manifests to airlines.

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s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Thursday, 13 August 2020 10:48 AM
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Subject: RE: For your review and clearance: Revised s47F media enquiry on Ruby Princess, due asap [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)


Thanks for sending through this further info.
 I've had a quick check of my Enterprise Vault and can see no further or contrary records.

Cheers, s22(1)(a)(ii)

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Fyi

^{s22(1)(a)(ii)} 

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Importance: High

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Subject: Ruby Princess

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From: SHR Publicaf <publicaf@qantas.com.au>
Sent: Thursday, 13 August 2020 11:21 AM
To: ABF Media; SHR Publicaf
Subject: RE: For awareness: proposed response to media enquiry from s47F ABC
 News regarding Ruby Princess passengers [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Categories: s22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Thursday, 13 August 2020 11:18 AM
To: SHR Publicaf <publicaf@qantas.com.au>
Cc: ABF Media <media@abf.gov.au>
Subject: RE: For awareness: proposed response to media enquiry from s47F ABC News regarding Ruby Princess passengers [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

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Hi s47F

Apologies, we have received slight amendments from the Commonwealth Department of Health below. Revised response for your information is:

s. 47C(1)

Cheers

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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 ABF Media and Communication
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Thanks ^{s47F} – we have an extension with the journalist until **midday today**. The response needs to go to our Minister's Office for consideration and clearance at **1130hrs today**.

Cheers

^{s22(1)(a)(ii)}

Public Affairs Officer
 ABF Media and Communication
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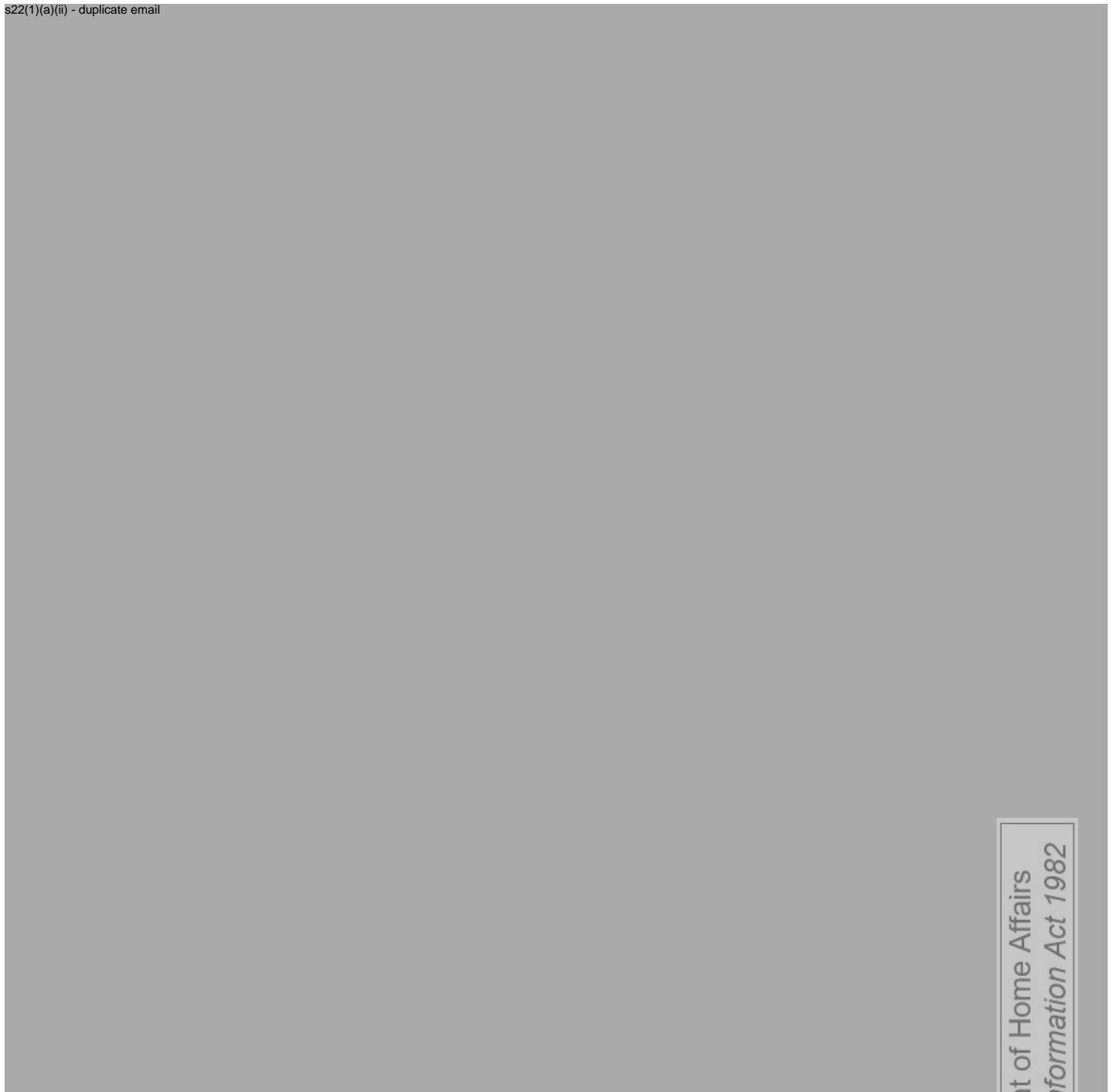
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Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii) Steve WEBBER; Kylie RENDINA; s22(1)(a)(ii)
 Sophie SHARPE; s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Dept of Health changes to proposed response: s47F media enquiry on Ruby Princess, due asap [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Categories: s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

No issues from AC Rendina's office.

Kind Regards,

s22(1)(a)(ii)

Executive Assistant to Assistant Commissioner Kylie Rendina
 Border Patrol and Coordination Command
 Australian Border Force

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Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii) @HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU; Steve WEBBER s22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au; Kylie RENDINA s22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s22(1)(a)(ii) @ABF.GOV.AU; s22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; Sophie SHARPE s22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au; s22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; Kylie RENDINA s22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au

Subject: Dept of Health changes to proposed response: s47F media enquiry on Ruby Princess, due asap [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

OFFICIAL

Good morning Tharanie, Jaycob and s22(1)(a)(ii)

The Department of Health would like to make a small amendment to the proposed response below. Grateful if you can please let me know if you have any issues with it.

s. 47C(1)

Cheers

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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s22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au>
Subject: RE: For your review and clearance: Revised s47F media enquiry on Ruby Princess, due asap
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Cleared thanks

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Kind regards

Commander Tharanie Vithanage
Chief of Staff to Commissioner Michael Outram APM
Australian Border Force
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Subject: RE: For your review and clearance: Revised Andrew Probyn media enquiry on Ruby Princess, due asap [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks you. I am comfortable with the below response.

Jaycob McMahon
Assistant Secretary
Media and Communication Branch
Executive Division
Department of Home Affairs
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Executive Assistant: s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sophie SHARPE; s22(1)(a)(ii) Kylie RENDINA
Subject: RE: Dept of Health changes to proposed response: s47F media enquiry on Ruby Princess, due asap [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Categories: s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Ok.

Jaycob McMahan
Assistant Secretary
Media and Communication Branch
Executive Division
Department of Home Affairs
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Subject: RE: Dept of Health changes to proposed response: s47F media enquiry on
 Ruby Princess, due asap [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Categories: s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Ack.

Kind regards

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 Australian Border Force
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Subject: RE: Dept of Health changes to proposed response: s47F media enquiry on Ruby Princess, due asap
 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Ok.

Jaycob McMahon
 Assistant Secretary

Media and Communication Branch

Executive Division

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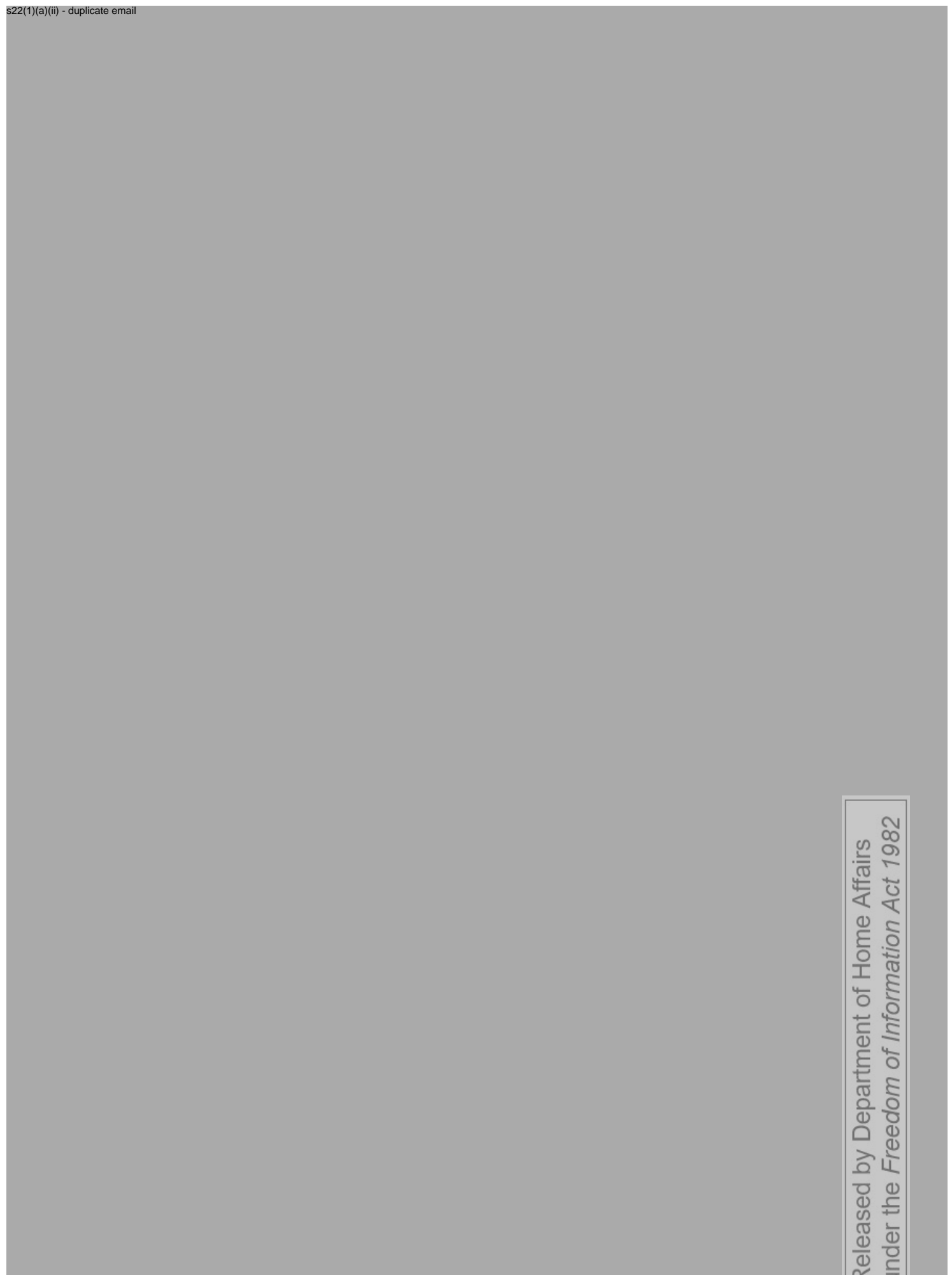
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To: ABF Media
Subject: RE: For awareness: proposed response to media enquiry from [REDACTED] ABC
 News regarding Ruby Princess passengers [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Categories: [REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED] that's fine with us. We were asked if we had requested the manifest and we said that we had.

Thanks

s47F

s47F

Senior Manager, Corporate Communication
 Qantas Airways Limited

10 Bourke Road, Mascot NSW 2020

M. [REDACTED]

E. [REDACTED]

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Subject: For awareness: Response from Qantas - media enquiry from s47F ABC News regarding Ruby Princess passengers [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good morning Tharanie, Jaycob, AC Rendina and s22(1)(a)(ii)

For awareness, the response from Qantas is below. The journo has reached out to them separately.

Cheers

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Good morning s22(1)(a)(ii)

For awareness, the response from Qantas is below. The journo has reached out to them separately.

Cheers

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Subject: RE: For noting: s47F [REDACTED] media enquiry on Ruby Princess [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Regarding the last point: The ABF does not disclose any sea vessel passenger manifests to airlines.

Can we insert that we don't have authority, under legislation (whatever the Act might be) to provide passenger manifests to airlines?

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VITHANAGE s22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@abf.gov.au>; s22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted] <[redacted]@homeaffairs.gov.au>; s22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted] <[redacted]@homeaffairs.gov.au>

Subject: For noting: s47F [redacted] media enquiry on Ruby Princess [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

OFFICIAL

Good morning s22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]

For your noting is a revised response for s47F [redacted] media enquiry about the provision of passenger manifests from the Ruby Princess. The proposed response now includes updated background information pertaining to the chronology of the requests to the ABF. The proposed response has been reviewed by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Qantas, and their changes have been incorporated. For your awareness, I have arranged an extension of the deadline with the journo (over the phone) until midday today.

The proposed response is:

- The Australian Border Force (ABF) provides passenger and crew information to the Commonwealth Department of Health to enable contact tracing.
- On 21 March 2020, the ABF and Commonwealth Department of Health were asked by Qantas if we could provide manifests from the Ruby Princess.
- On 22 March 2020, the Commonwealth Department of Health asked the ABF for options to prevent boarding of Ruby Princess passengers.
- Ruby Princess passengers were then immediately placed on an alert system so that if a person attempted to board an outwards international flight the airline would be notified that the person was a passenger on board the Ruby Princess and required to quarantine for 14 days.
- The ABF has not been asked to establish a standing procedure for sharing manifests to airlines from sea vessels.
- The ABF does not disclose any sea vessel passenger manifests to airlines.

Cheers

s22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]
Public Affairs Officer
ABF Media and Communication
Media and Communication Branch
Executive Division
Department of Home Affairs
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Media line: 02 6264 2211
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Subject: Ruby Princess

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Sent: Thursday, 13 August 2020 12:00 PM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii); Jaycob MCMAHON; s22(1)(a)(ii) ABF Media;
Tharani VITHANAGE
Subject: RE: For noting: s47F media enquiry on Ruby Princess [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good morning s22(1)(a)(ii)

I have spoken to Legal about this matter. Their response is:

s42

Cheers

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Re: For noting: s47F media enquiry on Ruby Princess [SEC=OFFICIAL, ACCESS=Legal-Privilege]
Attachments: FW: HPRM: ABF can provide Ruby Princess manifest to airlines FW: Ruby Princess onward travel [SEC=OFFICIAL: Sensitive]
Importance: High

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Good morning Jaycob, Tharanie and s22(1)(a)(ii)

For awareness, the full response from Legal in regards to s22(1)(a)(ii) question, including the original email advice from Legal, is attached s42.

Cheers

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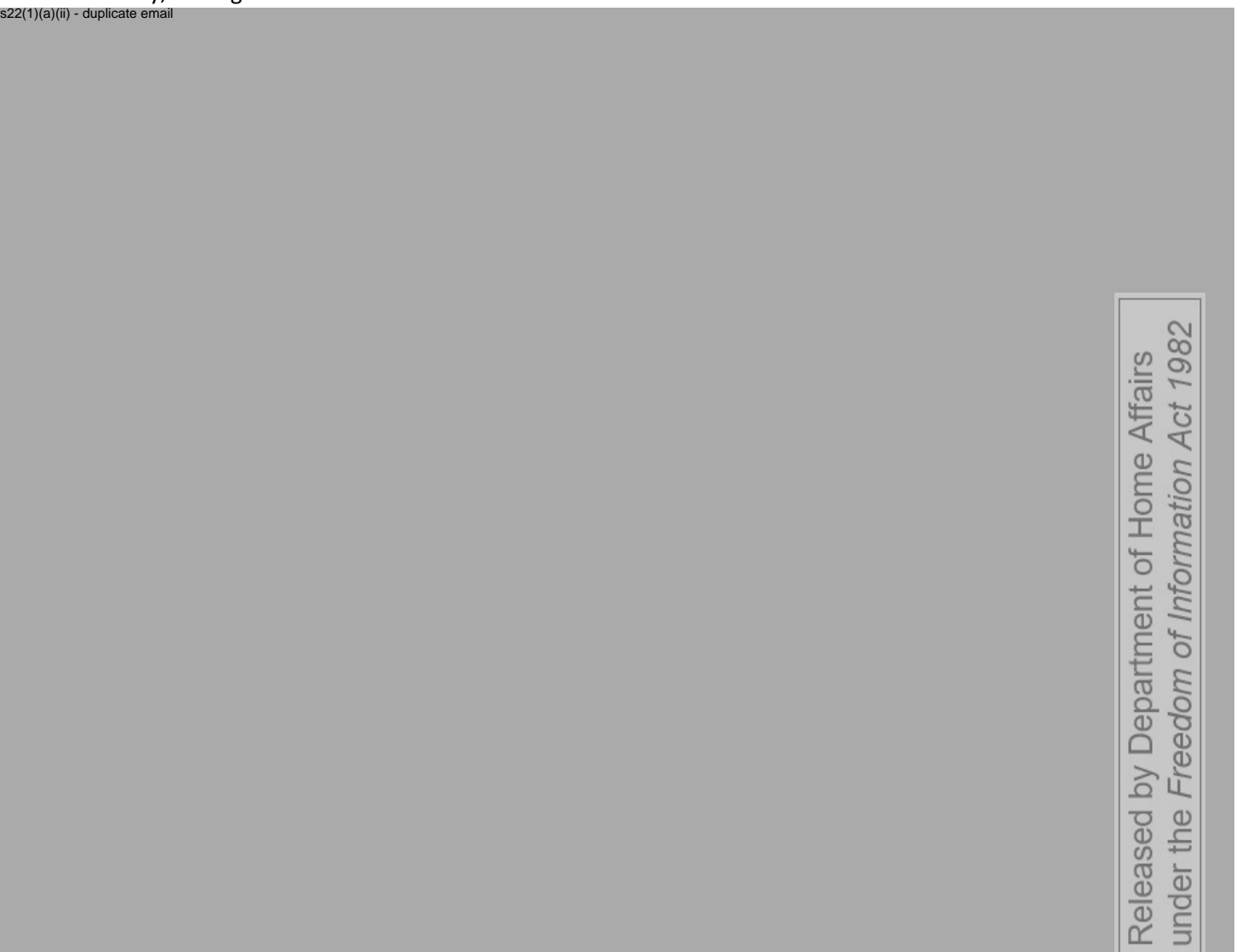
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Subject: RE: For noting: s47F media enquiry on Ruby Princess [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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If there is no legal authority, then why don't we? That will be his question? Is this some arbitrary process we've just put in place?

Tharanie – is this where we can use the privacy considerations you were discussing with me?

The response should go to two main points:

- We can't share manifest because x, y, z (whatever the reason is, based on leg/authority)
- QANTAS asked, but because we can't, we put a work around in place (DAL) to mitigate the risk

Kind regards,
 Jaycob

Jaycob McMahon
 Assistant Secretary
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Sent: Thursday, 13 August 2020 12:48 PM
To: Jaycob MCMAHON; ABF Media; Tharanie VITHANAGE
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii) Sophie SHARPE;
s22(1)(a)(ii) Steve WEBBER
Subject: RE: For noting: s47F media enquiry on Ruby Princess [SEC=OFFICIAL, ACCESS=Legal-Privilege]

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Happy with those, thanks Jaycob (and all)

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Think the response can now be the following:

- To assist passenger airlines (QANTAS), the ABF placed Ruby Princess passengers on nan alert system so that if a person attempted to board an outwards international flight the airline would be notified that the person was a passenger on board the Ruby Princess and required to quarantine for 14 days.
- ABF has not been asked to establish a standing procedure for sharing manifests to airlines from sea vessels.

Is that accurate?

Then that coupled with the background information that I have just discussed with Kylie and Tharanie should complete this enquiry.

Grateful views.

Kind regards,
Jaycob

Jaycob McMahon
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Hi Jaycob,

My suggestion would be to remove the last line of the response as it doesn't address the question asked by the journalist.

- The Australian Border Force (ABF) provides passenger and crew information to the Commonwealth Department of Health to enable contact tracing.
- On 21 March 2020, the ABF and Commonwealth Department of Health were asked by Qantas if we could provide manifests from the Ruby Princess.
- On 22 March 2020, the Commonwealth Department of Health asked the ABF for options to prevent boarding of Ruby Princess passengers.
- Ruby Princess passengers were then immediately placed on an alert system so that if a person attempted to board an outwards international flight the airline would be notified that the person was a passenger on board the Ruby Princess and required to quarantine for 14 days.
- The ABF has not been asked to establish a standing procedure for sharing manifests to airlines from sea vessels.
- ~~The ABF does not disclose any sea vessel passenger manifests to airlines.~~

Regards,

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: RE: For noting: s47F media enquiry on Ruby Princess [SEC=OFFICIAL, ACCESS=Legal-Privilege]

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Thanks – so that I am completely clear – s47C

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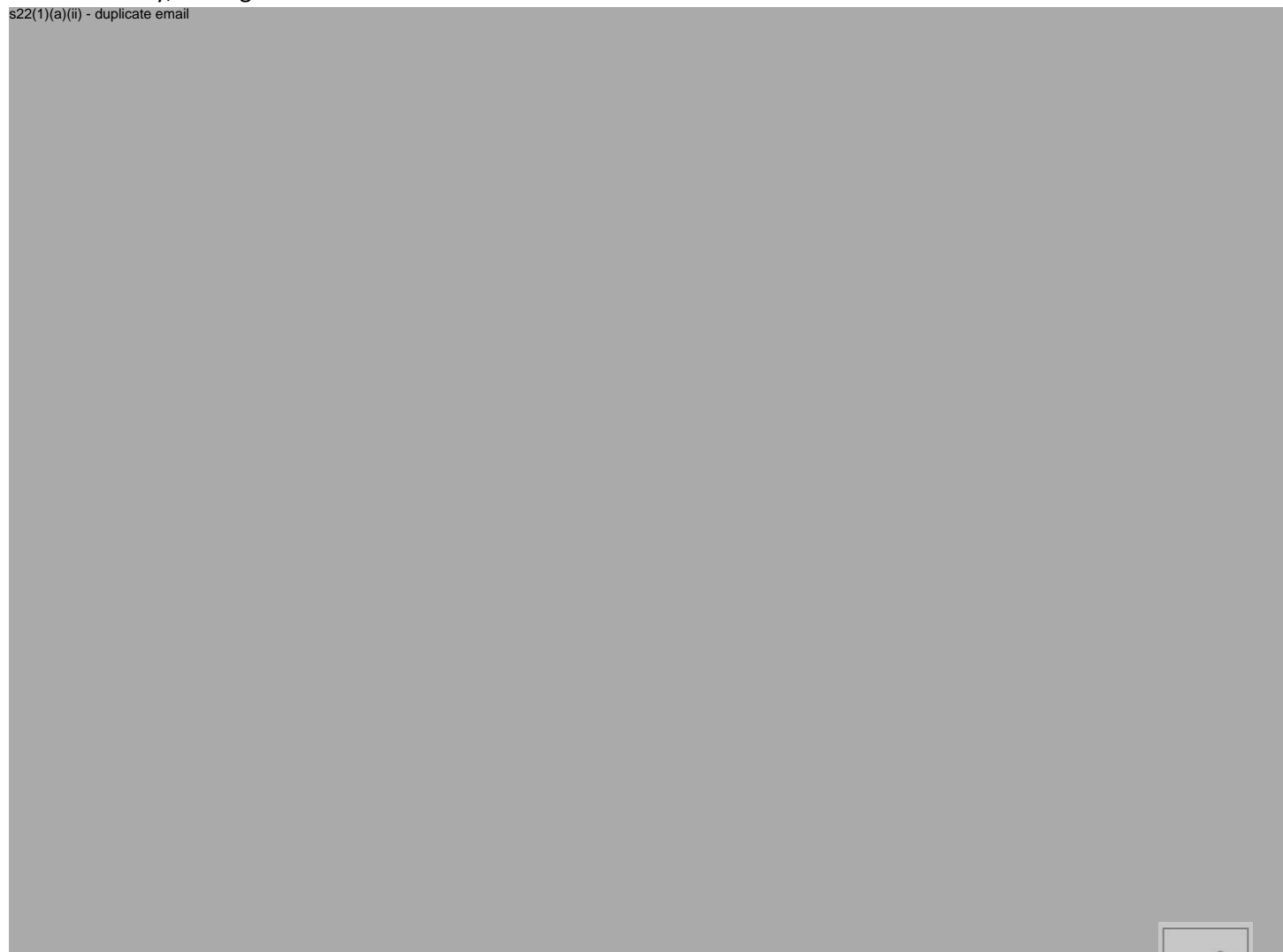
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Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii) Sophie SHARPE
Subject: RE: For noting: s47F media enquiry on Ruby Princess [SEC=OFFICIAL, ACCESS=Legal-Privilege]

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All below cleared from my end.

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Kind regards

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Added a key word, sorry

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Hi Jaycob

For background, and not further release please (as discussed):

I am very aware of the advice on took all the advice into consideration in my decision. Sharing the personal information of 2647 passengers, many of whom would have travelled (given it was 72 hours after disembarkation) would have been disproportionate to the requirement and contrary to the agreed actions communicated to Qantas by Department of Health (Commonwealth).

- Dept of Health (Cth, not NSW) had already informed Qantas that they would not share relevant information due to privacy reasons
- Dept of Health indicated they would share with airlines personal information as necessary as they undertook their contact tracing (ie minimising the release of personal information to be as required vs sharing information of all persons).
- Qantas advised that they would upload these names in their systems.
- I opted to use alternative means to effect the request to prevent boarding which was placing them on alert. This meant that personal identifiers were limited to our systems (vs airline systems without knowing how they were used, destroyed etc) and to effect the right action of preventing boarding for only those who breached the isolation orders (vs the release of many of whom complied).

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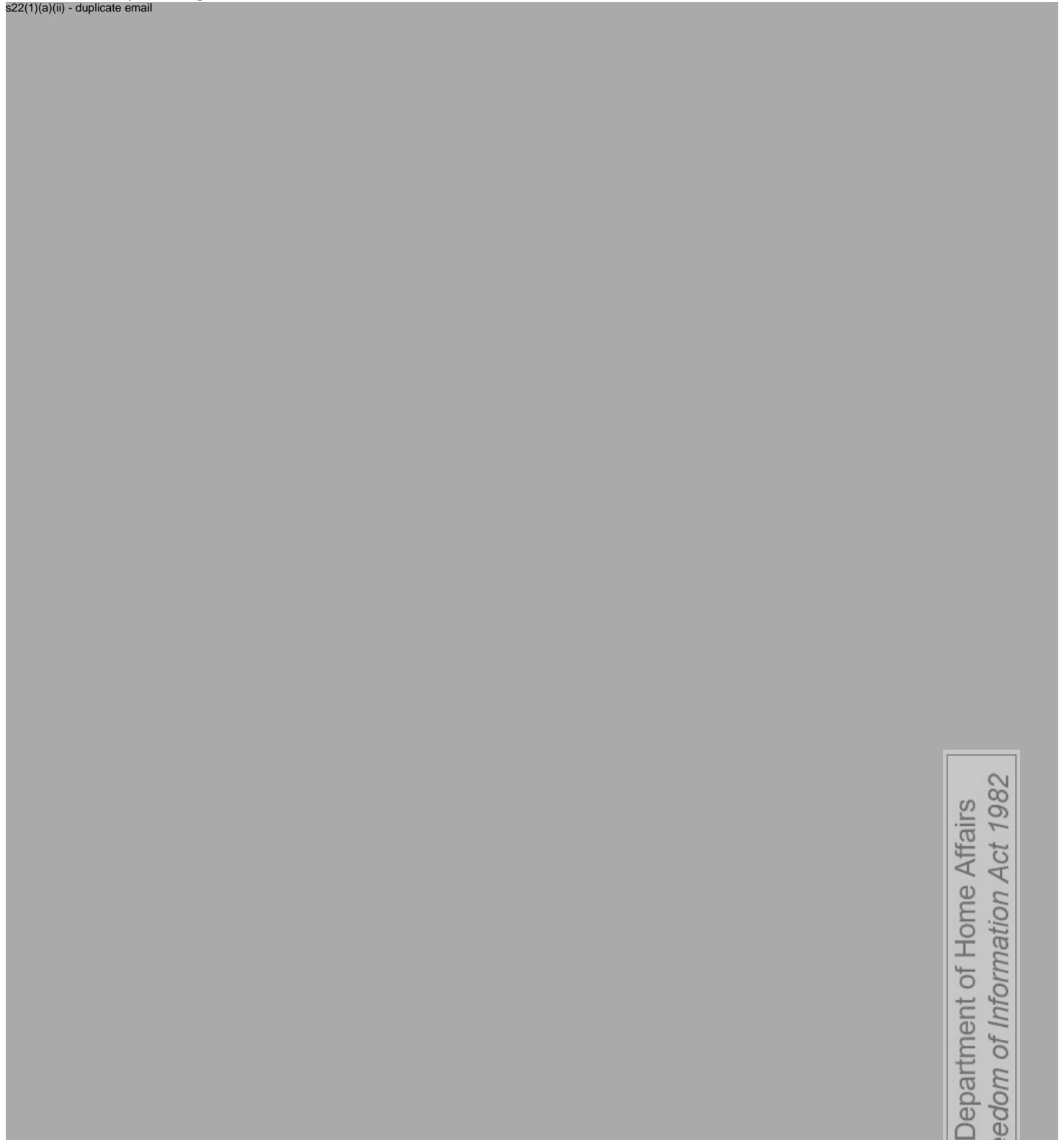
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Good afternoon s22(1)(a)(ii)

For your noting is a revised response for s47F media enquiry on the Ruby Princess passenger manifests. This includes updated background information. The revised response for noting is:

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- To assist passenger airlines (QANTAS), the ABF placed Ruby Princess passengers on an alert system so that if a person attempted to board an outwards international flight the airline would be notified that the person was a passenger on board the Ruby Princess and required to quarantine for 14 days.
- The ABF has not been asked to establish a standing procedure for sharing manifests to airlines from sea vessels.

Cheers

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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To: SHR Publicaf
Cc: ABF Media
Subject: RE: For awareness: proposed response to media enquiry from s47F ABC
 News regarding Ruby Princess passengers [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s47F

For your information, we have amended the response and we will be going back shortly with:

- To assist passenger airlines (QANTAS), the ABF placed Ruby Princess passengers on nan alert system so that if a person attempted to board an outwards international flight the airline would be notified that the person was a passenger on board the Ruby Princess and required to quarantine for 14 days.
- ABF has not been asked to establish a standing procedure for sharing manifests to airlines from sea vessels.

Regards

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Thursday, 13 August 2020 11:03 AM
To: ABF Media <media@abf.gov.au>; SHR Publicaf <publicaf@qantas.com.au>
Subject: RE: For awareness: proposed response to media enquiry from s47F ABC News regarding Ruby Princess passengers [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s22(1)(a)(ii) thanks for sending through. We might need a bit longer than 11.30 given its 11am now. We'll come back ASAP.

Thanks

Stephen

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To: SHR Publicaf <publicaf@qantas.com.au>

Cc: ABF Media <media@abf.gov.au>

Subject: For awareness: proposed response to media enquiry from ^{s47F} ABC News regarding Ruby Princess passengers [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Importance: High

OFFICIAL

Good morning Qantas media team

For awareness, we have received the below media enquiry from ^{s47F} at ABC News asking for information about the provision of passenger manifests from the Ruby Princess to airlines. Our proposed response is below. Grateful if you can please advise by no later than **1130hrs today** if there any issues with this response.

- The Australian Border Force (ABF) provides passenger and crew information to the Commonwealth Department of Health to enable contact tracing.
- On 21 March 2020, the ABF and Commonwealth Department of Health were asked by Qantas if we could provide manifests from the Ruby Princess. The Commonwealth Department of Health took the lead.
- On 22 March 2020, the Commonwealth Department of Health asked the ABF for options to prevent boarding of Ruby Princess passengers.
- Ruby Princess passengers were then immediately placed on an alert system so that if a person attempted to board an outwards international flight the airline would be notified that the person was a passenger on board the Ruby Princess and required to quarantine for 14 days.
- The ABF has not been asked to establish a standing procedure for sharing manifests to airlines from sea vessels.
- The ABF does not disclose any sea vessel passenger manifests to airlines.

Cheers

^{s22(1)(a)(ii)}

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Department of Home Affairs

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Media line: 02 6264 2211

E: ^{s22(1)(a)(ii)} @homeaffairs.gov.au

From: s47F <s47F@abc.net.au>

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Sent: Wednesday, 12 August 2020 2:05 PM

To: ABF Media <media@abf.gov.au>; media@newsroom.abf.gov.au

Subject: Ruby Princess

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Sent: Thursday, 13 August 2020 1:35 PM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: ABF Media
Subject: FW: For noting: s47F media enquiry on Ruby Princess [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

As discussed there were a few email trails flying about, essentially we are just confirming if T is happy with the below two lines which have been cleared by the MO, Jaycob and Kylie.

Regards

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: Steve WEBBER
Sent: Thursday, 13 August 2020 1:50 PM
To: ABF Media
Subject: RE: For noting: s47F media enquiry on Ruby Princess [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Noted, thanks s22(1)(a)(ii)
Steve

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From: ABF Media
Sent: Thursday, 13 August 2020 1:53 PM
To: s47F
Cc: ABF Media
Subject: RE: Ruby Princess [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s47F

Please find below the ABF response to your enquiry. The comments should be attributed to an ABF spokesperson.

- To assist passenger airlines (QANTAS), the ABF placed Ruby Princess passengers on an alert system so that if a person attempted to board an outwards international flight the airline would be notified that the person was a passenger on board the Ruby Princess and required to quarantine for 14 days.
- The ABF has not been asked to establish a standing procedure for sharing manifests to airlines from sea vessels.

Kind regards,

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: News <News@health.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 13 August 2020 2:16 PM
To: ABF Media
Cc: News
Subject: RE: For urgent review: s47F media enquiry on Ruby Princess [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks s22(1)(a)(ii) – we are okay with this response.

I'm sure you've picked up on the 'nan' below.

Thanks

s22(1)(a)(ii)

Media Unit

Department of Health

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From: News <News@health.gov.au>

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From: ABF Media <media@abf.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 13 August 2020 10:54 AM

To: News <News@health.gov.au>

Cc: ABF Media <media@abf.gov.au>

Subject: RE: For urgent review: ^{s47F} media enquiry on Ruby Princess [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Importance: High

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From: ABF Media
Sent: Friday, 14 August 2020 8:27 AM
To: Kylie RENDINA; Steve WEBBER
Cc: Jaycob MCMAHON; Tharanie VITHANAGE; ABF Media; s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FOR ACTION: Statement for s47F story [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: STATEMENT s47F 14 August 2020.docx
Importance: High
Categories: s47F

OFFICIAL

Good morning All

Please see attached a first draft of the statement refuting and responding to s47F article this morning
<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-08-14/border-force-ruby-princess-qantas-virgin-manifest-coronavirus/12550558>

I've highlighted areas that I've made and assumption/that needs input by you.

Appreciate your immediate attention – feel free to give me a ring if needed.

Regards

s22(1)(a)(ii)

A/g Director

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Subject	Statement to refute ^{s47F} [REDACTED] story on 14 August
Date	14 August 2020
Type	Agency
Deadline	N/A
Media Officer: ^{s22(1)(a)(ii)} [REDACTED]	Media Ph: 02 6264 2211

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-08-14/border-force-ruby-princess-qantas-virgin-manifest-coronavirus/12550558>

STATEMENT UNCLASSIFIED

Accusations made by ^{s47F} [REDACTED] ABC story today that the Australian Border Force (ABF) is responsible for increased transmission of COVID-19 is insulting and inaccurate. Continued criticism of how the ABF handled the Ruby Process is again unhelpful and distracting as agencies work together to combat the COVID-19 pandemic in Australia.

We acknowledge the devastating effect of COVID-19 resulting from the Ruby Princess and tragically taking the lives of many innocent people, and we extend our sincere condolences to these families.

However the fact remains that the ABF has legislative responsibilities for the Customs and Migration Act only, to ensure that no one enters Australia with contraband and all passengers and crew are either Australian citizens or have an appropriate visa, and these functions were performed on the Ruby Princess.

The ABF provided all passenger and crew information to the Commonwealth Department of Health and NSW Health to enable contact tracing on the xx of March, as soon as the ship had docked/before the ship had docked. By providing this information, the ABF understood it will be used to assist in any emergency human biosecurity requirements as is the responsibility of these Health Departments.

Carnival Australia also held all passenger and crew information as the owner of the ship.

On 22 March 2020, the Commonwealth Department of Health then asked the ABF for options to prevent boarding of Ruby Princess passengers on onwards flights. Ruby Princess passengers were then immediately placed on an alert system so that if a person attempted to board an outwards international flight the airline would be notified that the person was a passenger on board the Ruby Princess and required to quarantine for 14 days.

The "bespoke arrangements" provided to the ABF by the Prime Minister as outlined in the article, refers to xxxx and only expands on powers outlined in the Customs and Migration Act.

The ABF has not been asked to establish a standing procedure for sharing manifests to airlines from sea vessels, however will make arranges to help facilitate any discussions should a request be made.

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Sent: Friday, 14 August 2020 8:37 AM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii); Steve WEBBER; Kylie RENDINA
Cc: ABF Media; Jaycob MCMAHON
Subject: Fwd: For noting: s47F media enquiry on Ruby Princess [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Kind regards

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Chief of Staff to Commissioner Michael Outram APM
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Subject: Re: For noting: s47F media enquiry on Ruby Princess [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Thanks s22(1)(a)(ii)

Appreciate the quick turnaround. Don't disagree with your conclusion and recognize a response has been provided, but in light of the likely running of this on 7.30 Report on Monday I would be keen to explore options to get our position on the record - in advance of the COVID hearing.

Please call when you get a chance.

Many thanks

Justine

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Subject: Re: For noting: s47F media enquiry on Ruby Princess [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi Justine,

If you are wishing to get ahead of this, utilising s47F to do so I don't think will achieve your desired outcome. His mind and reporting is already made up - I think he has well and truly demonstrated that in his reporting and demeanor to date.

We could use another avenue if you wish; a more supportive journalist, but thinking that he will incorporate all of the below into his report to make it balanced (and true from our perspective) I think will only fail.

Cheers,

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: "Justine SAUNDERS" s22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 6:32:13 PM

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Subject: FW: For noting: s47F media enquiry on Ruby Princess [DLM=Sensitive:Legal] [SEC=OFFICIAL: Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

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As discussed I would prefer we provide further context in our media response to Probyn with a view to getting ahead of this, rather than having to respond after the fact at next week's COVID hearing. I don't know when the on-line article will run, but I understand this will run on 7.30 Monday night, in advance of the hearing on Tuesday.

- The Australian Border Force (ABF) provides passenger and crew information to the Commonwealth Department of Health to enable contact tracing.
- On 21 March 2020, the ABF and other Commonwealth agencies were asked by Qantas if we could provide manifests from the Ruby Princess.
- At this time the ABF was aware that this request had been made to another Commonwealth agency and declined.
- ABF understands this request was declined due to:
 - Privacy reasons; and
 - States and Territories had this information for contact tracing and would provide this information to airlines as necessary

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- To assist in this response, on the 22nd of March, the ABF placed all Ruby Princess passengers and crew on an alert system so that if a person attempted to board an outwards international flight the airline would be notified. The notification provide stated:
 - DAL listing is in response to Australian Government announcement regarding coronavirus enhanced border security measures to ensure health safety and wellbeing of the Australian community. This traveller was listed as being on board the Ruby Princess which has confirmed cases of COVID-19 and therefore they have been informed by Health they must complete a 14 day self-isolation period ending 03APR20 before departing Australia. This information is provided for the airline's information to enable them to decide whether to provide uplift to the traveller.

In response to "is the ABF in discussion with airlines and/or the airline industry about a protocol for sharing manifests upon request"

- The ABF has not been asked by airlines or the airline industry to establish a standing procedure for sharing manifests to airlines from sea vessels.

Many thanks
Justine

Justine Saunders APM
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From: ABF Media
Sent: Friday, 14 August 2020 10:57 AM
To: Tharanie VITHANAGE
Cc: ABF Media; Jaycob MCMAHON
Subject: Commentary following ^{s47F} statement [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Simon Birmingham.pdf; Probyn ABC Transcript.docx; Digital Media Analysis - KK Ruby Princess - Friday 14 August 2020.pdf; 200814 Transcript Minister Littleproud IV ABC RN.pdf

OFFICIAL

Hi Tharanie

Please see attached some commentary today regarding the RP for your awareness. Further to Dutton's Today show transcript please see attached:

- Comments made by Simon Birmingham in an interview with ABC News breakfast.
- Transcript of ^{s47F} interview this morning on ABC News Breakfast.
- Kennelly's tweets today relating to the RP
- (Not directly related to ^{s47F} story) Minister Littleproud's interview this morning on ABC RN, discussing the Agriculture officer being blocked from appearing at the Inquiry and Agriculture's responsibilities surrounding the RP.

Legal has made changes to the statement I drafted this morning and Kylie is amending as we speak.

Regards

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Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment

Deputy Leader of the Government in the

Senate Senator for South Australia

TRANSCRIPT

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Interview on ABC News, Breakfast, with Michael Rowland.

Topics: *Ruby Princess* inquiry, COVID-19, Tourism, JobKeeper

14/08

07:03AM

Michael Rowland: Let's bring in the Trade and Tourism Minister, Simon Birmingham, now from Adelaide. Good morning to you, Minister. In fact, we don't have Simon Birmingham, he'll be joining us very shortly to talk about the huge and pressing challenges facing Australia's tourism sector; close to \$12 billion lost just in the months of April and May alone and the fear is that this is not going to improve anytime soon. Minister, good morning to you.

Simon Birmingham: Good morning, Michael. Good to be with you.

Michael Rowland: I want to talk about tourism in a minute, but to ask you first about *Ruby Princess*. Andrew Probyn, our political correspondent, has the story this morning that both Qantas and Virgin knew that that cruise ship was a coronavirus ticking time bomb. They tried to get passenger manifests from both the Australian Border Force and the Federal Health Department because they clearly feared the impact of those passengers going onto their flights, but they were denied the passenger lists because of privacy reasons. Should those lists have been provided by the federal government?

Simon Birmingham: Michael, logically you would think that those things should be available. Clearly, there will be many lessons learned out of this inquiry into the *Ruby Princess*; those lessons no doubt will extend to the types of communication in future that is necessary for any type of analogous circumstance situation. We're making sure there's cooperation with that inquiry, and everyone wants to make sure that lessons out of this pandemic are learned for the future.

Michael Rowland: And speaking of which, Australian Border Force had direct control over disembarkation of those passengers, so can we expect some accountability from the Morrison Government today when that inquiry's report is handed down?

Simon Birmingham: Michael, as I said we want to make sure lessons are learned, and those lessons are learned for the future as one would expect. We'll make sure that we deal with recommendations when we see them, and deal with them appropriately.

Michael Rowland: Okay. I want to talk about tourism, going to your portfolio. Devastating news about the impact of the pandemic back in April and May. What's your view on how the tourism sector can recover? Given all these border controls we have in place?

Simon Birmingham: Look, it is incredibly tough times for the tourism industry. Our \$45 billion international tourism market is of course all but switched off right now, and domestic tourism, we see from this latest data through April and May, has taken a whopping hit of nearly \$12 billion reduction in spend. That's shocking news for so many small and medium businesses around Australia.

Now, what we need is that for Australians who can and are able to, to book travel and to not just go and stay at the beach and have a few relaxing days, but to make sure when they book travel they engage in local experiences. They get out there, and immerse themselves in the environment locally and support tour operators, those who provide amazing experiences that are unforgettable memories of your lifetime. Get out

there and pretend that you're overseas and do the types of things you would do overseas whilst travelling around Australia.

Michael Rowland: Many great places in Australia, everybody would agree. But again, I'll ask you about those border controls. Even if people wanted to travel to parts of the country they can't, depending where they are, because of border controls posed- imposed for very pressing and important health reasons.

Simon Birmingham: Nobody disputes the need to quarantine Victoria, and I understand the caution in relation to New South Wales as well. But I would encourage state premiers and chief ministers to take a pragmatic approach in terms of dealing with states who are in almost identical, or perhaps even better conditions than themselves. Some states have taken that approach of opening up to the states where it is safe to do so whilst keeping restrictions in place around Victoria, and for many of them New South Wales too. That's understandable, that's proportionate, and that's the type of sensible approach that I would hope the premiers can bring.

Michael Rowland: Given so many tourism businesses around the country are still struggling, there's a pretty important and pressing case isn't there, Simon Birmingham, for the JobKeeper subsidy not to be tapered down for the tourism sector for starters from September?

Simon Birmingham: Michael, when you say the tourism sector, it is a very broad sector. You're not just talking about hotels or tour operators, but of course each of those hotels has laundry services who provide support to them, audiovisual services who support the conduct of conferences and events. So, it's a diverse sector and it's very hard to draw a line around precisely the type of jobs.

But JobKeeper is there until March, we've provided certainty in that regard, and it is a lifeline that has been welcomed by the tourism industry, including the terms of the extension that we've provided. We've listened to the tourism industry too around some of the structural elements of JobKeeper to make sure that it is easier for them to access and that that ongoing support is going to be there. It's part of more than \$300 billion of support our Government is providing to get Australian business and employees through this economic crisis to the other side.

But we absolutely do need everybody to help where they can, and that does include saying to Australians who can take a trip, who can book a trip, to please do so and to please support the jobs and small businesses of many fellow Australians.

Michael Rowland: Simon Birmingham, we'll have to leave it there. Thank you for your time this morning.

Simon Birmingham: Thank you, Michael. My pleasure.

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Authorised by Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham, South Australia.

Transcript

Station: **ABC NEWS** Date: **14/08/2020**

Program: **NEWS BREAKFAST** Time: **08:39 AM**

Compere: **MICHAEL ROWLAND AND LISA MILLAR** Summary ID: **X00083775129**

Item: **INTERVIEW WITH ANDREW PROBYN, POLITICAL EDITOR.**

INTERVIEWEES: ANDREW PROBYN, POLITICAL EDITOR; PETER DUTTON, MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS [EXCERPT]

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LISA MILLAR: To a developing story now. The ABC can reveal that airlines knew the *Ruby Princess* was a coronavirus time bomb but they were powerless to stop it.

MICHAEL ROWLAND: Political Editor, Andrew Probyn, has the story, he joins us now from Parliament House. Andrew, good morning. So what have you discovered here?

ANDREW PROBYN: Well, we've discovered that the airlines got really, really worried about the *Ruby Princess*. A lot of this was actually put before the Commission, but it's now understood that Virgin and Qantas repeatedly asked for the passenger manifest. Both airlines were seeing *Ruby Princess* passengers - bag tags, merchandise on - their planes and they were quietly anxious as to what they might be carrying. If you take your mind back to March 19 when the *Ruby Princess* docked and the days before it there was discussion as to whether that ship was carrying COVID-19.

Now, there were no confirmed cases of COVID-19 despite some of the reporting at the time, in fact it was a day after that the *Ruby Princess* docked that there were swabs came through showing that some people were indeed positive. But Qantas and Virgin were both wanting to try and stop these passengers getting on their planes. It went for days, and in fact Qantas eventually got the passenger manifest - not from Border Force or the federal health departments who'd both been asked repeatedly, I understand - but from New South Wales Health.

So it is a very untidy episode in a really alarming health and border episode from back in March. And it comes, this report, on the day that the *Ruby Princess* special inquiry report will be released. Bret Walker, the Commissioner, is going to be handing that report to the New South Wales Premier later today and I understand that it actually will be released today as well. So they won't be sitting on it, they will be releasing it pretty smartly.

MICHAEL ROWLAND:

Any explanation from either Border Force or the Federal Health Department, Andrew, as to why they didn't hand over the passenger list?

ANDREW PROBYN:

Well, Virgin was told by Border Force, as I report today, that it was a matter of privacy. Now Qantas was told by the Federal Health Department that, for reasons of privacy too, they couldn't get the passenger manifest. Now you had a ridiculous situation where airlines were being told and advised by Border Force no less, and other authorities, not to have passengers from the *Ruby*

Princess on their planes - but they didn't know how to identify them. And so they would then ask for the manifest and then be told they couldn't have it.

I mean, it was- it would have been infuriating nature, an infuriating episode for both airlines - really, really frustrated, indeed, some health authorities too. We had Brendan Murphy at one point, he was emailing New South Wales equivalents saying, well, perhaps we can use the biosecurity powers that New South Wales have because he said, I think I've got those powers to stop people boarding planes. So all sorts of ideas were being presented to try and stop these passengers getting on the plane. Now, the Home Affairs Minister, Peter Dutton, has been asked about it today on the *Today* show.

[Excerpt]

PETER DUTTON:

The reality is that New South Wales Health and others have gone through a process, there was lessons learnt in relation to *Ruby Princess* and if there are changes that need to be made in the future, well, the New South Wales Government, the Commonwealth, whoever it is, will make those decisions.

RICHARD MARLES:

Yeah, no - it's the Commonwealth, not whoever it is, it's the Commonwealth.

[End of excerpt]

MICHAEL ROWLAND: Richard Marles tangoing with Peter Dutton there. Hey, Andrew Probyn, cracking story, thanks for coming on and talking about it.

ANDREW PROBYN: Thanks, Michael.

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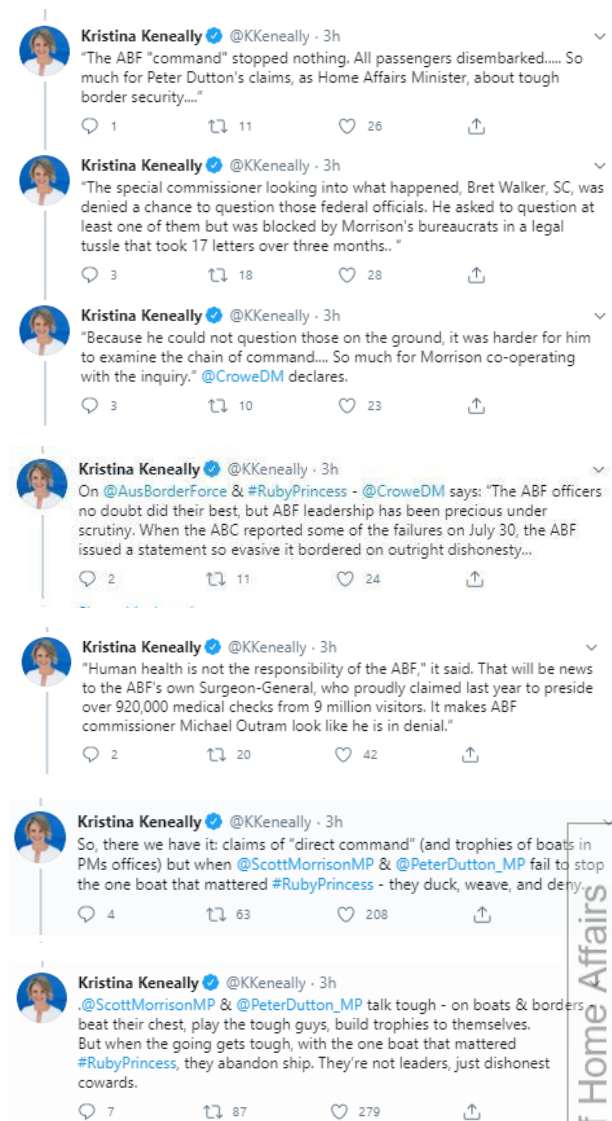
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Kristina Keneally post relating to the Ruby Princess report



Kristina Keneally @KKeneally · 3h

Just look at how @ScottMorrisonMP's & @PeterDutton_MP's failure to stop the one boat that mattered- the #RubyPrincess- spread COVID across Australia in the days after Federal officials allowed 2,700 passengers to freely disembark.

Why didn't the Govt stop the #RubyPrincess wave?




Dozens of COVID cases left Sydney Airport in the days after the Ruby Princess docked. Many likely came from the ship. (ABC News: Emma Machan) (Gfycat)

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Kristina Keneally @KKeneally · 3h

It doesn't stop there- @ScottMorrisonMP & @PeterDutton_MP allowed COVID-19 to be spread the globe in the days after the #RubyPrincess was allowed to disembark in Sydney.

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So why did @AusBorderForce refuse to give passenger lists to @Qantas & @VirginAustralia?

The Govt failed to stop the #RubyPrincess and COVID spread, hundreds were infected, states went into lockdown and over 30 Australians died. More from @andrewprobyn



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Kristina Keneally @KKeneally · 46m

I'm bloody sick & tired of Government Ministers lying when they get asked difficult questions especially on #RubyPrincess
It's Trumpian and wrong.
For example, this morning @D_LittleproudMP flat out lied to @hamishNews ... see next tweet

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Kristina Keneally @KKeneally · 46m

@D_LittleproudMP said "the Federal Agricultural agency only looks after plants and animals; they don't look after human health... state governments that they hold the responsibility of human health and make decisions predicated on human health."

Not true. Just. Not. True.

Legislation

In this section

The Biosecurity Act 2015

The Biosecurity Act 2015 (the Biosecurity Act) explains how we manage biosecurity threats to plant, animal and human health in Australia and its external territories.

We manage biosecurity to ensure a very low level of risk. This draws a balance between protecting Australia from pests and

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Just tell the truth @D_LittleproudMP - Fed Agricultural biosecurity officials were onboard the #RubyPrincess they were supposed to administer Traveller with Illness Checklists and didn't; they gave formal permission for the passengers to leave the ship.

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@ScottMorrisonMP refused a legal summons for these federal Agriculture officials to appear at the NSW #RubyPrincess Inquiry. Ducking, weaving, lying. Not leadership. Cowardice.

Australians got sick, and died, because the Morrison Govt did not stop the one boat that mattered.

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Airlines were denied the help they needed to identify Ruby Princess passengers and stop the spread. By @andrewprobyn



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HAMISH MACDONALD: The COVID-19 border closures are taking a heavy toll on the agricultural sector and testing relationships all over, not the least of which is the relationship between Clive Palmer and the state of Western Australia. David Littleproud is the Federal Agriculture Minister. He joins us from his Queensland electorate of Maranoa this morning. Good morning to you.

DAVID LITTLEPROUD: Good morning, Hamish. Good to be with you.

HAMISH MACDONALD: I suspect you heard the end of that interview with Mr Palmer. I suppose it's one of the symptoms of these border closures, that you get business people very upset about these sorts of things. What are you saying about border closures this morning?

DAVID LITTLEPROUD: Yeah. Look, I didn't hear the end of Mr Palmer's interview, I'm sorry. But look, what I'm saying is that while we respect the fact that states have had to act, we're just asking for some practical application of some of the policies, particularly for regional areas that haven't been impacted and have the cases that metropolitan cities have. And just to ensure that supply chains can remain open, that animal welfare continues to be at the forefront. And also above all, human welfare. There's some human stories that are coming out of this as well, because of just the broad scale border closures, the arbitrary closures without understanding the practical implications at a local level in regional areas.

HAMISH MACDONALD: But if there's not broad border closures, if there's not arbitrary border closures, what's the alternative? What do you suggest here?

DAVID LITTLEPROUD: Well they look- yeah, and look, some states have already done this, Hamish, and in terms of bubbles and creating bubbles where they can broadly get across into other areas where there's been no cases. And we've seen that where Queensland, in fact were only isolating Sydney. But on the Queensland-New South Wales border, there's opportunities for bubbles to be expanded and not just some postcodes but on LGAs. And then the same down, particularly Victoria-New South Wales, there's a two kilometre from the- on the Murray River, and there's plenty of Victoria that's been untouched. And then when you go from Victoria to South Australia, there's also opportunity there in far western Victoria. Where just some pragmatism, where instead of just having an arbitrary health decision made in capital cities by health officials - which I respect, fully respect - if they go and engage with these communities and understand the practical implications and understand the impact this will have on supply chains, the animal welfare

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issues, but the human welfare issues are so important for these people who rely on cross-border health services.

HAMISH MACDONALD: Why is this not something that can be resolved through National Cabinet? I thought that was the point of this approach.

DAVID LITTLEPROUD: Well this is exactly what the Prime Minister will escalate, but ultimately it comes down to each individual state's sovereignty. Our Constitution protects that and rightfully so ...

HAMISH MACDONALD: Sure, but is it as much in the interests of the states as it is in the interest of the Commonwealth to ensure that people on both sides of these border closures are not prevented from doing business and not impacted in the ways that you're describing?

DAVID LITTLEPROUD: Yeah, and that's why we're highlighting it at National Cabinet. The Prime Minister is himself going to escalate this, because he sees the gravity of the situation that's coming before us. That he is going to inject himself and ask the premiers in each state to inject themselves together and understand each other's borders and implications, and the actual solutions, the practical solutions that can change people's lives. And Hamish, I'll just give you, not just on the supply chain. Let's give you a health example. In far western Victoria, there's a three-and-a-half-year-old girl who's got cancer. She's actually wearing a colostomy bag and has lost part of her spine and was getting chemotherapy in Adelaide. And because of the closure, she's unable to get chemo in Adelaide and has now been pushed away. A couple hour trip will now be pushed in and her family are going to have to take her hundreds upon hundreds of kilometres away to get treatment. So this isn't just about the pressures we're going to have on our food supply and animal welfare. This is a real human toll, that we're just asking our Premiers to inject themselves and lead on a compassionate human ground as well.

HAMISH MACDONALD: What would be the solution, though, given that there's already enormous pressure on the resource- the limited resources available? We've seen that when you're closing state borders, it requires an enormous police presence. If you're then starting to talk about regional bubbles but preventing people travelling beyond that, isn't that going to require an enormous amount more resource?

DAVID LITTLEPROUD: Well let me give you a practical example of the Goondiwindi Shire Council up on the Queensland-New South Wales border implemented themselves after being accredited by the Queensland Government. They put in place electronic gates and they gave those people on the New South Wales side a PIN code that only they could get through the gate. The gate would only open for those individuals on that side of the border to be able to come up. So those are the practical solutions that can be done without any cost at all. In fact, I think the gates cost them around \$20,000, and in essence, you don't need any one on the border. This is the sort of practical solutions that can take place, and we just need to work through this. And it also goes to the heart of what's so important that every Australian should respect what they've been asked to do. Because these are the unintended consequences, they're also forcing on state governments to impose on our citizens, particularly in regional Australia, where we haven't had the case numbers that they have in metropolitan areas. And I just say to every Australian, if you don't respect one another, this is- and what our state governments are trying to do, these are the unintended consequences, particularly for us in regional Australia, that are hurting on an economic and social level.

HAMISH MACDONALD: On the Ruby Princess inquiry, David Littleproud, you are the Agriculture Minister. The Federal Government declined to put forward a biosecurity officer of the Agriculture Department to respond to questions. There was a formal summons from Bret Walker. Why was this individual blocked from giving evidence?

DAVID LITTLEPROUD: Well I'm advised by the Attorney-General's Office that that's been a longstanding convention of governments of all persuasions since federation. That the convention has always been and states have always understood that while we will always cooperate and answer any question in written format, there has never been an opportunity for us to put our staff in front it because of the legal implications that are there for those individuals being federal employees and states have known that convention. But the Federal Government-

HAMISH MACDONALD: But you see that there's a differences in there between putting forward a written submission and actually offering the individual up to explain the circumstances, to respond to some of the questions. I mean it's less illuminating, is ultimate, well isn't it?

DAVID LITTLEPROUD: Well it's also about protecting that individual's right, legal right as-in protecting that, they have a legal right that needs to be protected as Australian citizen, as all should. This has been a convention that state and federal governments have worked since federation and understood quite clearly. We have always and any question that has wanted to be asked and if there wasn't enough detail would always be continued, followed up with further information. So there's nothing under [indistinct]...

HAMISH MACDONALD: Can you just explain a little further what you mean by this is about protecting the individual's legal right?

DAVID LITTLEPROUD: From my understanding, this officer within my department would not be able to be afforded Commonwealth legal representation, they would have to have their own under the under sections of which the legalities of our Constitution have been formed. And [indistinct]-

HAMISH MACDONALD: And so all of that outweighs the gravity of the situation surrounding the Ruby Princess?

DAVID LITTLEPROUD: No, the gravity of it is very severe and that is why we have continued to cooperate with the inquiry and continue to go back with any question that's wanted to be asked and any detail that the- Mr Walker would require further. We have continued to cooperate and this has been a long held convention. This isn't anything extraordinary or ground-breaking This is something that state and federal governments have worked through for generations, since Federation. And I'm sure that the report that Mr Walker will hand down will be very robust and will be very detailed and granular because of the cooperation, not only of federal agencies, but state agencies and everyone else involved.

HAMISH MACDONALD: Some of the detail that has emerged though, suggests that a biosecurity officer with the Department of Agriculture spoke to the port agent of Carnival Cruises on the gangway of the Ruby Princess. Agriculture's biosecurity officer was told some passengers had been tested for influenza and that 11 were in isolation. Many people listening this morning will find it hard to understand why the Commonwealth would not want that individual before the inquiry to make sure that any information that is relevant is

made available during that process. And that putting the individual forward offers to illuminate more than just simply providing documentation.

DAVID LITTLEPROUD: Well, all the information that the inquiry requested with respect to that individual or any other Commonwealth officer has been provided in immense detail. So much so that Mr Walker is now to the point that he can release his report. I think that shows that the cooperation between state and federal governments and with respect to this long held convention, does work and has in fact been able to hand- will be able to hand down a report today, as I understand it.

HAMISH MACDONALD: So then if it was a Commonwealth officer who had the authority, made the decision or was instrumental to decisions to let passengers disembark; why not hold a federal inquiry into this?

DAVID LITTLEPROUD: Well let me make this clear, that federal agricultural agency only looks after plants and animals; they don't look after human health. And that's always been the convention of state governments, that they hold the responsibility of human health and make decisions predicated on human health.

HAMISH MACDONALD: But you're not denying the fact that this agriculture officer had a role in in the process that led to disembarkation, are you?

DAVID LITTLEPROUD: No, I think you're jumping to conclusions before a report has been handed down. I think that's a dangerous thing to do for anyone, to start commentary on the events of the Ruby Princess. I think it's important...

HAMISH MACDONALD: But you're saying there's a protocol in place that preclude this individual going before a state inquiry. But given everything we know about those that were involved from Border Force and Agriculture, why not then hold a federal inquiry to observe exactly what they did right and what they may have done wrong?

DAVID LITTLEPROUD: Well obviously if Mr Walker hands down recommendations and that point to deficiencies, then obviously the Federal Government will make decisions predicated on that as a result.

HAMISH MACDONALD: So you'd be open to having an inquiry at a federal level?

DAVID LITTLEPROUD: Well I'm not going to pre-empt what Mr Walker brings down. I think it's important to respect the process as we have - wait for that to be handed down. Look at it in the cold hard light of day and understand if there are any learnings and to act on that swiftly. That's the responsibility of a responsible government. Not to jump at shadows but to wait for this. This has been a thorough, very, very thorough inquiry by Mr Walker. It should be respected. We'll learn and understand what his findings are. And if there's further action required then of course the Federal Government will undertake further action. And we've got a record on that - if there's something that's gone wrong, we'll fix it. That's our job. We'll ultimately get in and fix it.

HAMISH MACDONALD: David Littleproud, thank you very much for your time.

DAVID LITTLEPROUD: Thanks Hamish. Great to be with you mate.

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Hi All
 The Commissioner spoke to the bespoke arrangements at the last COVID19 appearance – please cross check that language?
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Kind regards

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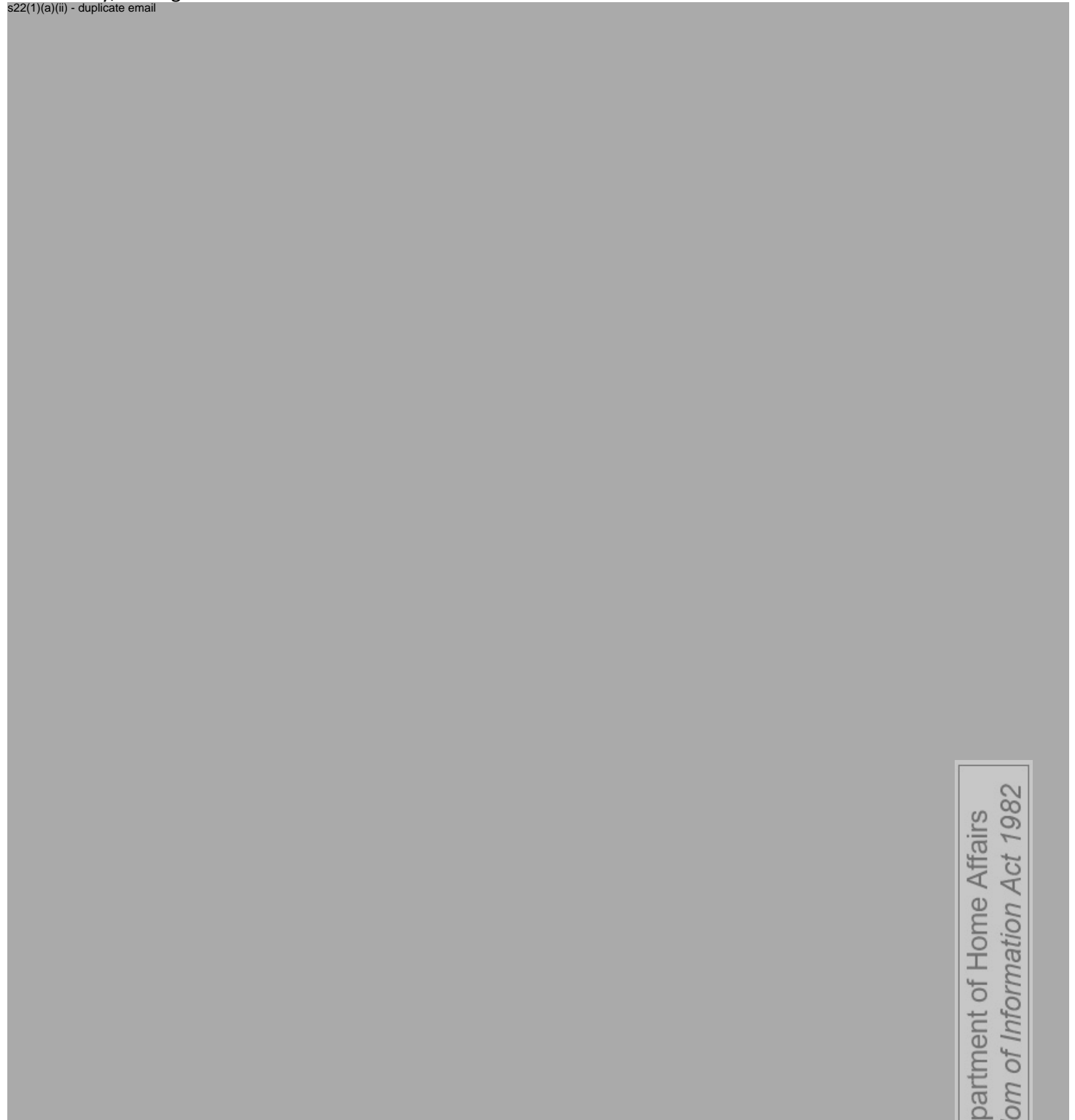
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I'm sending an email you can read below -- I sent it to you yesterday at <media@newsroom.abf.gov.au> but did not get a reply.

Can you tell me why you didn't reply? Do you have an email address which you use to send messages to the media but which you do not check for replies?

I'm interested in the response from the ABF.

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I am writing about the ABF and the Ruby Princess and want to check on the statement you issued on July 30, which is pasted below.

1. The statement says: "The ABF responsibility does not include preventing the disembarkation of passengers or crew for human health reasons."

Are you misleading the public with your statement? This is a serious question. The Surgeon-General of the ABF said last year he is part of a system that conducts 920,000 medical checks from nine million temporary visitors. Surely that means human health **is** part of the ABF responsibility.

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2. The statement says: "Human health is not the responsibility of the ABF."

Again, is this misleading or dishonest? The ABF organisation chart shows a medical function under the Surgeon-General, responsible for human health.

<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about-us-subsite/files/abf-org-structure.pdf>

3. The statement says: "Any misinterpretation by ABF officers of test results did not make a difference as to whether passengers were cleared to disembark."

An email to ABF officer Danielle Yannopolous, dated Friday 20 March, reported by the ABC, says clearly that "ABF instructed the vessels passengers purser that the isolated passengers were to

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remain on the vessel until all other passengers and signing off crew debarked."

That email clearly shows the ABF had a role that morning in telling Ruby Princess staff whether passengers should stay on the boat or get off. So how can you say the misinterpretation of the data did not make any difference?

I am writing a column about the need for the ABF and others to acknowledge the lessons of the Ruby Princess, rather than retreating into denial. My deadline is about 3pm but if ABF feels strongly on these points, as you no doubt would when and if they appeared in print, it would be good if you can respond well before that deadline, before I have written the column.

regards

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ABF statement refuting reporting on Ruby Princess

30-07-2020 -

The Australian Border Force (ABF) strongly refutes claims in Andrew Probyn's ABC 7:30 reporting today that a senior ABF officer allowed 2,700 people to disembark the Ruby Princess cruise ship after mistakenly believing passengers displaying "flu-like symptoms" had tested negative to COVID-19.

The ABF only has legislative responsibilities for the Customs and Migration Act to clear vessels and people travelling from overseas ports.

No ABF officer had authority to make biosecurity decisions in relation to the Ruby Princess, including about pratique. The ABF responsibility does not include preventing the disembarkation of passengers or crew for human health reasons.

The ABF's responsibility is to ensure that no one enters Australia with contraband and all passengers and crew are either Australian citizens or have an appropriate visa.

Any misinterpretation by ABF officers of test results did not make a difference as to whether passengers were cleared to disembark the Ruby Princess. Human health is not the responsibility of the ABF.

The continuous criticism of the ABF's involvement in this matter at this time is unhelpful and distracting as agencies work together to combat the COVID-19 pandemic in Australia.

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Hi Tharanie

While waiting for legal to clear our 'correcting statement' s47F has forwarded the below, looks like he sent his enquiry to some random email address.

Two of his questions below relate to the Surgeon-General and his health responsibilities, the third relates to our previous statement and misinterpretation of test results, but asks about ABF "instructed the vessels passengers purser that the isolated passengers were to remain on the vessel until all other passengers and signing off crew debarked." So how can you say the misinterpretation of the data did not make any difference?

Do you want us to look into clarifying the Surgeon-General's role? Noting he has already published. We can still ask him to correct his other reporting? I believe there is work underway for holding lines in response to this afternoons outcome.

Give me a ring if you can.

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To: ABF Media; s22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii); Jaycob MCMAHON; Media Operations; s22(1)(a)(ii); Tharanie VITHANAGE
Subject: RE: For Info: ABF statement refuting reporting on Ruby Princess_SMH_s47F [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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Thanks s22(1)(a)(ii) Have you spoken to him at all yet?

Some clear background as to the Surgeon-General's role would be useful as I presume it is related to health checks for visa holders etc

I know we have been over this previously, but the response regarding the human health function could be stronger, reiterating that there is simply no legislative instrument or section within the Biosecurity Act that authorises the ABF to conduct any human health checks. This would help to clarify the role of the Surgeon-General per the above as well.

Thanks,

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

We have received the below from s47F who has already published <https://www.smh.com.au/national/just-andrews-everyone-is-running-for-cover-20200813-p55lg5.html>. He initially sent his request to the wrong email address.

I will go back to him and outline our correct email address.

I am seeking some information now in terms of the Surgeon-General's role in the Customs and immigration space, separately we would also like to correct the record on some of his claims in his article:

"In a basic error, one ABF officer misread a medical report and concluded it **cleared** 13 passengers of COVID-19 even though they had flu-like symptoms."

Suggested Correction: No ABF officer had authority to make biosecurity decisions in relation to the Ruby Princess and its passengers or 'clear' passengers of COVID-19. Any misinterpretation by ABF officers of test results did not make a difference as to whether passengers were cleared to disembark the Ruby Princess. Human health is not the responsibility of the ABF – please refer to our [statement](#) on this matter.

"He asked to question at least one of them but was blocked by Morrison's bureaucrats in a legal tussle that took 17 letters over three months."

"He did not explain his reasoning this week, but the legal argument is that federal officials should not appear at state inquiries. Walker ended up receiving federal documents and excusing the key ABF officer."

"Those hiding from questions were the ABF, rather than Morrison himself."

Suggested Correction: The ABF is fully cooperating with the inquiry into the Ruby Princess and has submitted a Commonwealth voluntary statement. No summons was issued for an ABF officer.

I am getting the corrections cleared by legal and will come back to you with a proposed response/approach.

Regards

s22(1)(a)(ii)

A/g Director

ABF Media and Communication

Media and Engagement Branch

Coordination and Public Affairs Division

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From: s47F @smh.com.au>

Sent: Friday, 14 August 2020 2:13 PM

To: ABF Media <media@abf.gov.au>

Subject: Fwd: ABF statement refuting reporting on Ruby Princess

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To: ABF Media
Subject: RE: ABF statement refuting reporting on Ruby Princess_ s47F [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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s22(1)(a)(ii) will look at it as soon as she has some time.

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Sent: Friday, 14 August 2020 3:33 PM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au; s22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au
Cc: Cheryl-anne MOY s22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au; ABF Media <media@abf.gov.au>
Subject: ABF statement refuting reporting on Ruby Princess_ s47F [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good afternoon s22(1)(a)(ii)

As discussed, Tharanie has asked me to look into a potential response to the below media enquiry which outlines the role of the Surgeon-General in the portfolio. For your awareness, the journalist has already published however we are looking to correct some of his claims <https://www.smh.com.au/national/it-s-not-just-andrews-everyone-is-running-for-cover-20200813-p55lg5.html>

Do you have some information on his role and I can craft some media TPs then clear through your office and legal?

We are hoping to get back to s47F before COB today if possible. Feel free to give me a ring if you need to clarify anything.

Regards

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Cc: ABF Media
Subject: RE: ABF statement refuting reporting on Ruby Princess [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s47F

We did not receive your original enquiry yesterday as our media contact is media@abf.gov.au

I will look into your questions now.

Kind regards,

s22(1)(a)(ii)

ABF Media and Communication

Media and Engagement
Department of Home Affairs
Media line: 02 6264 2211
E: media@abf.gov.au

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From: s47F @smh.com.au>
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To: ABF Media <media@abf.gov.au>
Subject: Fwd: ABF statement refuting reporting on Ruby Princess

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To: s22(1)(a)(ii); Media Operations
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Re: ABF statement refuting reporting on Ruby Princess_ s47F
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Yes please. Thank you.

Kind regards,
 Jaycob
 Jaycob McMahon
 Assistant Secretary
 Media and Communication Branch
 Coordination and Public Affairs Division
 Department of Home Affairs
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Executive Assistant: s22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii) [@homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@homeaffairs.gov.au)>
Date: Friday, 14 August 2020 at 10:36:41 pm
To: "Jaycob MCMAHON" s22(1)(a)(ii) [@homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@homeaffairs.gov.au)>, "Media Operations"
 <media@homeaffairs.gov.au>
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii) [@homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@homeaffairs.gov.au)>
Subject: Re: ABF statement refuting reporting on Ruby Princess_ s47F [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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I've messaged s22(1)(a)(ii) to double check but from what I can see Ca's suggested response is all we have, hasn't progressed further.

If you like, I can have a go at recrafting slightly in light of today's Report and make reference to the Commissioner's statement?

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Date: Friday, 14 August 2020 at 10:13:30 pm
To: s22(1)(a)(ii) [@homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@homeaffairs.gov.au)>, "Media Operations"
 <media@homeaffairs.gov.au>
Subject: Fwd: ABF statement refuting reporting on Ruby Princess_ s47F [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Where's this one at?

Kind regards,
 Jaycob
 Jaycob McMahon
 Assistant Secretary

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Executive Assistant: s22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: "Cheryl-anne MOY" s22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au>
Date: Friday, 14 August 2020 at 9:34:34 pm
To: "Jaycob MCMAHON" s22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au>, "Media Operations"
<media@homeaffairs.gov.au>
Subject: Fwd: ABF statement refuting reporting on Ruby Princess s47F [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi, if not gone we could amend! s22(1)(a)

Cheryl-anne Moy
Chief Operating Officer
Deputy Secretary Corporate & Enabling

Department of Home Affairs
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Sent: Friday, 14 August 2020 2:13 PM

To: ABF Media <media@abf.gov.au>

Subject: Fwd: ABF statement refuting reporting on Ruby Princess

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From: Media Operations
Sent: Friday, 14 August 2020 11:26 PM
To: Jaycob MCMAHON; Cheryl-anne MOY; Media Operations
Subject: RE: ABF statement refuting reporting on Ruby Princess [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good evening Cheryl-anne,

I have made some minor suggested amendments to the proposed response, referencing some of the comments in the [Report](#):

- As previously [stated](#) by the Australian Border Force (ABF) Commissioner, in submissions made by the Commonwealth, and confirmed by the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Ruby Princess, the legislative provisions make clear that the ABF had no responsibility for the processes relevant to health risks to the Australian community in relation to the disembarkation of passengers from the Ruby Princess on 19 March 2020.
- The Department of Home Affairs, which includes the ABF, does not have legislative authority to undertake health assessments at the border.
- The Special Commission of Inquiry into the Ruby Princess confirmed that the responsibility for administering the Biosecurity Act is divided between the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment and the Department of Health.
- The Department of Health determines health and disease related risks, and provides guidance to the Department of Home Affairs as to the medical checks, which should be undertaken to mitigate risk related to individuals who apply for visas under the Migration Program.
 - These medical checks are undertaken as part of the visa application process, offshore and onshore, through a range of service providers.
 - This assessment assists in the determination of the visa decision.
- When a visa is granted, the ABF assess the traveller's visa on presentation at the border (migration clearance) and assess baggage and cargo moving across the border (customs clearance).
- The Chief Medical Officer/Surgeon General provides strategic clinical advice to the Secretary and the ABF Commissioner on a range of portfolio health matters, including stakeholder management with the Department of Health.
- A Statement from the ABF Commissioner on findings of the NSW Special Commission of Inquiry into the Ruby Princess is available [online](#).

Grateful for your clearance please and happy to make any amendments.

Kind Regards,

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Subject: Re: ABF statement refuting reporting on Ruby Princess_ ^{s47F} [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Thanks ^{s22(1)(a)(ii)} will amend and circulate for clearance.

Kind regards,
 Jaycob

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 Assistant Secretary
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Date: Friday, 14 August 2020 at 20:31:59
To: "Cheryl-anne MOY" ^{s22(1)(a)(ii)} [@homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:homeaffairs.gov.au)>
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To: ABF Media
Subject: Ruby Princess response (SBS News) pre-emptive request

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Good morning,

SBS News is running a story for our evening bulletin about the findings of the Ruby Princess Inquiry. I'm aware the findings won't be released until late afternoon, but would appreciate a response at the earliest opportunity after that is released to government agencies.

Did Qantas and Virgin airlines ask Border Force what would be happening in terms of their role in repatriating the ship's travellers to various states and countries? and do you accept the plans were not communicated to the airlines in a way that gave staff and management certainty/ assurances of safety?

What is Border Force's reaction to the findings and subsequent recommendations to come from the Ruby Princess Inquiry (I appreciate this response must wait until post- release from the Inquiry)

Thank you,

Please note my deadline for this is 5pm

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Tharanie VITHANAGE
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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

We have received the below from SBS re the Ruby Princes. My recommendation would be to refer to public comments made by the Commissioner in regards to the matter of ABFs handling of the Ruby Princess. However happy to take your guidance.

Regards

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

I don't think that is best approach.

How can the ABF respond to a report of which we haven't received yet.

We will more than likely need to respond to the report and that is not by referring to previous statements.

Just log the inquiry and they can get a response when one is approved.

Cheers.

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