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Subject: RE: FOR INFORMATION – FOI Pending Decision - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 20 January 2021 10:34:40 AM

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Hi s. 47F(1) – just one change in the first paragraph.

Thanks

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In summary:

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Attachments: [FA 200900115 - FINAL for decision maker clearance.DOCX](#)
[FA 200900115 - FINAL for decision maker clearance.tr5](#)
Importance: High

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Hi s. 11C(1)(a)

Please find attached the finalised decision letter in relation to the POC Act FoI request for your consideration. The package being provided for release is accessible at TRIM link

ADD2021/657655.

I will put a hard copy of the letter on your desk.

Thanks

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Hi s. 47F(1) has include some more TP's as per Medias request.

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Hey s. 47F(1) this includes s. 47F(1) edits (marked up) plus some information in response to questions requested by Media Operations. If you are good with it I'll send it to Media Ops for review prior and agreement prior to getting final clearance.

s. 47F(1)

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Subject: FW: FOR INFORMATION – FOI Pending Decision – Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s. 47F(1) – anything to add – otherwise I'll send to s. 47F(1)

In summary:

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Issue.

The provision of materials on 20 January will result in the release of information about grant funding decisions that has not previously been public. This includes information about Minister Dutton's approval of four projects (round three of the SCF) and Assistant Minister Wood approved nine projects (round five of the SCF) against the department's recommendation. **The information consistent of 'written reasons' that were provided by each Minister for the approval of each grant.**

To date there have been no media questions or enquires following the release of the tranche 1 documents. Crime Prevention Section has consulted with Media Branch and prepared the attached Talking Points that could be used to address the above matter should it become an issue.

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Hi guys

Can you please prepare a short email for me as per the below

Thanks

Leanne

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Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 8:18:22 PM

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We are, **s. 11C(1)(a)** (a/g in my role) is the decision maker and I've been working closely with her. Would you like a short email tomorrow summarising what will generally be released / redacted (noting the request covers 800 pages of material)? MO and AMO have been consulted.

Leanne

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Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:39:41 PM

To: "Leanne LOAN" <Leanne.Loan@homeaffairs.gov.au>

Subject: Fwd: FOR INFORMATION – FOI Pending Decision - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Is your team all over this? And who was the decision maker?

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Strategy and Law Enforcement Group
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Our references: FA 20/09/00115; OBJ2020/28452

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) REQUEST

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Further Information

- Media Operations prepared Talking Points for Tranche 1 of this release, and will be consulted on the requirement in relation to Tranche 2.

If you have any questions in relation to the FOI processes please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

s. 11C(1)(a)

A/g Assistant Secretary

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Date: Tuesday, 19 January 2021 4:05:04 PM
Attachments: [FA 200900115 - Draft decision \(CPS mark-ups\).DOCX](#)
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Ah, that makes more sense. Thanks s. 47F(1)

s. 47F(1)
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Importance: High

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Hi Guys

FYI - I have just spoken to FOI about the issue highlighted below in relation to the Crime Stoppers 'Submission' – this document (which you can no longer see as it was removed from the package) is not as I assumed the Ministerial Submission that the department put together on receiving the Crimes Stoppers FA amnesty proposal but rather the Crime Stoppers document that Crime Stoppers created outlining the Fire Arms Amnesty proposal. Crime Stoppers have requested it be exempt in full. I let FOI know that that is fine (exempting the document in full at Crime Stoppers request – it is their material after all) and have asked FOI to remove our comment that was in the decision letter questioning the exclusion of this document. I have asked them to relabel the document in the schedule as Crime Stoppers 'Proposal' just to make it clear that it is not a ministerial submission being exempted.

s. 47F(1)

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Hi FOI

Crime Prevention Section would be grateful for your review of the attached marked up version of the FA20-0900115 FOI decision before we provide the decision to the decision-maker for their consideration.

In particular can you please confirm that the approach around exempt documents is as follows: the decision states that 8 documents are exempt in full.

- We assume this includes eight documents that have had FOI exemption claims applied in their entirety (ie. Legal advice covered completely by LPP) but does not include documents that Crime Prevention Section or another stakeholder have concluded are out of scope of the request).
- Document number 38 is listed in the schedule. This was a ministerial submission that Crime Prevention Section requested be partially redacted. This submission is not in the Package for Release? Grateful if you could confirm whether a stakeholder (possibly Minister Dutton's Office?) has requested it be redacted in full? Otherwise is there a reason why it has not been included (with partial redactions?) in the package)
- We have marked up for deletion rows in the table that refer to documents that are exempt in full as being out of scope of the request. Grateful if you could please review the total number of documents listed as 'exempt' at paragraph 6 of the decision based on these mark-ups.
- We have just realised that some of the included documents – **specifically no.41, 47, 61, 62, 64, 65** are already public documents as they are accessible on the Government's public facing Grant Connect website. Should these be included in the package?/ and or listed in the schedule. All these documents are attachments to submissions that have already been provided in tranche 1. These documents are currently listed for being released in full with no exemptions.
- Depending on the approach to the above issue – the total number of documents plus the number of documents may need to be revised?

Once we have received a response from you in relation to the above issues, as well as confirmation that you are happy with the mark-ups we will provide to our Assistant Secretary, as the decision maker for her consideration. We understand that the aim is to provide to internal stakeholders by 3PM, however we are not in a position to have our decision maker sign off until the outlined issues are resolved.

Happy to discuss with you and thanks for your ongoing assistance.

s. 47F(1)

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Ok thank you.

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Morning s. 47F(1)

Yes, we've consulted directly with s. 47F(1) in AM Wood's office and they've confirmed they're happy to move ahead with the release.

Regards,

s. 47F(1)
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Morning,

Can I please just confirm that s. 47E(1) in AM Wood's office has been consulted on this directly.

Cheers,

s. 47F(1)

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Regards

s. 11C(1)(a)

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Hi s. 47F(1)
I spoke to s. 47F(1) this afternoon and it is my understanding that Media will be providing them to the MO and AMO with a few additional (minor edits).

s. 47F(1)

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s. 47F(1)
Thanks for this information – Can you confirm if your TPs have received final clearance from Media?
s. 47F(1)

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Hi

As discussed during our teleconference this morning.

Please find attached

- An email sent to Cath Patterson yesterday outlining the background to the FOI request.
- Talking Points prepared by Law Enforcement Policy Division and Media Operations with respect to the release of documents with respect to the FOI request (these are with Media Operations and remain **subject to final clearance from our AS**)

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

As mentioned in the teleconference, the relevant hearing date was the same date that documents covered by tranche 1 of the FOI request were released so this estimates brief covers issues that we considered could be raised.

- The s. 22(1)(a)(ii) and s. 22(1)(a)(ii) that Procurement Support and Assurance Branch sought input on from Crime Prevention Section in relation to Home Affairs Grant Management Compliance.

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

As discussed, we would find it useful if you could provide us with a copy of the briefing provided to the COO for consistency. Also grateful that if you utilise materials in the Estimates Brief in the future that you run these past Crime Prevention Section again to ensure the information is current.

Thanks

s.
s. 47F(1)

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Redactions of these documents have been made consistent with FOI Act exemptions - relevant exemptions include Cabinet documents, legal professional privilege, deliberative processes and personal information.

The AMO and MO plus all relevant third party organisations have been consulted on the release of the documents.

To date there have been no media questions or enquires following the release of the tranche 1 documents. LEPB has consulted with the Media and Communication Branch and prepared the attached Talking Points for tranche 1. The Talking Points are currently being updated to reflect the additional documents that are to be released in tranche 2.

Leanne

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Our references: FA 20/09/00115; OBJ2020/28452

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) REQUEST

Paul Farrell - ABC

The decision to finalise a request for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) will be issued on **Friday 22 January 2021**.

Decision

This request was processed in two tranches with Tranche 1 documents issued to the applicant on 4 December 2020. The documents for Tranche 1 (documents 1-17) is available in TRIM File: ADD2020/6432426.

The documents released in this tranche (Tranche 2) are in the TRIM file **attached**. The decision for Tranche 2 (documents 18-84) of this request is as follows:

- Release 25 documents in full;
- Release 34 documents in part with deletions, and
- Exempt 8 documents in full from disclosure.

Background

On 2 September 2020, Paul Farrell of ABC, requested access under the FOI Act to:

- *The minister's written approval of grants under s 298 of the Proceeds of Crime Act for all approved funding programs derived from the Confiscated Assets Account.*

- *The advice provided by the AGD or Department of Home Affairs relating to each approval, outlining whether the programs are consistent with the purpose of s 298.*

The timeframe of such approvals I am seeking is January 2017 to the present.

The following business areas undertook a search for relevant documents:

- Crime Prevention Section

The following business areas were consulted during the making of this decision:

- Crime Prevention Section

The following external stakeholders were consulted during the making of this decision:

- Attorney-General's Department
- Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources
- The Office of the Assistant Minister of Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs, The Hon Jason Wood MP
- The Office of the Minister for Home Affairs, The Hon Peter Dutton MP
- Crime Stoppers Australia
- Australian Football League (Bachar Houli Program)

- Police Federation of Australia

Publication of the documents authorised for release

Documents released must be published in accordance with section 8(2)(g) of the FOI Act.

Documents are published on the Department's website [here](#).

Further Information

- Media Operations prepared Talking Points for Tranche 1 of this release, and will be consulted on the requirement in relation to Tranche 2.

If you have any questions in relation to the FOI processes please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

s. 11C(1)(a)

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To: s. 47F(1)
Cc: s. 47F(1) ; Tracey PEARCE s. 47F(1) ; FOI; s. 47F(1)
Subject: RE: FOR CONSIDERATION: FA 20/09/00115 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 22 January 2021 9:52:49 AM

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Hi ^{s.}_{47F(1)}

Thanks for getting back to me so quickly – our further comments in red. We will resolve the remaining issues at our end.

- There are a couple of comments marked up in the document package as saved in TRIM that indicate where the department will undertake third party consultation. Specifically we have identified these on the following pages: **pages 64,73,126,250,253,257, 269 and 276**. This may be part of your standard processes but can you ensure that these and any other comments ID'ing third party consultation to be undertaken are removed (*can you confirm*)

I confirm these comments will not be included in the Final Version for release to the applicant.

Thanks for that.

- Document no. 29 as scanned has 4 pages. I will need to check with the relevant policy officer but it appears that this could be a five page document. I won't be in a position to confirm this with you until tomorrow morning, but thought I would highlight it in case you can identify whether this is the case?

ADD2019/723020 provided by the business area includes the original document containing only 4 pages.

We are just checking what we have on file and will get back to you if there is a missing page.

- Document No. 31 (located at page 41) appears to be subject to some poor scanning ie. folding – can you confirm that this is not a problem? We think most of the relevant information is clear on the face of the document but are happy to be guided by your advice on this.

We don't think is a huge issue, however in the interest of full disclosure, are you or the relevant business area able to re-scan and provide the document which I will replace in the document package?

We only have the the scanned version on file and no hard copies of the document. We are happy to just proceed with what's in the current package.

- There is an error on page 151 (first page of document 62). In relation to the last row (relating to the UnitingCare West application) the very last column with the Minister's ranking has been redacted. The rank as written in this column should be retained. All other information in this row should remain redacted. The redaction should match that undertaken in relation to the first row of the table on this page.

This has been updated.

Great – thanks for that.

- The schedule in the draft decision includes document no. 71 'Bacher Houli program proposal as being released in part. The decision letter as drafted refers to exemptions applying to this document (ie. section 47G). The package that Crime Prevention Section review and which is saved in TRIM at **ADD2021/581836** does not appear to apply any redactions that I can only assume were applied following consultation with the AFL

earlier in the week. Can you confirm this is the case.

The last page of the document which contains financial information was exempted in full (as requested by the AFL) and therefore removed from the document package ADD2021/581836. I have now include that page for clarity in the document package however the 'Pages' column in the decision schedule will need to be updated from **Page 238** onwards to reflect this additional page. Can you do this from your end?

Thanks that's clear. I will update the schedule now.

As noted above. I'll update the schedule and we are checking the issue with respect to Doc No. 31.

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Sent: Friday, 22 January 2021 9:46 AM
To: s. 47F(1)
Cc: s. 47F(1) ; s. 11C(1)(a) ; s. 47F(1) ; FOI
Subject: RE: FOR CONSIDERATION: FA 20/09/00115 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s. 47F(1)

Please see my comments below.

Happy to discuss.

Kind regards

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Subject: RE: FOR CONSIDERATION: FA 20/09/00115 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s. 47F(1)

Further to my earlier email with respect to FA200900115. The decision maker has asked for a few additional changes to the package as saved at ADD2021/581836.

- There are a couple of comments marked up in the document package as saved in TRIM that indicate where the department will undertake third party consultation. Specifically we have identified these on the following pages: **pages 64,73,126,250,253,257, 269 and 276**. This may be part of your standard processes but can you ensure that these and any other comments ID'ing third party consultation to be undertaken are removed (*can you confirm*)

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Thanks

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Subject: FW: FOR CONSIDERATION: FA 20/09/00115 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi FOI / s. 47F(1)

We have one final redaction to the FA200900115. Please redact the final four rows (inclusive of all columns) of the first page of document 28 – the Danny Green Proposal). This page is located at page 33 of the package as saved in TRIM at ADD2021/581836. All information in these rows relates to a merit assessment of the grant proposal as is deliberative material. As such we request it be exempted under section 47C of the FOI Act. Document 28 already has 47C of the FOI exemption claims applied to it so we do not need to update either the schedule or the content of the decision to reflect the additional change.

As discussed with s. 47F(1) this morning, the decision letter is currently with the decision maker for final review and signature. We anticipate providing the signed letter to you today.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks

s. 47F(1)

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Crime Prevention Section

Law Enforcement Policy Branch

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Sent: Wednesday, 20 January 2021 11:48 AM

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Subject: RE: FOR CONSIDERATION: FA 20/09/00115 (Paul Farrell) - advice on TPs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks s. 47F(1). We do not need to see TPs.

I'm just updating the Pages column in the schedule and will have the decision over to you in 30 mins or so. I've also changed some of the exemptions for minister's staff where we had used 47E(c) but should be 47F.

Sorry for the delay, there was the unfortunate timing of a fire evacuation.

Kind regards

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Hi Fol

Talking points will be required for this Fol.

s. 47F(1) – I will send through the TPs developed for the first tranche of this Fol that s. 47F(1) prepared last year.

Regards,

s.
47F(1)

Director, National Security and Crisis Communication

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Morning s. 47F(1)

Please see below query from FOI regarding TPs.

I believe this one may fall in your space.

Many thanks,

s. 47F(1)

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Subject: FA 20/09/00115 (Paul Farrell) - advice on TPs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good evening Media,

I refer to FOI request FA 20/09/00115 seeking access to:

- 1) The minister's written approval of grants under s 298 of the Proceeds of Crime Act for all approved funding programs derived from the Confiscated Assets Account.*
 - 2) The advice provided by the AGD or Department of Home Affairs relating to each approval, outlining whether the programs are consistent with the purpose of s 298.*
- The timeframe of such approvals I am seeking is January 2017 to the present*

The documents for release are attached.

We note this is the 2nd Tranche being released. Tranche 1 of this request was issued to the FOI applicant on 4 December 2020. We understand there may already be TPs on file for this request. Grateful if you could advise if TPs are required for this tranche. Thank you.

Kind regards

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To: S. 47F(1)
Subject: RE: FOR INFORMATION FOI - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 22 January 2021 2:37:12 PM
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Hi S. 47F(1)
Grateful if you could confirm please?
Andrea

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Sent: Friday, 22 January 2021 2:33 PM
To: S. 11C(1)(a)
Cc: S. 47F(1); Peter MANWARING; Martine COOPER
Subject: Re: FOR INFORMATION FOI - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Andrea
If you have satisfied yourselves that the privacy issues and the associated redactions have occurred, Martine or Peter have not raised any other matters.
Agnieszka Holland
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Date: Friday, January 22, 2021 at 2:22:55 PM
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Cc: S. 47F(1) | homeaffairs.gov.au, S. 47F(1) | homeaffairs.gov.au
Subject: RE: FOR INFORMATION FOI - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Agnieszka,
We are preparing to issue to the release this afternoon. Can I please confirm that you are comfortable to do so?
Thanks,

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Cc: S. 47F(1) | homeaffairs.gov.au
Subject: Re: FOR INFORMATION FOI - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thank you!
Agnieszka Holland
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Date: Friday, January 22, 2021 at 12:05:41 PM
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Subject: RE: FOR INFORMATION FOI - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Martine,
Please note that unsuccessful grant applicants are not within the scope of this request and are therefore will not be released to the FOI applicant. Applications which the Department did not recommend, but which were approved for grant funding by the Minister (under their discretionary powers) are in scope and have been included for release. FOI worked closely with the business area to identify these recipients.

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Grant applicants that were successful (including discretionary grants) have been consulted under normal processes for affected 3 parties under the Act. We have given those 3 parties reasonable time to respond to our request for consultation and they have not raised any concerns.

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Thanks **S. 47F(1)**
Regards
Martine
Martine Cooper
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Hi Martine,
I have followed up with **S. 47F(1)** . He will give you a status update shortly.
Regards,
S.
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Hi **S. 47F(1)**
As discussed, grateful if you could advise where this is at as matter of urgency.

Thank you
Martine
Martine Cooper
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Subject: RE: FOR INFORMATION FOI - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi **S. 11C(1)**
Grateful for advice on this as soon as possible.
Thank you
Martine
Martine Cooper
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Subject: RE: FOR INFORMATION FOI - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Agnieszka,

We will check this document through again today. I will be in touch with you again before we release documents to the applicant to cover off any final concerns.

s. 11C(1)

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Martine

If the details were tabled in the Senate this may not be a problem but if they were not consent may have been the only other avenue perhaps?

Agnieszka Holland

A/First Assistant Secretary

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Subject: Re: FOR INFORMATION FOI - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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We would have needed to obtain consent from all people unsuccessful whose details we are releasing.

s. 11C(1) - I still have a concern here. Please ensure this is sorted before anything goes out.

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Subject: Re: FOR INFORMATION FOI - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Agnieszka

I think that's correct but I'll have to check first thing tomorrow and get back to you on that.

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Perhaps it is because of consent??

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Martine
So if we don't report on AusTender on people not successful, how can we be ok with releasing their information to the media? Including addresses?
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Subject: FOR INFORMATION FOI - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Agnieszka
Please find **attached (Attachment 1)** draft media TPs in relation to this FOI request, which Procurement and Contracts Advice Branch contributed to at a high level, and checked the statistics. These draft TPs have been provided by the business area (Crime Prevention Section). The Crime Prevention Section has worked with Media Operations to prepare these points to try and anticipate questions, and the Deputy Secretary Strategy and Law Enforcement is aware of the issues they think may arise. In addition, they have prepared detailed Estimates briefs on this material for the Deputy Secretary Strategy and Law Enforcement, as they were anticipating the first tranche of material would be released before December's Estimates hearings. The Crime Prevention Section has advised that Media will be providing their TPs to the MO and AMO with a few additional/minor edits. These TPs are undergoing final clearance by Media Operations and we will receive the final version once cleared by them. Supplementary background information has been provided (**attached**) by the Crime Prevention Section. The Crime Prevention Section has advised that for one-off grants funded under POCA, there are no stats as such, as these are ad hoc grants, not a program. They have advised that if they are asked by Media for information about grants under a program, they refer them to the GrantConnect website where possible as this is the Commonwealth's resource to provide transparency about the operation of the program. Minister Dutton and Assistant Minister Wood have cleared initial copies of the information being released under this FOI request provided to them. All relevant third parties (i.e. grant recipients etc.) have noted the information to be provided under the FOI requests. Procurement and Contracts Advice Branch has additional background and statistics on hand if required. Please let me know if you require any additional information or clarification. For briefing to the COO.
Thank you
Martine
Martine Cooper
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Subject: FW: FOR INFORMATION – FOI Pending Decision - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Agnieszka
We've looked at this request and can't identify any impacts of releasing this information. The information relates to circumstances where the Minister provided approval for grants under the Proceeds of Crime Act, and information provided to him to inform his decision. Information on grants awarded from December 2017 is available publicly on GrantsConnect, while information on grants awarded prior to 31 December 2017 is available on the Department's website. GrantsConnect lists the conditions under which a grants is awarded (see below extract). Details are not available as to what information is provided to the Minister and on what basis grants are approved. However, questions may be asked about the reasons why certain grants were awarded to specific recipients. The information below has been provided by the business area as part of the FOI request. This includes:

- grant guidelines for individual grant recipients
- summaries of applications recommended for funding (and not recommended for funding)
- eligibility checklists
- merit assessment reports
- justifications for approving grants NOT recommended by the Department.

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I can contact the Crime Prevention Section tomorrow to try and get more background to this, and I can come back to you if you wish.
Regards
Martine
Martine Cooper
Assistant Secretary
Procurement and Contracts Support Branch
Procurement, Property and Contracts Division
Chief Operating Officer Group

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The timeframe of such approvals I am seeking is January 2017 to the present.
The following business areas undertook a search for relevant documents:

- Crime Prevention Section

The following business areas were consulted during the making of this decision:

- Crime Prevention Section

The following external stakeholders were consulted during the making of this decision:

- Attorney-General's Department
- Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources
- The Office of the Assistant Minister of Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs, The Hon Jason Wood MP
- The Office of the Minister for Home Affairs, The Hon **S. 11C(1)(a)** Dutton MP
- Crime Stoppers Australia
- Australian Football League (Bachar Houli Program)
- Police Federation of Australia

Publication of the documents authorised for release

Documents released must be published in accordance with section 8(2)(g) of the FOI Act.

Documents are published on the Department's website [here](#).

Further Information

- Media Operations prepared Talking Points for Tranche 1 of this release, and will be consulted on the requirement in relation to Tranche 2.

If you have any questions in relation to the FOI processes please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

S. 11C(1)(a)

A/g Assistant Secretary

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S. 11C(1)(a)

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To: FOI; s. 47F(1)
Cc: s. 47F(1); s. 11C(1)(a); Leanne LOAN; s. 47F(1)
Subject: RE: Signed Decision Letter - FA 20/09/00115 - due for release 22 Jan 2021 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 25 January 2021 9:00:06 AM

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Hi s.
47F(1)

Thanks for that and all your assistance with the request. I really appreciated your help.

s. 47F(1)

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Sent: Monday, 25 January 2021 8:56 AM

To: s. 47F(1); s. 47F(1)

Cc: s. 47F(1); s. 11C(1)(a); Leanne LOAN; s. 47F(1)

Subject: RE: Signed Decision Letter - FA 20/09/00115 - due for release 22 Jan 2021
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good morning,

Confirming that the decision was issued to Mr Farrell on Friday afternoon. All documents relating to this request will be filed in OBJ2020/28452.

Kind regards

s.
47F(1)
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Subject: RE: Signed Decision Letter - FA 20/09/00115 - due for release 22 Jan 2021 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks s. 47F(1)
The decision will be issued this afternoon, we will keep you updated.
Kind regards
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Subject: Signed Decision Letter - FA 20/09/00115 - due for release 22 Jan 2021 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s. 47F(1)
Thank you for all your assistance with this.
On the issues below:

- You were correct, there is no missing page in document no.29 – the absent page has been fully redacted.
- The attached signed decision letter has the schedule updated to reflect the additional redacted 'budget' page for the Bacher Houli document (no. 71).

This resolves all our remaining issues with the package with release.
Please find attached the FINAL signed decision letter for FA 20-09-00115. Let me know if you need a TRIM link to the PDF.
It would be great if you could get someone to confirm when this is sent out.

Please let me know if there is anything further you need from us.

Kind Regard

s. 47F(1)

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Subject: RE: FOR CONSIDERATION: FA 20/09/00115 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s. 47F(1)

Thanks for getting back to me so quickly – our further comments in red. We will resolve the remaining issues at our end.

- There are a couple of comments marked up in the document package as saved in TRIM that indicate where the department will undertake third party consultation. Specifically we have identified these on the following pages: **pages 64,73,126,250,253,257, 269 and 276**. This may be part of your standard processes but can you ensure that these and any other comments ID'ing third party consultation to be undertaken are removed (*can you confirm*)

I confirm these comments will not be included in the Final Version for release to the applicant.

Thanks for that.

- Document no. 29 as scanned has 4 pages. I will need to check with the relevant policy officer but it appears that this could be a five page document. I won't be in a position to confirm this with you until tomorrow morning, but thought I would highlight it in case you can identify whether this is the case?

ADD2019/723020 provided by the business area includes the original document containing only 4 pages.

We are just checking what we have on file and will get back to you if there is a missing page.

- Document No. 31 (located at page 41) appears to be subject to some poor scanning ie. folding – can you confirm that this is not a problem? We think most of the relevant information is clear on the face of the document but are happy to be guided by your

advice on this.

We don't think is a huge issue, however in the interest of full disclosure, are you or the relevant business area able to re-scan and provide the document which I will replace in the document package?

We only have the the scanned version on file and no hard copies of the document. We are happy to just proceed with what's in the current package.

- There is an error on page 151 (first page of document 62). In relation to the last row (relating to the UnitingCare West application) the very last column with the Minister's ranking has been redacted. The rank as written in this column should be retained. All other information in this row should remain redacted. The redaction should match that undertaken in relation to the first row of the table on this page.

This has been updated.

Great – thanks for that.

- The schedule in the draft decision includes document no. 71 'Bacher Houli program proposal as being released in part. The decision letter as drafted refers to exemptions applying to this document (ie. section 47G). The package that Crime Prevention Section review and which is saved in TRIM at **ADD2021/581836** does not appear to apply any redactions that I can only assume were applied following consultation with the AFL earlier in the week. Can you confirm this is the case.

The last page of the document which contains financial information was exempted in full (as requested by the AFL) and therefore removed from the document package ADD2021/581836. I have now include that page for clarity in the document package however the 'Pages' column in the decision schedule will need to be updated from **Page 238** onwards to reflect this additional page. Can you do this from your end?

Thanks that's clear. I will update the schedule now.

As noted above. I'll update the schedule and we are checking the issue with respect to Doc No. 31.

S.
47F(1)

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Subject: RE: FOR CONSIDERATION: FA 20/09/00115 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi S.
47F(1)

Please see my comments below.

Happy to discuss.

Kind regards

S.
47F(1)

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Subject: RE: FOR CONSIDERATION: FA 20/09/00115 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s. 47F(1)

Further to my earlier email with respect to FA200900115. The decision maker has asked for a few additional changes to the package as saved at ADD2021/581836.

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Thanks

S.
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Subject: FW: FOR CONSIDERATION: FA 20/09/00115 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi FOI /s.
47F(1)

We have one final redaction to the FA200900115. Please redact the final four rows (inclusive of all columns) of the first page of document 28 – the Danny Green Proposal). This page is located at page 33 of the package as saved in TRIM at ADD2021/581836. All information in these rows relates to a merit assessment of the grant proposal as is deliberative material. As such we request it be exempted under section 47C of the FOI Act. Document 28 already has 47C of the FOI exemption claims applied to it so we do not need to update either the schedule or the content of the decision to reflect the additional change.

As discussed with s. 47F(1) this morning, the decision letter is currently with the decision maker for final review and signature. We anticipate providing the signed letter to you today.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks

s. 47F(1)

s. 47F(1)

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Subject: RE: FOR CONSIDERATION: FA 20/09/00115 (Paul Farrell) - advice on TPs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks s. 47F(1) We do not need to see TPs.

I'm just updating the Pages column in the schedule and will have the decision over to you in 30 mins or so. I've also changed some of the exemptions for minister's staff where we had used 47E(c) but should be 47F.

Sorry for the delay, there was the unfortunate timing of a fire evacuation.

Kind regards

s.
47F(1)

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Subject: RE: FOR CONSIDERATION: FA 20/09/00115 (Paul Farrell) - advice on TPs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s.
47F(1)

That's fine – does your area need to see the TP's once we have finalised with Media. Is there an ETA on the revised decision letter so that I can update s. 11C(1)(a)

s.
47F(1)

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Hi s. 47F(1) <[redacted]>

Please see email below regarding TPs for this request.

Grateful if you could liaise with Media.

Kind regards

s. 47F(1) <[redacted]>

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Subject: RE: FOR CONSIDERATION: FA 20/09/00115 (Paul Farrell) - advice on TPs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Fol

Talking points will be required for this Fol.

s. 47F(1) <[redacted]> – I will send through the TPs developed for the first tranche of this Fol that s. 47F(1) <[redacted]> prepared last year.

Regards,

s. 47F(1) <[redacted]>

Director, National Security and Crisis Communication

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Subject: FOR CONSIDERATION: FA 20/09/00115 (Paul Farrell) - advice on TPs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Morning s. 47F(1)
Please see below query from FOI regarding TPs.
I believe this one may fall in your space.
Many thanks,
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Subject: FA 20/09/00115 (Paul Farrell) - advice on TPs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good evening Media,
I refer to FOI request FA 20/09/00115 seeking access to:
1) *The minister's written approval of grants under s 298 of the Proceeds of Crime Act for all approved funding programs derived from the Confiscated Assets Account.*
2) *The advice provided by the AGD or Department of Home Affairs relating to each approval, outlining whether the programs are consistent with the purpose of s 298.*
The timeframe of such approvals I am seeking is January 2017 to the present
The documents for release are attached.
We note this is the 2nd Tranche being released. Tranche 1 of this request was issued to the FOI applicant on 4 December 2020. We understand there may already be TPs on file for this request. Grateful if you could advise if TPs are required for this tranche. Thank you.
Kind regards
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Date: Thursday, 21 January 2021 11:47:00 AM
Attachments: [Tranche 2 documents - FA 20 09 00115 - For Release.tr5](#)
[FA 200900115 - Final draft decision \(003 - CPS and FOI markups 20 Jan 2020\).docx](#)

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Hi s. 47F(1)

As discussed could you please request that the Assessment scores for the Danny Green proposal be redacted on page 33.

Thanks

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Assistant Director | Crime Prevention Section
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Hi s. 47F(1)

Please find attached our changes in the decision letter.

We are happy to accept your changes. In addition, I have made some minor edits to the schedule and added in the page numbers. I've also updated the total number of documents which includes both tranches at section 4 and 6. Ministerial staff names and contact number are now exempted under s47F.

We will now await the signed decision from Tracey. Thanks very much for your patience and help with this request.

Kind regards

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Hi s. 47F(1)
I have reviewed what you sent through to s. 11C(1)(a) last night. I have marked up some additional edits in the attached version. These are mainly editorial and formatting so you may have already picked them up this morning. If not, grateful if you could please incorporate these into the version that you are sending through for s. 11C(1)(a) review and decision.
Please give me a call if you have any questions.

Thanks
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Good evening s. 11C(1)(a)

Further to my email below, the decision alert for this request was issued this evening to notify internal stakeholders of the pending decision.

We can continue to make changes to the decision letter tomorrow.

Please disregard the decision letter I sent you earlier. I've just noticed I need to update the number of documents under paragraph 6.

Kind regards

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Hi s. 47F(1)

Please find attached the final decision letter for your consideration and signature. We have accepted your proposed changes to the decision letter.

The final version of documents for release is in the TRIM file attached.

Please also see our response below to your questions and happy to discuss if needed.

Kind regards

s.
47F(1)
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Hi FOI

Crime Prevention Section would be grateful for your review of the attached marked up version of the FA20-0900115 FOI decision before we provide the decision to the decision-maker for their consideration.

In particular can you please confirm that the approach around exempt documents is as follows: the decision states that 8 documents are exempt in full.

- We assume this includes eight documents that have had FOI exemption claims applied in their entirety (ie. Legal advice covered completely by LPP) but does not include documents that Crime Prevention Section or another stakeholder have concluded are out of scope of the request). [Yes, I confirm these documents are those exempt in full which are reflected in the schedule and removed from the document package. It does not include the documents that are out of scope.](#)
- Document number 38 is listed in the schedule. This was a ministerial submission that Crime Prevention Section requested be partially redacted. This submission is not in the Package for Release? Grateful if you could confirm whether a stakeholder (possibly Minister Dutton's Office?) has requested it be redacted in full? Otherwise is there a reason why it has not been included (with partial redactions?) in the package)
[As discussed document 36 \(previously 38\) is the Crime Stoppers Proposal not ministerial submission. Crime Stoppers have requested that their proposal is exempt in its entirety.](#)
- We have marked up for deletion rows in the table that refer to documents that are exempt in full as being out of scope of the request. Grateful if you could please review the total number of documents listed as 'exempt' at paragraph 6 of the decision based on these mark-ups. [I confirm there are 8 documents exempt in full. Those documents which are determined out of scope are not included as 'exempt' documents.](#)
- We have just realised that some of the included documents – **specifically no.41, 47, 61, 62, 64, 65** are already public documents as they are accessible on the Government's public facing Grant Connect website. Should these be included in the package?/ and or listed in the schedule. All these documents are attachments to submissions that have already been provided in tranche 1. These documents are currently listed for being released in full with no exemptions. [I have removed these documents and provided an explanation at paragraph 5 stating that Tranche 2 excludes the documents already provided in Tranche 1. I have also noted they are on the grants.gov.au website.](#)

- Depending on the approach to the above issue – the total number of documents plus the number of documents may need to be revised? [Yes, total number of documents has reduced to 84. See Part 6.](#)

Once we have received a response from you in relation to the above issues, as well as confirmation that you are happy with the mark-ups we will provide to our Assistant Secretary, as the decision maker for her consideration. We understand that the aim is to provide to internal stakeholders by 3PM, however we are not in a position to have our decision maker sign off until the outlined issues are resolved.

Happy to discuss with you and thanks for your ongoing assistance.

s. 47F(1)

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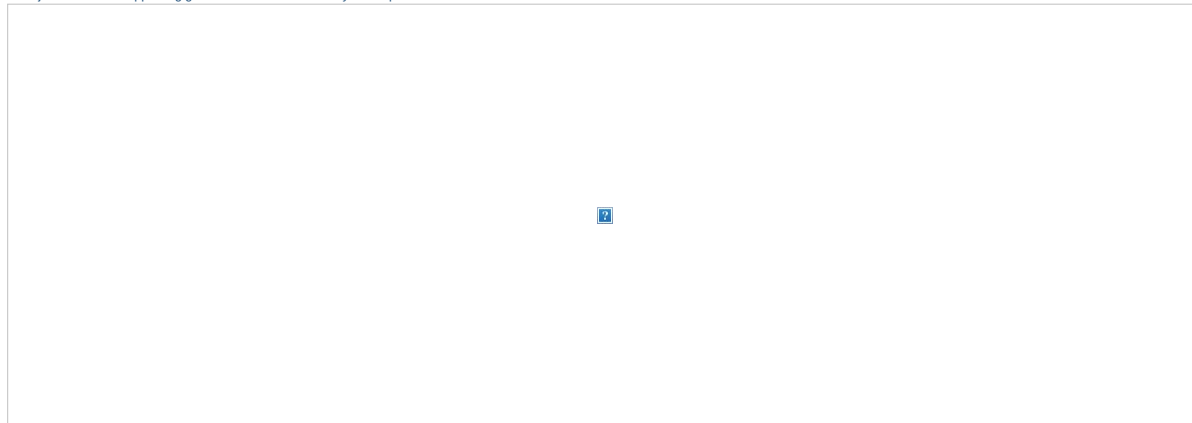
Hi Agnieszka

We've looked at this request and can't identify any impacts of releasing this information. The information relates to circumstances where the Minister provided approval for grants under the Proceeds of Crime Act, and information provided to him to inform his decision. Information on grants awarded from December 2017 is available publicly on GrantsConnect, while information on grants awarded prior to 31 December 2017 is available on the Department's website.

GrantsConnect lists the conditions under which a grants is awarded (see below extract).

Details are not available as to what information is provided to the Minister and on what basis grants are approved. However, questions may be asked about the reasons why certain grants were awarded to specific recipients. The information below has been provided by the business area as part of the FOI request. This includes:

- grant guidelines for individual grant recipients
- summaries of applications recommended for funding (and not recommended for funding)
- eligibility checklists
- merit assessment reports
- justifications for approving grants NOT recommended by the Department.



I can contact the Crime Prevention Section tomorrow to try and get more background to this, and I can come back to you if you wish.

Regards

Martine

Martine Cooper

Assistant Secretary

Procurement and Contracts Support Branch

Procurement, Property and Contracts Division

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Hi Agnieszka

Acknowledged, will take a look at this as a priority and come back to you by cob today.

Regards

Martine

Martine Cooper

Assistant Secretary Procurement and Contracts Support Branch

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Martine (and perhaps Pete)

Grateful for your consideration today noting the proposed release date. I would appreciate advice by COB if at all possible on impacts. This may arise at estimates.

S. 47F(1)

Have a quick scan - I don't think this touches you.

Agnieszka Holland

A/First Assistant Secretary

Procurement, Property and Contracts Division

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Hi, do we have any concerns that we may need to prepare for? Ca
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Our references: FA 20/09/00115; OBJ2020/28452

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) REQUEST
Paul Farrell - ABC

The decision to finalise a request for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) will be issued on **Friday 22 January 2021**.

Decision

This request was processed in two tranches with Tranche 1 documents issued to the applicant on 4 December 2020. The documents for Tranche 1 (documents 1-17) is available in TRIM File: ADD2020/6432426.

The documents released in this tranche (Tranche 2) are in the TRIM file **attached**.

The decision for Tranche 2 (documents 18-84) of this request is as follows:

- Release 25 documents in full;
- Release 34 documents in part with deletions, and
- Exempt 8 documents in full from disclosure.

Background
On 2 September 2020, Paul Farrell of ABC, requested access under the FOI Act to:

- The minister's written approval of grants under s 298 of the Proceeds of Crime Act for all approved funding programs derived from the Confiscated Assets Account.
- The advice provided by the AGD or Department of Home Affairs relating to each approval, outlining whether the programs are consistent with the purpose of s 298.

The timeframe of such approvals I am seeking is January 2017 to the present. The following business areas undertook a search for relevant documents:

- Crime Prevention Section
- The following business areas were consulted during the making of this decision:
- Crime Prevention Section
- The following external stakeholders were consulted during the making of this decision:
- Attorney-General's Department
 - Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources
 - The Office of the Assistant Minister of Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs, The Hon Jason Wood MP
 - The Office of the Minister for Home Affairs, The Hon 11C Dutton MP
 - Crime Stoppers Australia
 - Australian Football League (Bachar Houli Program)
 - Police Federation of Australia

Publication of the documents authorised for release

Documents released must be published in accordance with section 8(2)(g) of the FOI Act. Documents are published on the Department's website [here](#).

Further Information

- Media Operations prepared Talking Points for Tranche 1 of this release, and will be consulted on the requirement in relation to Tranche 2. If you have any questions in relation to the FOI processes please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you have any questions in relation to the T/O processes please do not hesitate to contact me.
Regards

Regards
s. 11C(1)

A/g Assistant Secretary
FOI and Records Management Branch
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Hi S. 47F(1)
Would we please be able to get a copy of your FAS briefing on this FOI Decision for our records please.
Thanks

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Hi - Under our services schedule with the Business Grants Hub, they are responsible for publishing grants information on Grants Connect, given they enter the funding agreements with the grantees, have the information available and know when agreements are signed. I have no knowledge of this particular grant. The Business Grants Hub is best placed to answer your question.

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Hi S. 47F(1)
It has been raised that there is one grant that has not been published on Grant Connect.
I have reached out to the Business Hub for an explanation. I was wondering if you had any background on it as well.

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

Thanks

Kind regards,

S. 47F(1)
Panels, Grants & Corporate Contracts Section
Procurement and Contracts Support Branch | Procurement Property & Contracts Division
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H. 47F(1)

Please see email trail below. Can you please reach out to the business area and the Industry Grant Hub to ascertain why the below mentioned grant has not been published on Grant Connect

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

Regards

S. 47F(1)
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H. 47F(1)

I have spoken to Peter and he advised the Grant details and recipient that he couldn't identify on GrantConnect is:

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



I have done another review on GrantConnect data and came up with same result:

Could you please escalate this to S. 47F(1) so he could liaise with Grant Hub to find out why this has not been published on Grant Connect?

Thanks.

Kind Regards,

S. 47F(1)
Resourcing Officer | Procurement Reporting
Procurement Policy & Improvement | Procurement, Property & Contracts Division
Chief Operating Officer Group
Department of Home Affairs
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Subject: FW: FOR INFORMATION – FOI Pending Decision - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

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Kind Regards,

S. 47F(1)
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Sent: Friday, 22 January 2021 9:22 AM
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Subject: FW: FOR INFORMATION – FOI Pending Decision - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

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Another one

Regards
S. 47F(1) <[REDACTED]>
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Department of Home Affairs
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Subject: RE: FOR INFORMATION – FOI Pending Decision - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

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Hi S. 47F(1)

For advice please.

Kind regards,

S. 11C(1)(a) <[REDACTED]>
Acting Assistant Secretary
Procurement Policy and Improvement Branch | Procurement, Property and Contracts Division
Chief Operating Officer (COO) Group
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Subject: Re: FOR INFORMATION – FOI Pending Decision - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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So all the listed entities are on grant connect etc?

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Subject: Re: FOR INFORMATION – FOI Pending Decision - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi all

Nil impacts identified from PPIB perspective.

Kind regards,

S. 11C(1)(a) <[REDACTED]>
Acting Assistant Secretary
Procurement Policy and Improvement Branch | Procurement, Property and Contracts Division
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Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 7:47:02 AM
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Subject: Re: FOR INFORMATION – FOI Pending Decision - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Agnieszka

Acknowledged, will take a look at this as a priority and come back to you by cob today.

Regards
Martine

Martine Cooper
Assistant Secretary Procurement and Contracts Support Branch

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S. 47F(1)

From: "Agnieszka HOLLAND" <Agnieszka.Holland@homeaffairs.gov.au>

To: s. 11C(1)(a) <s. 11C(1)(a) homeaffairs.gov.au>, s. 47F(1)

P **S. 47F(1)**

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- Media Operations prepared Talking Points for Tranche 1 of this release, and will be consulted on the requirement in relation to Tranche 2.

If you have any questions in relation to the FOI processes please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

S. 11C(1)(a)

A/g Assistant Secretary

FOI and Records Management Branch

Data Division

Strategy & Law Enforcement Group

S. 47F(1)

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Executive Assistant to **S. 11C(1)(a)** and **S. 11C(1)(a)**

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From: S. 47F(1)
To: S. 47F(1)
Subject: RE: FOR INFORMATION - FOI Pending Decision - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 27 January 2021 9:31:30 AM
Attachments: [ADD2020 774952 Acknowledgement of Country - signature block graphic 2020](#)
[ADD2020 774952 Acknowledgement of Country - signature block graphic 2020](#)
[ADD2020 774952 Acknowledgement of Country - signature block graphic 2020](#)
[ADD2020 774952 Acknowledgement of Country - signature block graphic 2020](#)
[ADD2020 774952 Acknowledgement of Country - signature block graphic 2020](#)
750 Grant not published on Grants Connect 20/07/2021 10:46:00am

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S. 47F(1)
apologies for not forwarding this on sooner. Find attached email our A/g FAS sent the COO
Please also find response from the Grants Hub with regards to one of the Grants not published on Grants Connect
Records

S. 47F(1)
A/g Director, Panels, Grants and Corporate Contracts Section
Procurement and Contracts Support Branch
Procurement, Property and Contracts Division (Chief Operating Officer Group)
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From: S. 47F(1)
Sent: Wednesday, 27 January 2021 9:45 AM
To: S. 47F(1)
Cc: S. 47F(1) @grants
Subject: RE: FOR INFORMATION - FOI Pending Decision - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

OFFICIAL

Hi S. 47F(1)
Would we please be able to get a copy of your FAS briefing on this FOI Decision for our records please.

Thanks
S. 47F(1)
Assistant Director | Crime Prevention Section
Law Enforcement Policy Branch
Law Enforcement Policy Division
Department of Home Affairs
T. 02 S. 47F(1) @homeaffairs.gov.au

From: S. 47F(1) @homeaffairs.gov.au
Sent: Friday, 22 January 2021 3:19 PM
To: Grants <Grants@homeaffairs.gov.au>
Cc: S. 47F(1) @homeaffairs.gov.au; S. 47F(1) @homeaffairs.gov.au
Subject: FW: FOR INFORMATION - FOI Pending Decision - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

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Hi - Under our services schedule with the Business Grants Hub, they are responsible for publishing grants information on Grants Connect, given they enter the funding agreements with the grantees, have the information available and know when agreements are signed. I have no knowledge of this particular grant. The Business Grants Hub is best placed to answer your question.

S. 47F(1)
Director | Crime Prevention Section
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Subject: FW: FOR INFORMATION - FOI Pending Decision - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

OFFICIAL

Hi S. 47F(1)
It has been raised that there is one grant that has not been published on Grant Connect.

S. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks
Kind regards
S. 47F(1)
Panels, Grants & Corporate Contracts Section
Procurement and Contracts Support Branch | Procurement Property & Contracts Division
Chief Operating Office (COO) Group
Department of Home Affairs

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Subject: FW: FOR INFORMATION - FOI Pending Decision - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

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S. 47F(1)
A/g Director, Panels, Grants and Corporate Contracts Section
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Sent: Friday, 22 January 2021 2:45 PM

To: S 47F(1) [@homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:homeaffairs.gov.au)

Cc: S 11C(1)(a) [S 11C\(1\)\(a\) homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:homeaffairs.gov.au); Procurement Reporting <procurement.reporting@homeaffairs.gov.au>

Subject: F.W. FOR INFORMATION – FOI Pending Decision - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]

Importance: High

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Hi S 47F(1)

Please see email trail below. Can you please reach out to the business area and the Industry Grant Hub to ascertain why the below mentioned grant has not been published on Grant Connect

S 22(1)(a)(ii)

Regards

S 47F(1)

Director | Procurement Reporting

Procurement Policy and Improvement Branch | Procurement, Property and Contracts Division

Chief Operating Officer Group

Department of Home Affairs

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Sent: Friday, 22 January 2021 1:55 PM

To: S 47F(1) [@homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:homeaffairs.gov.au)

Cc: S 47F(1) [@homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:homeaffairs.gov.au)

Subject: F.W. FOR INFORMATION – FOI Pending Decision - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]

Importance: High

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Hi S 11C(1)(a)

I have spoken to S 11C(1)(a) and he advised the Grant details and recipient that he couldn't identify on GrantConnect is:

S 22(1)(a)(ii)



I have done another review on GrantConnect data and came up with same result.

Could you please escalate this to S 47F(1) he could liaise with Grant Hub to find out why this has not been published on Grant Connect?

Thanks,

Kind Regards,

S 47F(1)

Reporting Officer | Procurement Reporting

Procurement Policy & Improvement | Procurement, Property & Contracts Division

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Kind Regards,

S 47F(1)

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Importance: High

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Another one

Regards

S 47F(1)

Director | Procurement Reporting

Procurement Policy and Improvement Branch | Procurement, Property and Contracts Division

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Importance: High

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Hi [S. 47F\(1\)](#)
For advice please.
Kind regards,
[S. 11C\(1\)\(a\)](#)
Acting Assistant Secretary
Procurement Policy and Improvement Branch | Procurement, Property and Contracts Division
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Subject: Re: FOR INFORMATION – FOI Pending Decision - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]
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So all the listed entities are on grant connect etc?
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Subject: Re: FOR INFORMATION – FOI Pending Decision - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]
OFFICIAL

Hi all
Nil impacts identified from PPIB perspective.
Kind regards,
[S. 11C\(1\)\(a\)](#)
Acting Assistant Secretary
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Corporate and Enabling Group
Department of Home Affairs
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Subject: Re: FOR INFORMATION – FOI Pending Decision - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]
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Hi Agnieszka
Acknowledged, will take a look at this as a priority and come back to you by cob today.
Regards
Martine
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Chief Operating Officer Group
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Date: Wednesday, 20 January 2021 at 7:24:32 am
To: [S. 11C\(1\)\(a\)](#) <[S. 11C\(1\)\(a\)](#) [homeaffairs.gov.au](#)>, [S. 47F\(1\)](#) <[@homeaffairs.gov.au](#)>, "Martine COOPER" <[Martine.Cooper@homeaffairs.gov.au](#)>
Subject: Fwd: FOR INFORMATION – FOI Pending Decision - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]
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Martine (and perhaps Pete)
Grateful for your consideration today noting the proposed release date. I would appreciate advice by COB if at all possible on impacts. This may arise at estimates.
Elise
Have a quick scan - I don't think this touches you.
Agnieszka Holland
A/First Assistant Secretary
Procurement, Property and Contracts Division
Chief Operating Officer Group
Department of Home Affairs
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Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 8:34:59 PM
To: "Agnieszka HOLLAND" <[Agnieszka.Holland@homeaffairs.gov.au](#)>
Subject: Fwd: FOR INFORMATION – FOI Pending Decision - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115[SEC=OFFICIAL]
OFFICIAL

Hi, do we have any concerns that we may need to prepare for? Ca
Cheryl-anne Moy
Chief Operating Officer
Deputy Secretary Corporate & Enabling
Department of Home Affairs
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E: [cheryl-anne.moy@homeaffairs.gov.au](#)

From: "FOI" <foi@homeaffairs.gov.au>
Date: Tuesday, 19 January 2021 at 18:48:21
To: "FOI" <foi@homeaffairs.gov.au>
Cc: s.11C(1)(a) <s.11C(1)(a)@homeaffairs.gov.au>, s.47F(1) <s.47F(1)@homeaffairs.gov.au>, "Media Operations" <media@homeaffairs.gov.au>, "Cath PATTERSON" <Cath.Patterson@homeaffairs.gov.au>, "Cheryl-anne MOY" <Cheryl-Anne.Moy@homeaffairs.gov.au>, "COO Executive Support" <COO.Executive.Support@homeaffairs.gov.au>, "Pip De VEAU" <Pip.DeVeu@homeaffairs.gov.au>, "Cath PATTERSON" <Cath.Patterson@homeaffairs.gov.au>, "STEVEN DAVIES" <Steven.Davies@homeaffairs.gov.au>, "Anthony COLES" <Anthony.Coles@homeaffairs.gov.au>, s.11C(1)(a) <s.11C(1)(a)@homeaffairs.gov.au>, s.47F(1) <s.47F(1)@homeaffairs.gov.au>, "MO Registration" <mo.registration@homeaffairs.gov.au>, s.47F(1) <s.47F(1)@homeaffairs.gov.au>, AMO DLO <amo.dlo@homeaffairs.gov.au>, s.47F(1) <s.47F(1)@homeaffairs.gov.au>, "Emily GRANT" <Emily.Grant@homeaffairs.gov.au>, s.47F(1) <s.47F(1)@homeaffairs.gov.au>, "Sophie SHARPE" <Sophie.Sharpe@homeaffairs.gov.au>, s.47F(1) <s.47F(1)@homeaffairs.gov.au>, s.47F(1) <s.47F(1)@homeaffairs.gov.au>, s.47F(1) <s.47F(1)@homeaffairs.gov.au>, "Kendra MORONY" <Kendra.Morony@homeaffairs.gov.au>, s.47F(1) <s.47F(1)@homeaffairs.gov.au>, s.47F(1) <s.47F(1)@homeaffairs.gov.au>, s.47F(1) <s.47F(1)@homeaffairs.gov.au>
Subject: FOR INFORMATION – FOI Pending Decision - Paul Farrell (Journalist) FA 20/09/00115 [SEC=OFFICIAL] 47F

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Our references: FA 20/09/00115; OBJ2020/28452

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) REQUEST

Paul Farrell - ABC

The decision to finalise a request for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act* 1982 (FOI Act) will be issued on **Friday 22 January 2021**.

Decision

This request was processed in two tranches with Tranche 1 documents issued to the applicant on 4 December 2020. The documents for Tranche 1 (documents 1-17) is available in TRIM File: ADD2020/6432426.

The documents released in this tranche (Tranche 2) are in the TRIM file **attached**.

The decision for Tranche 2 (documents 18-84) of this request is as follows:

- Release 25 documents in full;
- Release 34 documents in part with deletions, and
- Exempt 8 documents in full from disclosure.

Background

On 2 September 2020, Paul Farrell of ABC, requested access under the FOI Act to:

- The minister's written approval of grants under s 298 of the Proceeds of Crime Act for all approved funding programs derived from the Confiscated Assets Account.
- The advice provided by the AGD or Department of Home Affairs relating to each approval, outlining whether the programs are consistent with the purpose of s 298.

The timeframe of such approvals I am seeking is January 2017 to the present.

The following business areas undertook a search for relevant documents:

- Crime Prevention Section

The following business areas were consulted during the making of this decision:

- Crime Prevention Section

The following external stakeholders were consulted during the making of this decision:

- Attorney-General's Department
- Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources
- The Office of the Assistant Minister of Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs, The Hon Jason Wood MP
- The Office of the Minister for Home Affairs, The Hon. 116 Dutton MP
- Crime Stoppers Australia
- Australian Football League (Bachar Houli Program)
- Police Federation of Australia

Publication of the documents authorised for release

Documents released must be published in accordance with section 8(2)(g) of the FOI Act.

Documents are published on the Department's website [here](#).

Further Information

- Media Operations prepared Talking Points for Tranche 1 of this release, and will be consulted on the requirement in relation to Tranche 2.

If you have any questions in relation to the FOI processes please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

s. 11C(1)(a)

A/g Assistant Secretary

FOI and Reco

Data Division

Strategy & Law Enforcement Group

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S. 47F(1)
Executive Assistant to S. 11C(1)(a) and S. 11C(1)(a)

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From: s. 47F(1)
To: [FOI](#)
Cc: s. 47F(1) ; [Media Operations](#)
Subject: RE: FOR CONSIDERATION: FA 20/09/00115 (Paul Farrell) - advice on TPs [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 20 January 2021 11:09:27 AM

OFFICIAL

Hi Fol

Talking points will be required for this Fol.

s. 47F(1) – I will send through the TPs developed for the first tranche of this Fol that s. 47F(1) prepared last year.

Regards,

s.
47F(1)

s. 47F(1)

Director, National Security and Crisis Communication
Media and Communication Branch | Executive Division
Department of Home Affairs

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From: Media Operations <media@homeaffairs.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 January 2021 11:05 AM
To: s. 47F(1) @homeaffairs.gov.au>
Cc: Media Operations <media@homeaffairs.gov.au>
Subject: FOR CONSIDERATION: FA 20/09/00115 (Paul Farrell) - advice on TPs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Morning s.
47F(1)

Please see below query from FOI regarding TPs.

I believe this one may fall in your space.

Many thanks,

s. 47F(1)

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Media and Communication Branch | Executive Division
Department of Home Affairs

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From: FOI <foi@homeaffairs.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 19 January 2021 6:41 PM

To: Media Operations <media@homeaffairs.gov.au>

Cc: s. 47F(1) @homeaffairs.gov.au

Subject: FA 20/09/00115 (Paul Farrell) - advice on TPs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good evening Media,

I refer to FOI request FA 20/09/00115 seeking access to:

- 1) *The minister's written approval of grants under s 298 of the Proceeds of Crime Act for all approved funding programs derived from the Confiscated Assets Account.*
 - 2) *The advice provided by the AGD or Department of Home Affairs relating to each approval, outlining whether the programs are consistent with the purpose of s 298.*
- The timeframe of such approvals I am seeking is January 2017 to the present*

The documents for release are attached.

We note this is the 2nd Tranche being released. Tranche 1 of this request was issued to the FOI applicant on 4 December 2020. We understand there may already be TPs on file for this request.

Grateful if you could advise if TPs are required for this tranche. Thank you.

Kind regards

s.
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Date: Wednesday, 20 January 2021 11:24:14 AM
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s. 47F(1) handover advice in relation to Tranche 2 is below. Minister Dutton's office has an interest in this also.

Paul Farrell FOI

Paul Farrell drilled into the Department's advice to Ministers Dutton and Wood on Safer Communities grants. He received the 'first tranche' of the FOI on 7 December. We assisted with TPs, which have been shared with both offices.

Advice from FOI on the second tranche, related to s. 47F(1) was

Because of the nature of the request's status at review, we negotiated a staged release with the applicant. The first stage was released to the applicant on Monday [7 December].

We continue to work to process the second stage of the release while awaiting feedback from the applicant on what can be excluded from the outstanding documents. Currently this is about 900 pages. We'll work with the business area to consult all the relevant parties to the subject matter, either as part of the consultations or prior to the release. Because the second stage of the release remains outstanding, the request is still open and still under review by the Information Commissioner. This does mean we could be issued a Notice to Produce under the Act which would give an enforceable deadline for any outstanding documents. We hope our collaborative approach with the applicant will avoid this occurring.

So the second tranche depends on what Mr Farrell does next.

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Regards,

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Hi. On Monday your DLO reached out for TPs on the FOI request by ABC journalist Paul Farrell, part one of which has been released. Paul Farrell asked for:

- The minister's written approval of grants under s 298 of the Proceeds of Crime Act for all approved funding programs derived from the Confiscated Assets Account.
- The advice provided by the AGD or Department of Home Affairs relating to each approval, outlining whether the programs are consistent with the purpose of s 298.
- The timeframe of such approvals are from is January 2017 to the present.

Based on the material provided to Mr Farrell, the Department has prepared TPs, attached, anticipating questions he may ask. The Department will of course work with your office (or Minister Dutton's office) in the usual way to respond to any media enquiries resulting from the FOI.

Happy to discuss.

Regards

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Link to the docs - FYI

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Morning S.
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Please see below query from FOI regarding TPs.

I believe this one may fall in your space.

Many thanks,

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- The timeframe of such approvals I am seeking is January 2017 to the present*

The documents for release are attached.

We note this is the 2nd Tranche being released. Tranche 1 of this request was issued to the FOI applicant on 4 December 2020. We understand there may already be TPs on file for this request.

Grateful if you could advise if TPs are required for this tranche. Thank you.

Kind regards

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Hi s.
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I'm reviewing our existing TPs for the release of Tranche 2 to Paul Farrell in relation to FA 20/09/00115.

I tried ringing earlier and left a message.

I did a quick scan of the Tranche 2 documents and have made a few preliminary updates to the TPs.

I would like to discuss a few issues with you, in particular:

- "submissions where Minister Dutton approved four projects (round three of the SCF) and Assistant Minister Wood approved nine projects (round five of the SCF) against the department's recommendation.

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Date: Wednesday, 20 January 2021 3:50:55 PM
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Hi s.
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As discussed with you on the phone, we have updated that talking points for the release of the second tranche of documents. Please find updated version attached with changes marked up for your consideration.

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Hi [REDACTED]
S. 22(1)(a)(ii)

We have worked with Media Operations team to prepare points to anticipate questions, and the Deputy Secretary Strategy and Law Enforcement is aware of the issues we think may arise. I've attached the current version of the TPs - these are currently with Media Ops for final clearance, so please consider them draft for now. We have also prepared detailed Estimates briefs on this material for the Deputy Secretary Strategy and Law Enforcement, as we were anticipating the first tranche of material would be released before December's Estimates hearings.

Thanks
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Good morning [REDACTED]
With respects to this FOI request regarding Grants paid from the Proceeds of Crime Act, Acting FAS, Procurement, Property and Contracts Division is asking if we have stats and figures across the program in order to anticipate media questions and questions from MO.
I am therefore reaching out to see if you have these, or will look to information on GrantsConnects.
We would also be interested in seeking Talking Points prepared by Media Operations for Tranche 1 information (and any further talking points prepared).
Thanks [REDACTED] happy to discuss further
Regards

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Hi [REDACTED]
Please see below - has your team got this info ready?
If not, can they please prepare.
Happy to discuss tomorrow morning.
Thank you
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Do we have our stats in order to anticipate media questions and questions from MO? Do we have figures across the program?
Grateful if we can discuss
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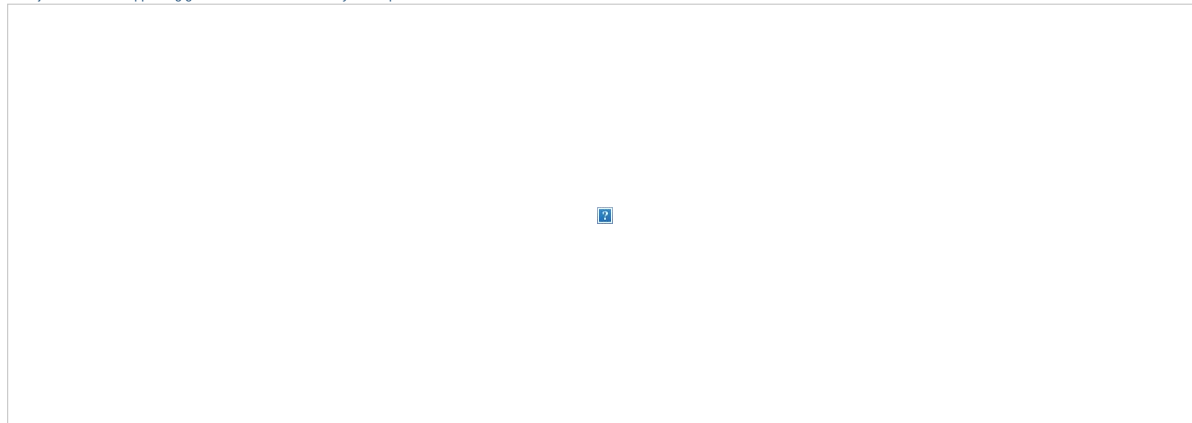
Hi Agnieszka

We've looked at this request and can't identify any impacts of releasing this information. The information relates to circumstances where the Minister provided approval for grants under the Proceeds of Crime Act, and information provided to him to inform his decision. Information on grants awarded from December 2017 is available publicly on GrantsConnect, while information on grants awarded prior to 31 December 2017 is available on the Department's website.

GrantsConnect lists the conditions under which a grants is awarded (see below extract).

Details are not available as to what information is provided to the Minister and on what basis grants are approved. However, questions may be asked about the reasons why certain grants were awarded to specific recipients. The information below has been provided by the business area as part of the FOI request. This includes:

- grant guidelines for individual grant recipients
- summaries of applications recommended for funding (and not recommended for funding)
- eligibility checklists
- merit assessment reports
- justifications for approving grants NOT recommended by the Department.



I can contact the Crime Prevention Section tomorrow to try and get more background to this, and I can come back to you if you wish.

Regards

Martine

Martine Cooper

Assistant Secretary

Procurement and Contracts Support Branch

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Hi Agnieszka

Acknowledged, will take a look at this as a priority and come back to you by cob today.

Regards

Martine

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Martine (and perhaps Pete)

Grateful for your consideration today noting the proposed release date. I would appreciate advice by COB if at all possible on impacts. This may arise at estimates.

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Have a quick scan - I don't think this touches you.

Agnieszka Holland

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Hi, do we have any concerns that we may need to prepare for? Ca
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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) REQUEST
Paul Farrell - ABC

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Decision

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The documents released in this tranche (Tranche 2) are in the TRIM file **attached**.

The decision for Tranche 2 (documents 18-84) of this request is as follows:

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- The advice provided by the AGD or Department of Home Affairs relating to each approval, outlining whether the programs are consistent with the purpose of s 298.

The timeframe of such approvals I am seeking is January 2017 to the present.

The following business areas undertook a search for relevant documents:

- Crime Prevention Section

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- Attorney-General's Department
- Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources
- The Office of the Assistant Minister of Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs, The Hon Jason Wood MP
- The Office of the Minister for Home Affairs, The Hon **Scott Morrison** MP
- Crime Stoppers Australia
- Australian Football League (Bachar Houli Program)
- Police Federation of Australia

Publication of the documents authorised for release

Documents released must be published in accordance with section 8(2)(g) of the FOI Act.

Documents are published on the Department's website [here](#).

Further Information

- Media Operations prepared Talking Points for Tranche 1 of this release, and will be consulted on the requirement in relation to Tranche 2.

If you have any questions in relation to the FOI processes please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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Hi s. 47F(1)

We send FOI TPs up to the relevant Minister's Media Advisors FOR NOTING—in this instance s. 47F(1)—from the Meida Ops inbox; along with the documents that are set to be released; and the timeframe for when the documents will be released.

You'll also need to copy in the Dutton CC list.

More than happy to discuss further if that proves easier.

Cheers,
s. 47F(1)

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TALKING POINTS

Subject	FOI Safer Communities Grants		
Date	21 January 2021		
Type	Agency		
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ISSUE

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TALKING POINTS UNCLASSIFIED

- The Safer Communities Fund (SCF) implements a 2016 election commitment which aims to improve security, reduce street crime and violence and improve perceptions of community safety, leading to greater community resilience and wellbeing.
- \$180.1 million (including administration costs) has been allocated to the first five funding rounds of the SCF.
- All five funding rounds of the SCF have been fully allocated.
- A further \$35 million (including administration costs) over four years from 2020-21 to 2023-24 has been allocated from proceeds of crime funding to deliver round six of the SCF.
- This brings the total SCF funding to \$215.1 million (including administration).

If asked – have SCF projects been approved against the Department's recommendations?

- Yes.
 - In accordance with 4.12(a) of the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines (CGRGs) the relevant Minister provided written reasons when approving these grants which have been reported to the Minister for Finance.
 - All SCF projects, including those that have been approved against the Department's recommendations, are listed on the Government's grants connect website in accordance with the CGRGs.

If asked – why were the SCF rounds three and five early intervention funding streams a restrictive non-competitive process?

- The SCF rounds three and five early intervention stream guidelines were developed in accordance with the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines . These allow for a range of selection processes, including restricted competitive processes, whereby funding rounds are open to a small number of grantees, and a merit-based competitive assessment occurs against all applications.
- This provides an efficient administrative process and directs funding to organisations with a proven track record, and ability to meet the program's objectives to divert young people at risk of interaction with the criminal justice system away from crime.
- The government will consider feedback in relation to earlier rounds when designing round six of the early intervention grants program.

If asked - why can the Minister for Home Affairs approve funding for one-off grants under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002?

- Under section 298 of the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002*, the Minister may approve expenditure from the Confiscated Assets Account for specific purposes, including: crime prevention measures; law enforcement measures; measures relating to the treatment of drug addiction, or diversionary measures relating to the illegal use of drugs.
- A focused selection process under the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines (CGRGs) is applied to allow organisations identified by the Minister to apply for funding.
- One-off grant applications are assessed by the Business Grants Hub against focused guidelines to ensure value with relevant requirements.
 - o In accordance with the CGRGs, one-off/ad hoc grants guidelines are not made publicly available.

If asked: How does the Department ensure the funds are fairly distributed?

How funds are allocated under the Safer Communities Fund

- Under the whole-of-government grant arrangements, the Department of Industry Science Energy and Resources Business Grants Hub administers the program on behalf of the Department of Home Affairs which has policy responsibility for the Safer Communities Fund (SCF).
- The Business Grants Hub receives and assesses applications against the eligibility and merit criteria as specified in SCF grant opportunity guidelines, provides recommendations to the Department of Home Affairs, enters into funding agreements, makes payments to grantees, and has ongoing oversight of project delivery.
- The Department of Home Affairs provides funding recommendations to the responsible Minister based on the Business Grants Hub assessment and recommendations.
- Consistent with the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines , program guidelines were published for the first five funding rounds of the SCF.

If asked: Is the Department aware of the criticism received due to the restricted eligibility requirements and limited funding available for the early intervention streams for rounds three and five?

- Rounds three and five of the Safer Communities Fund (SCF) leverage the strong and established relationships of peak Police Citizens' Youth Clubs, Bluelight organisations and 'Youth Off the Streets' with local law enforcement agencies. These organisations are well placed to work with at risk youth and divert them from the criminal justice system.
- The SCF round three and five guidelines were developed in accordance with the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines. These allow for a range of selection processes, included restricted competitive, whereby funding rounds are open to a small number of grantees, and a merit-based competitive assessment occurs against all applications.
- Program guidelines include eligibility and merit assessment criteria, and set out the assessment process and final decision maker.
- Program guidelines are publicly available and all applications are assessed against these guidelines.

If asked: Is electorate information considered by the department in assessing applications for grant funding?

- Applicant electorate information does not form part of the eligibility or merit criteria and is not considered when making recommendations for grant funding.

If asked: Is the Department concerned that the Minister didn't take into consideration the Department's recommendations?

- It is open to the Minister to make decisions on grant funding consistent with the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines..

BACKGROUND NOT FOR PUBLIC RELEASE

(The information below is classified and should not be publicly released without the authority of the Department of Home Affairs.)

As a result of his FOI request, Mr Farrell will receive:

- submissions where Minister Dutton approved four projects (round three of the Safer Communities Fund (SCF) and Assistant Minister Wood approved nine projects (round five of the SCF) against the Department's recommendation.
- submissions where Minister Dutton and Assistant Minister Wood approved the establishment of a restrictive non-competitive early intervention funding round of the SCF.
- submissions seeking Minister Dutton's approval of one-off grants under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002*..
- information about Minister Dutton's approval of four projects (round three of the SCF) and Assistant Minister Wood's approval of nine projects (round five of the SCF) against the

Department's recommendation, including written reasons provided by each Minister for the approval of each of these grants.

- program guidelines that were approved by Minister Dutton for the making of one-off grants to organisations provided with proceeds of crime funds
- proposals and correspondence written by third party organisations to Minister Dutton seeking proceeds of crime funding that were subsequently approved for funding.

CLEARANCE

Drafted by	Title	Time/Date drafted
Various		January 2020

Cleared by	Title	Time/Date cleared
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s. 47F(1)	Director, National Security and Crisis Media	

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[LEPD-07 - SCF - SB20-000720.docx](#)
[Sec 1627 - MINISTERIAL SUBMISSION Information on Safer Communities Fund Program grant.DOCX](#)
[EC20-000168 at 2 July 2020.docx](#)
[Secretary Minute - SCF R5 - Advice on grants approved against recommendations - 29 June 2020.DOCX](#)
[SCF - Risk management frameworks and process - DISER updates.docx](#)
[Attachment - Written reasons - projects approved against Department's Recommendation - SCF R5.pdf](#)

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COO

From the divisional point of view, there are no concerns in relation to the release of information related to this FOI.

- Minister Dutton and Assistant Minister Wood have cleared initial copies of the information being released under this FOI request provided to them.
- All relevant third parties (i.e. Grant recipients etc.) have noted the information to be provided under the FOI requests.
- We worked with the Crime Prevention area to ensure TPs are sound

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

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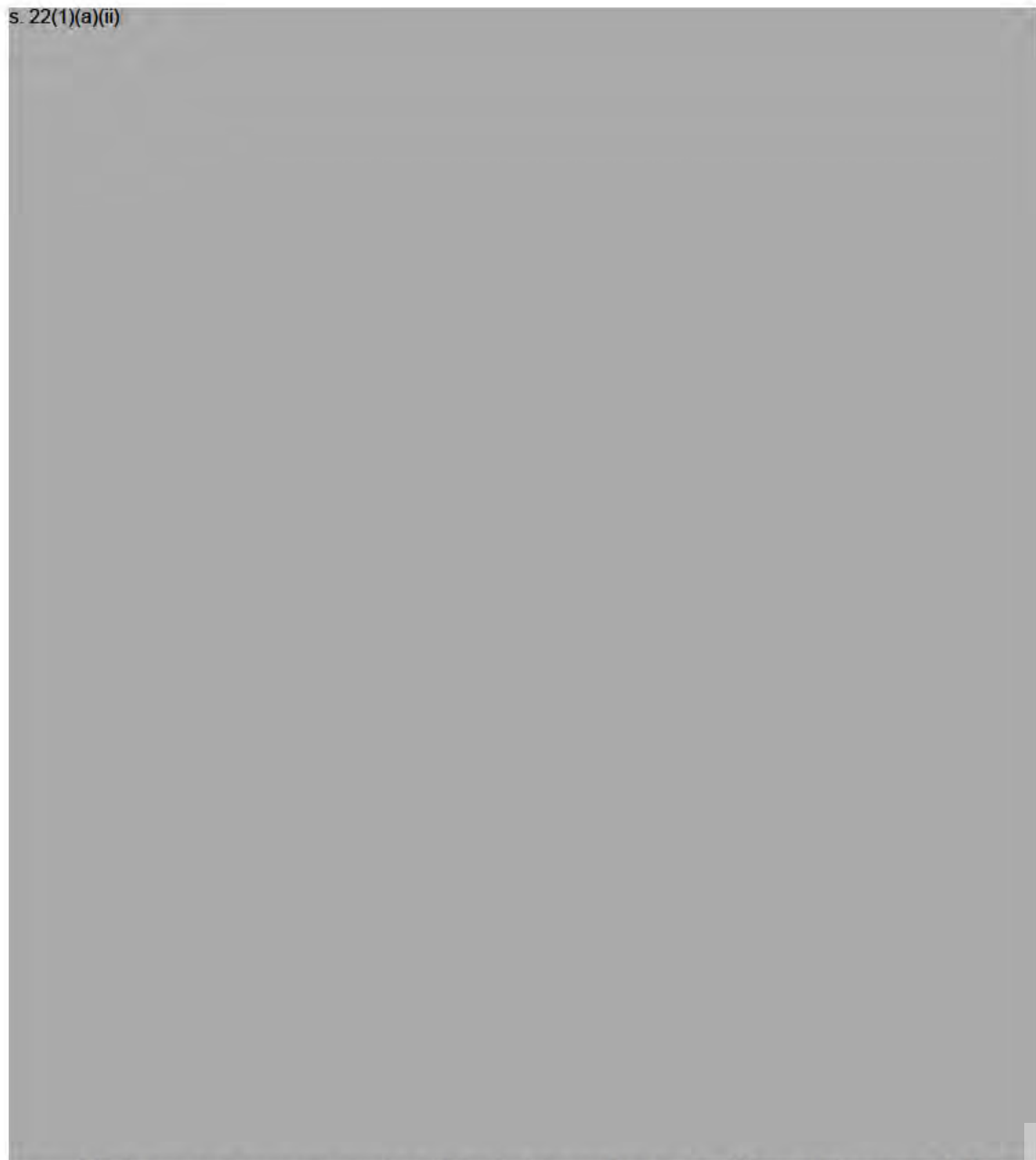
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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)



- Ministers may approve grants within their own electorate. Where this occurs, 4.11 of the CGRGs state that the Minister must write to the Minister for Finance advising of the details as soon as practicable after the decision is made.

- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [Redacted]

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- Both these grants were merit assessed by the Business Grants Hub in accordance

with approved, published, round three program guidelines. Following departmental recommendation that both grants be approved, funding agreements were executed in April 2019. In accordance with the requirements of 5.3 of the CGRGs details of the Grants were reported on the GrantConnect website within 21 days of the execution of funding agreements.

- Under 4.12(a) of the CGRGs, the Minister may approve grants that are not recommended by the Department. In these instances, Ministers (including Senators) must report annually to the Minister for Finance on all instances where they have decided to approve a particular grant which the relevant official has recommended be rejected. The report must include a brief statement of reasons (i.e. the basis of the approval for each grant), and must be provided to the Minister for Finance by 31 March each year for the preceding calendar year.
- For the Department, this report is coordinated by Procurement Policy and Improvement Branch, with input from relevant business areas.
- Since 2016, over 600 grants have been awarded funding. Of these 25 were awarded by the responsible Minister against the Department's recommendation.
- While grant opportunity guidelines are required for all grants, including one-off or ad hoc grants, 5.2 of CGRGs state that the grant opportunity guidelines of grants provided on a one-off or ad hoc basis are not made publicly available (not published on GrantConnect).

My apologies for not providing you with a more formal brief on this.

Agnieszka

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Hi Agnieszka

Please find **attached (Attachment 1)** draft media TPs in relation to this FOI request, which Procurement and Contracts Advice Branch contributed to at a high level, and checked the statistics. These draft TPs have been provided by the business area (Crime Prevention Section). The Crime Prevention Section has worked with Media Operations to prepare these points to try and anticipate questions, and the Deputy Secretary Strategy and Law Enforcement is aware of the issues they think may arise. In addition, they have prepared detailed Estimates briefs on this material for the Deputy Secretary Strategy and Law Enforcement, as they were anticipating the first tranche of material would be released before December's Estimates hearings. The Crime Prevention Section has advised that Media will be providing their TPs to the MO and AMO with a few additional/minor edits. These TPs are undergoing final clearance by Media Operations and

we will receive the final version once cleared by them.

Supplementary background information has been provided (**attached**) by the Crime Prevention Section.

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Procurement and Contracts Advice Branch has additional background and statistics on hand if required.

Please let me know if you require any additional information or clarification.

For briefing to the COO.

Thank you
Martine

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