

From: Sneha CHATTERJEE
 To: Stephanie FOSTER
 Cc: Rebecca CARPENTER
 Subject: Fwd: Query re media report - Home Affairs briefing to delegation attending Auschwitz commemoration[SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
 Date: Tuesday, 21 January 2025 7:56:36 PM
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Hi Stephanie,

As discussed please see below.

Regards,

Sneha

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 Date: Tuesday 21 January 2025 at 7:48:11 pm
 To: "Heike PHILLIPS" s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au, "Elizabeth WHITE" s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au, "Melanie MACKENZIE" s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au
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Hi all

This appears to be an email sent to the Special Envoy with the delegation list from us, noting that it had the approval of DFAT to be shared with s. 47F(1) as a member of the delegation.

Full content of the email follows.

Kind regards

Malcolm McAllister
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 Special Envoy Support and Grants Programs
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Hi s. 47F(1),

I understand that you spoke to Stephanie about the Australian delegation to the 80th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. The delegation is as follows:

Head of Delegation

Senator the Hon Susan Lines, President of the Senate, Parliament of Australia

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Accompanying Delegation

Mr Benjamin Hayes, Head of Mission, Australian Embassy in Warsaw

s. 22(1)(a)(ii), Adviser to the President of the Senate

s. 47F(1) AO, Special Envoy to Combat Antisemitism

s. 47F(1), Deputy President of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry

Please note, DFAT's consultation for attendees included contacting Government House. DFAT was advised that the Governor General was not available to attend on this occasion.

Regards

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From: Heike PHILLIPS s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au>
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Hi - still checking with various teams but so far we haven't found anything in the media inbox and the media director I checked with had no knowledge of this matter.

Heike

Assistant Secretary, Media and Communication Executive Coordination Division

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Hi Mel, not us to the best of my knowledge. Agree this appears to be from DFAT.

Liz

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Hi all

s. 47F(1) has asked about reporting via Sky news that Home Affairs briefed attend the Auschwitz commemoration that Senator Lines would be part of the Australian delegation. See below and online: [Labor Senator who accused Israel of 'apartheid' likely to be dropped from Auschwitz memorial following Jewish community outrage | Sky News Australia](#)

The excerpt of the "briefing" below, reads as more likely coming from DFAT. I don't think Home Affairs would have a role in contacting or briefing attendees – grateful any knowledge or perspective you have.

Thanks,

Mel



Cam Reddin
cam@camreddin.com

Update: Sky News now understands Senator Lines will NOT lead next week's delegation.

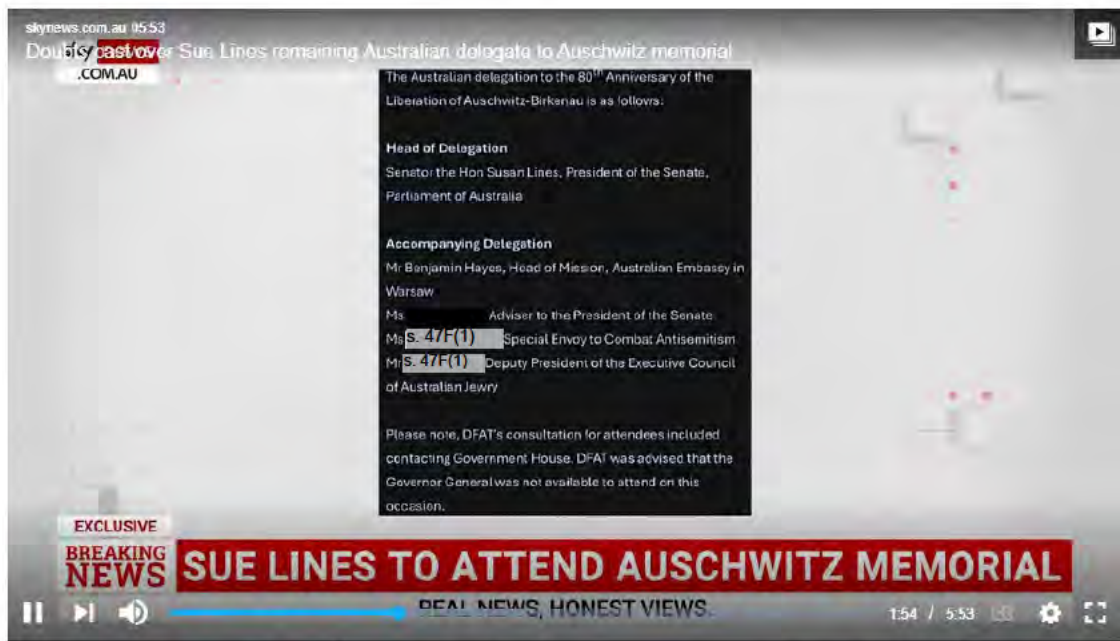
This follows our report that some within the traveling party had been briefed by Home Affairs that she would.

Exclusive details here [#auspol](#) cam@skynewsaustralia.com

skynews.com.au/australia-news...

21/1/2025, 4:55 pm

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To: [Rebecca CARPENTER](#)
Subject: FW: Invitation: WJC SECCA Meeting at 80th Anniversary Commemoration of the Liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau – 26-28 January 2025 – **s. 47F(1)** [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 18 November 2024 4:23:22 PM

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From: Malcolm MCALLISTER **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** [@homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@homeaffairs.gov.au)>
Sent: Friday, 15 November 2024 1:57 PM
To: **s. 47F(1)** [Sneha CHATTERJEE s. 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\) @homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@homeaffairs.gov.au)>
Subject: RE: Invitation: WJC SECCA Meeting at 80th Anniversary Commemoration of the Liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau – 26-28 January 2025 – **s. 47F(1)** [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIALHi **s. 47F(1)**

I've been advised by DFAT that you will not need a separate invitation to the Auschwitz commemoration as DFAT will include you in the official delegation list. This will ensure your registration in the event.

I've also been advised that in terms of community representatives, there appears to have been a change in the Auschwitz Birkenau Museum's policy – whereby they now would need to be part of an official delegation to participate. Should I confirm **s. 47F(1)** participation as part of the official delegation as a community representative? In doing so, this will also ensure his registration for the event.

The team coordinating Australia's official delegation to the commemoration is led by **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** in DFAT – **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** [@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au) **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** or **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)**. He is happy for you or **s. 47F(1)** to contact him directly.

Kind regards

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From: Malcolm MCALLISTER
Sent: Wednesday, 13 November 2024 2:44 PM
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Subject: RE: Invitation: WJC SECCA Meeting at 80th Anniversary Commemoration of the Liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau – 26-28 January 2025 – s. 47F(1) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s. 47F(1)

On this and the other issue you raised this morning (email attached for your reference, Sneha), the appropriate contact for both matters is:

Bronte Moules
 Ambassador for Human Rights/Acting First Assistant Secretary
 Multilateral Policy and Human Rights Division
 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
 P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

I've spoken with her on both matters. Our Ambassador in Poland is Benjamin Hayes – s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au . I have explained that you are seeking certainty regarding the commemoration in order to book flights etc, as well as asked about likely participation from the Embassy. I have also mentioned that s. 47F(1) from ECAJ will also be travelling. Bronte has reached out to Benjamin.

I hope that helps.

Thanks and kind regards

Malcolm McAllister
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Thank you!

Please also see if you can do an introduction as well as register me for the commemoration itself.

s. 47C(1), s. 47F(1)

Please explain the urgency as flights getting booked out etc

It would also be good to know if anyone from our Embassy in Poland is attending.

Regards

S. 47F(1)

From: Malcolm MCALLISTER s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 11 November 2024 4:42 PM
To: S. 47F(1) Sneha CHATTERJEE s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Invitation: WJC SECCA Meeting at 80th Anniversary Commemoration of the Liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau – 26-28 January 2025 – S. 47F(1) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi both

I'm reaching out to the relevant First Assistant Secretary in DFAT now.

Kind regards

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Please do so urgently as I need to register / pay for hotel and book flights(which I will do)

Thanks

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Hi S. 47F(1)

Thanks for sharing the details. I've asked Malcolm and the team to contact DFAT for further information and we'll come back to you as soon as possible.

Regards,

Sneha

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Hi Sneha,

Further to my discussion with Stephanie on Friday could you please;

1 Contact DFAT for me about registering me through our Embassy for the full commemoration

2 Let me know the contact details of Australia's Ambassador to Poland so I can make contact.

Many thanks

S. 47F(1) (noticed I sent the original to the wrong address-apologies. Amazing that it accepted it as a correct email!)

From: S. 47F(1)

Sent: Friday, 8 November 2024 11:46 AM

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

Subject: FW: Invitation: WJC SECCA Meeting at 80th Anniversary Commemoration of the Liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau – 26-28 January 2025 – S. 47F(1)

Hi Sneha,

Here is the SECCA invitation and reference to registering for the commemoration through the Embassy.

Regards

S. 47F(1)

From: S. 47F(1) [@events.worldjewishcongress.org](mailto:events.worldjewishcongress.org) S. 47F(1) [@events.worldjewishcongress.org](mailto:events.worldjewishcongress.org)>

Sent: Friday, 8 November 2024 2:37 AM

To: S. 47F(1) S. 47F(1)

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12th WJC International Meeting of Special Envoys & Coordinators Combating Antisemitism (SECCA)

80th Anniversary Commemoration of the Liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau

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Dear S. 47F(1)

As the world marks eight decades since the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, we gather not only to remember, but to reaffirm our shared duty to confront rising tides of hatred and protect the dignity of every individual. We are deeply honored to invite you to the **12th WJC International Meeting of Special Envoys & Coordinators Combating Antisemitism (SECCA)**, taking place on **28 January 2025** in **Krakow, Poland**. This gathering will be preceded by a **dinner with survivors on 26 January** hosted by WJC President Ronald S. Lauder and the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial Foundation, and by the official **80th Anniversary Commemoration of the Liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau on 27 January** - a profoundly significant event that will likely be the last major commemoration attended by survivors of Auschwitz.

In the presence of these survivors, world leaders, representatives of civil society and Jewish communities, we will come together at Auschwitz-Birkenau to bear witness to the atrocities of the Holocaust, honor its victims, and rededicate ourselves to fighting antisemitism in all its forms.

The **SECCA program on 28 January** includes the traditional closed meeting of government officials and a joint session with community representatives. We will confront one of today's most urgent challenges: **online antisemitism**. Your insights and participation are essential as we delve into the complexities of online hate, discussing strategies that will shape safer digital spaces for generations to come.

Participants will also engage directly with senior representatives from major technology companies to address both obstacles and solutions, including the rapid spread of conspiracy myths, automated hate speech, evasion tactics, and the role of generative AI in adapting hateful content.

A detailed agenda will follow.

To register for this event, and for further information, please visit: <https://events-registration.worldjewishcongress.org/2501AB80-secca>

Please note that registration for the 27 January commemoration is not organized by WJC and must be coordinated through your Ministry or Embassy in Poland directly with the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum.

We hope you will join us in Krakow to honor the past, shape the present, and build a future free from hatred. Together, we can be the stewards of memory and protectors of justice, ensuring the voices of those who suffered at Auschwitz resonate powerfully into the future.

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Should you have any questions or comments please email s. 47F(1)@wjc.org.

Sincerely yours,

Maram Stern
Executive Vice President

World Jewish Congress
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Hi Malcolm and s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Can you please touch base with DFAT and see if they can extend an invitation to her – and also to s. 47F(1) from the ECAJ who she said is also traveling as part of the Australian delegation?

Thanks,

Sneha

Sneha Chatterjee

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