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Date: Friday, 02 Aug 2019, 6:24 pm

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Subject: AGO re CPAC speakers - one urgent question! ~~{DLM=For Official Use Only}~~

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Hi both

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I've told him I'll get him a list of the relevant people so he can get contacts for us, but I'm struggling. Our minute to AW says that there are 'at least 14' who fall into these categories, but when I go to the webpage, I can only identify 5, possibly 6:

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- S47F(1) is no longer showing on the confirmed speakers page, but is still showing on the front page)

I suspect the list on their website has changed, but wanted to check if you think I'm missing something?

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3. On Monday, we will need to quickly generate letters to each of the people identified for Andrew's/Sarah's signature and be ready to go with them once we have details. I think we should be able to largely base this on previous corro to former Cab Mins with the added need for urgent consideration ahead of CPAC.

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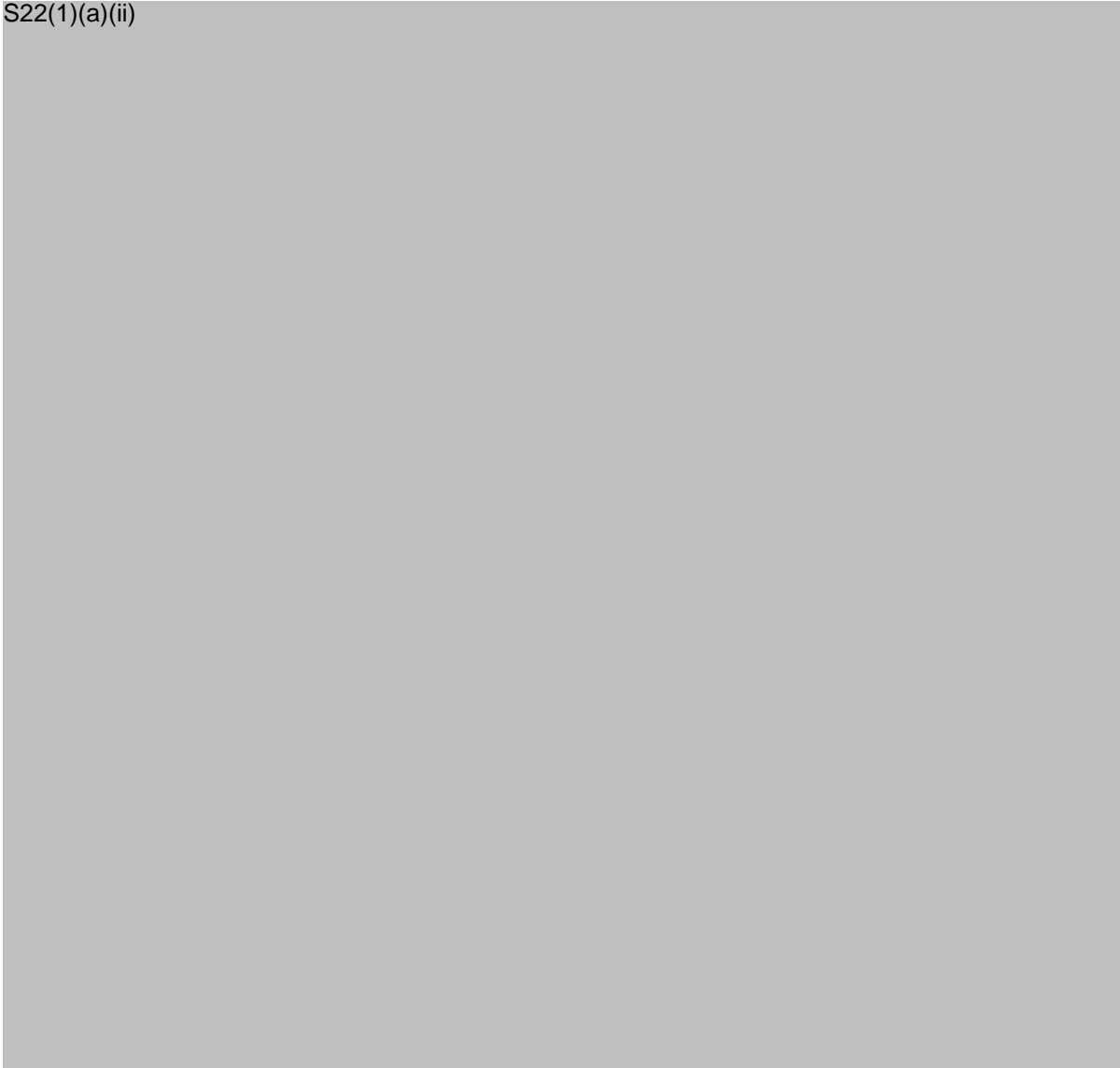
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Cc: S22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: CPAC speakers - contact details for former Cabinet Ministers [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Hi Luci,

In regards to contact details for the former Cabinet Ministers speaking at CPAC 2019, we have confirmed the below details.


Would you be able to ask Tim if he has an email address for the Hon. Tony Abbott, and any contact details for S47F(1) ? Many thanks!

THE HON. TONY ABBOTT

Liberal Party of Australia Headquarters, 1 Bligh Street, Sydney NSW 2000

No email address to be found

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No mailing address to be found

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Best,

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From: S22(1)
To: S22(1)(a)
Cc: [Atkinson, Lucinda](#)
Subject: Seeking advice - letters to former Cabinet Ministers [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Wednesday, 7 August 2019 5:49:50 PM

Hi S22(1)(a)(ii)

As discussed just now, S47C(1) the Department should write to the former Cabinet Ministers and recent designated position holders set to speak at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) Australia 2019 this weekend. It is our intent to send these tomorrow.

Intended recipients are:

- the Hon Tony Abbott (former PM)

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We would be most grateful for your advice as to whether the Chris would like these to come from him or Sarah. Very happy to share an electronic draft of the letter tomorrow morning.

Many thanks

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A/g Director

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Attorney-General's Department – Integrity and Security Division

File No: 19/2093-4

DEPUTY SECRETARY

Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme – Letters regarding CPAC Australia 2019

Deadline: Thursday 8 August 2019

Recommendation: I recommend that you **sign** the letters to The Hon Tony Abbott, S47F(1) at **Attachment C**

Signed / Not Signed / Discuss

[Handwritten Signature]
.....
Deputy Secretary
8 / 8 / 2019

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Note, these letters are not a formal exercise of the powers available under the Act.

AGD Clearing Officer: Lucinda Atkinson, Assistant Secretary, Institutional Integrity Branch, S47E(d)

Date Cleared: 8 August 2019

Action Officer: S22(1)(a)(ii) Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme, S22(1)(a)(ii)

Attachments:

- **A** – CPAC 2019 agenda
- **B** – Letter to LibertyWorks Inc.- 2 August 2019
- **C** – Letters to The Hon Tony Abbott, S47F(1)

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The Hon Tony Abbott
c/o Liberal Party of Australia Headquarters
1 Bligh Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr Abbott

I am writing in relation to your potential registration obligations under the Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme (the scheme) as a former Cabinet Minister.

As you may be aware, the *Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Act 2018* (the Act) came into force on 10 December 2018, with an initial three month grace period for existing registrable arrangements ending on 10 March 2019. The scheme is aimed at ensuring that activities conducted on behalf of foreign principals that may influence Australia's democratic processes, including public opinion, are conducted in an open, transparent manner.

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As a former Cabinet Minister, you have a lifetime obligation under the scheme to register any activity you undertake on behalf of a foreign principal. Under section 10 of the Act, a foreign principal means:

- a foreign government,
- a foreign political organisation,
- a foreign government-related entity, or
- a foreign government related individual.

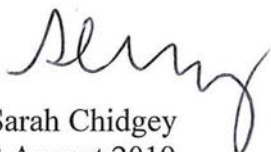
It is the department's understanding that you are scheduled to speak at the Conservative Political Action Conference Australia 2019 event, which is being held on 9-11 August 2019 in Sydney. The department considers that the American Conservative Union, which is co-hosting the event, is a foreign political organisation and therefore a foreign principal as defined under section 10 of the Act.

You should consider whether you need to register in this case, or in relation to activities you may undertake for other foreign principals.

















I have enclosed a fact sheet on registration obligations for former Cabinet Ministers. Further information about the requirements of the scheme is available at www.ag.gov.au/transparency. From this page you can also commence your registration by accessing the Registration Portal.

If you have any questions about the scheme or the registration process, please contact the Attorney-General's Department's Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme team on (02) 6141 3222 or at transparency@ag.gov.au who will be happy to assist you.













Yours sincerely



Sarah Chidgey
8 August 2019






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<p>23:00 After Party</p>			

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<p>04:00 - 4:45 Working with News Media</p>			

From: S22(1)(a)(ii)
To: [Wellington, Tim](#) S47F(1)
Cc: [Walter, Andrew](#); [Atkinson, Lucinda](#)
Subject: RE: Update on communications regarding CPAC and FITS [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Date: Friday, 9 August 2019 1:30:28 PM

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Thanks Tim – we’ve reached out to PM&C and will do our best to give former PM Abbott the heads up about the letter.

Cheers

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From: Wellington, Tim
Sent: 09 August 2019 1:18 PM
To: S22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Walter, Andrew ; Atkinson, Lucinda
Subject: RE: Update on communications regarding CPAC and FITS [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Thanks S22(1)(a)(ii) Have you tried calling the office of former PM Abbott?
PMC should be able to provide you with those contact details – he has an office and staff as a former PM. Would be good to do all we can to let him know beforehand.

From: Scott, Anne
Sent: Friday, 9 August 2019 12:51 PM
To: Wellington, Tim; S47F(1)
Cc: Walter, Andrew; Atkinson, Lucinda
Subject: Update on communications regarding CPAC and FITS [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Hi Tim and S47F(1)

A quick update regarding the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) Australia 2019 being held this weekend and potential Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme (FITS) implications.

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- Letter sent to LibertyWorks Inc on 2 August 2019 seeking its consideration of the application of scheme to its arrangement with ACU and requesting it provide information to guest speakers about their potential obligations (attached).
- Email seeking confirmation of receipt of letter sent 7 August 2019 – no response received.
- Letters sent to the following speakers (former Cabinet Ministers and recent designated position holders) 8 August 2019.
 - the Hon Tony Abbott (former PM) – attached.

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- Phone call placed to LibertyWorks Inc president 9 August 2019 – no answer, voicemail left seeking confirmation of receipt of letter.

We will continue to monitor for registrations and provide you with advice on our proposed next steps should a registration not be forthcoming after the conference.

Happy to discuss.

Kind regards

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A/g Director

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From: S22(1)(a)(ii)
To: Atkinson, Lucinda; S22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: S22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: CPAC coverage update - for Friday 9 August 2019 events [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Friday, 9 August 2019 2:51:29 PM

Hi team,

Below is an update of today's CPAC event in Sydney... current/ former government representatives are underlined.

<https://www.news.com.au/national/nsw-act/news/raheem-kassam-trolls-kristina-keneally-with-savage-tweet-minutes-after-landing-in-sydney/news-story/9bb2154b0b9757c8924b0e45a39ffbc4>

Live coverage: First day of CPAC in Sydney - Former PM Tony Abbott got a standing ovation at CPAC in Sydney today — and his speech didn't shy away from controversy either.

- Former prime minister Tony Abbott condemned abortion as “death on demand” as he addressed the crowd at the controversial Conservative Political Action Conference in Sydney today, warning of “morally shocking” developments in Western society.
- Mr Abbott led the line-up of speakers on day one — a list that also included One Nation's NSW leader Mark Latham, Liberal Senator Amanda Stoker, conservative columnist Janet Albrechtsen and British activist Raheem Kassam.
- The crowd gave Mr Abbott a standing ovation as he took to the stage, where he was interviewed by former deputy prime minister John Anderson.

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Cheers,

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From: Chidgey, Sarah
Sent: Thursday, 15 August 2019 3:52 PM
To: S22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: For review: Proposed topics for tomorrow's VTC [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Thanks, that looks fine to me.

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From: S22(1)(a)(ii)
Date: Thursday, 15 Aug 2019, 3:46 pm
To: Chidgey, Sarah <sarah.chidgey@ag.gov.au>
Subject: For review: Proposed topics for tomorrow's VTC

Hi Sarah,

The proposed topics for tomorrow's VTC are:

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- FITS

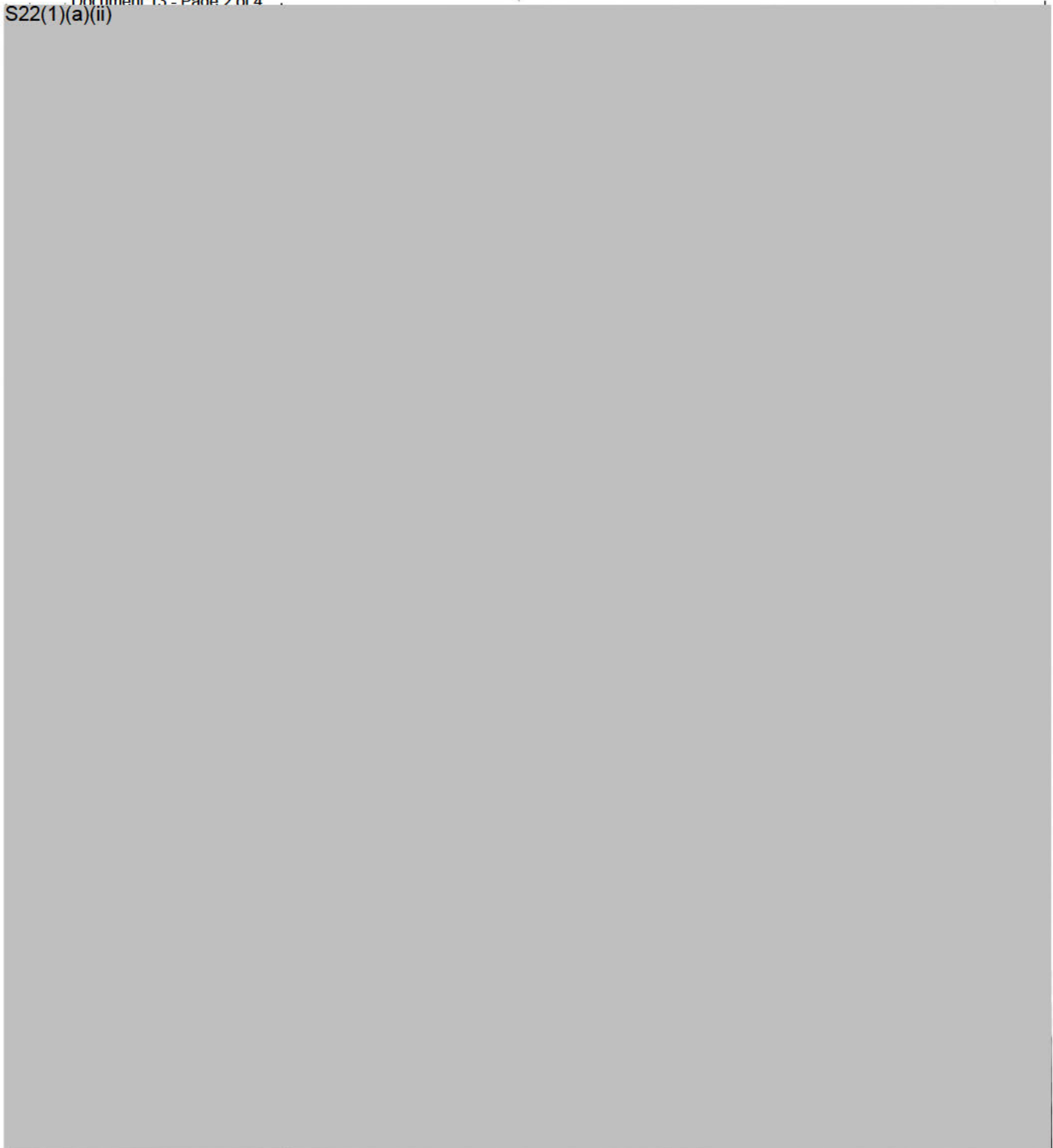
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Grateful if you could let me know if there is anything else you'd like to raise.

Regards
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**Foreign Influence
Transparency Scheme
(FITS)**

Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) Australia 2019

- Note AGD sent letters to LibertyWorks Inc (2 August 2019) the Hon Tony Abbott, S47F(1) [redacted] (8 August) requesting each person to consider their registration obligations under the scheme, specifically in relation to the conference.
 - The S47F(1) [redacted] office confirmed receipt of email. No other responses have been received, nor have any registrations been lodged to date in relation to the conference.
- The department will provide advice on our proposed next steps should no registration be received by COB Friday 23 August (14 days from the conference and last possible opportunity to meet registration submission timeframes outlined in the FITS Act).

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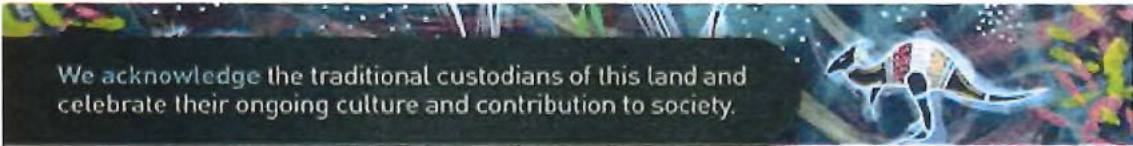
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celebrate their ongoing culture and contribution to society.

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Deputy Secretary and FAS VTC with AGO

Friday 16 August 2019, 11am-12pm

Location: Sarah's office

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<p>Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme (FITS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are now 42 registrants have registered 164 activities on behalf of 71 foreign principals published on the Register with one additional registrant to be published shortly (following discussions about redacting commercially sensitive information). Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) Australia 2019 Note AGD sent letters to LibertyWorks Inc (2 August 2019) the Hon Tony Abbott, S47F(1) (8 August) requesting each person to consider their registration obligations under the scheme, specifically in relation to the conference. We separately contacted Mr Abbott's Office to ensure he had received the letter. The S47F(1) office confirmed receipt of email. No other responses have been received, nor have any registrations been lodged to date in relation to the conference. The department will continue to monitor for registrations and provide advice on our proposed next steps should no registration be received by COB Friday 23 August (14 days from the conference and last possible opportunity to meet registration submission timeframes outlined in the FITS Act).


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Deputy Secretary and FAS VTC with AGO

Friday 22 August 2019, 11am-12pm

Location: Sarah's office

ISSUE	PURPOSE FOR RAISING
<p>Update on the Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme (FITS)</p>	<p><u>Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) Australia 2019 – proposed next steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGD has not received any response or registrations in relation to the letters sent to Libertyworks (the Australian co-host) or the Hon Tony Abbott, S47F(1) [REDACTED] (former Cabinet Ministers or recent designated position holders) in relation to the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC). Providing the benefit of the doubt that the registerable arrangement was entered into on the same day the activities were conducted, the latest possible day for registrations to be submitted is Friday 23 August 2019 (14 days).
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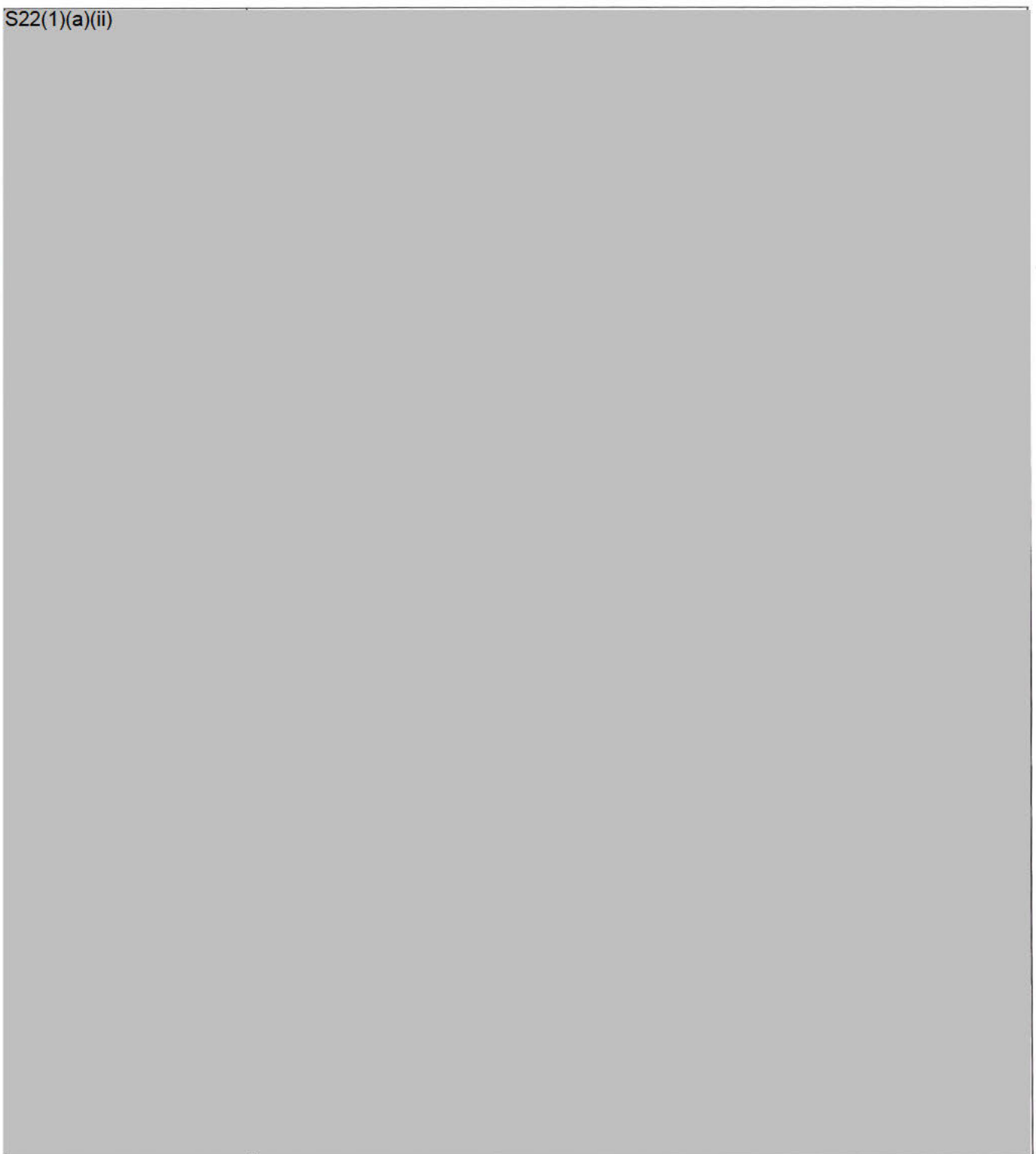
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Update on the Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme (FITS)

Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) Australia 2019 – proposed next steps

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- The latest possible day for registrations to be submitted is Friday 23

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From: S22(1)(a)

Sent: 23 August 2019 2:19 PM

To: O'Keeffe, Autumn <Autumn.O'Keeffe@ag.gov.au>

Cc: S22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: Package: Information in relation to CPAC [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Dear Autumn

Please find **attached**:-

- S42(1)
- S22(1)(a)(ii)
- Analysis of the scheme in relation to the Hon Tony Abbott and CPAC;
- S22(1)(a)(ii) ;
- S22(1)(a)(ii) ; and
- The letters originally sent to Mr Andrew Cooper (Libertyworks president), the Hon Tony Abbott, S47F(1)

Please let me know if you feel any of these are outside the scope of what is needed, or if there is any other documentation that would be helpful. I have not yet completed formal analyses in relation to S47F(1) or the other former Cabinet Ministers. However, I note that the analyses for the other former Cabinet Ministers are unlikely to differ substantially from Mr Abbott's.

I note that nothing in this package has yet been sent to the Secretary and that several of the documents (including the draft minute and my analyses) have not yet been cleared.

Kind regards

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From: Chidgey, Sarah

Sent: 02 September 2019 9:51 AM

To: S22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: Robertson, Susan <sue.robertson@ag.gov.au>; Brayshaw, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Brayshaw@ag.gov.au>; Walter, Andrew <Andrew.Walter@ag.gov.au>; Atkinson, Lucinda <Lucinda.Atkinson@ag.gov.au>

Subject: RE: For your Review - Proposed VTC Summary [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Thanks S22(1)(a)(ii) A few small changes:

Update on the Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme

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- **Action:** AGD to inform the AGO when the Secretary is ready to sign the notice to Libertyworks under section 45 of the *Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Act*.

[Update: on Friday, Mr Abbott's office verbally indicated his intention to register].

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Secretary Meeting Brief – Meeting with the Attorney-General

Meeting date, time

Meeting location

1. Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme

Purpose of raising the item

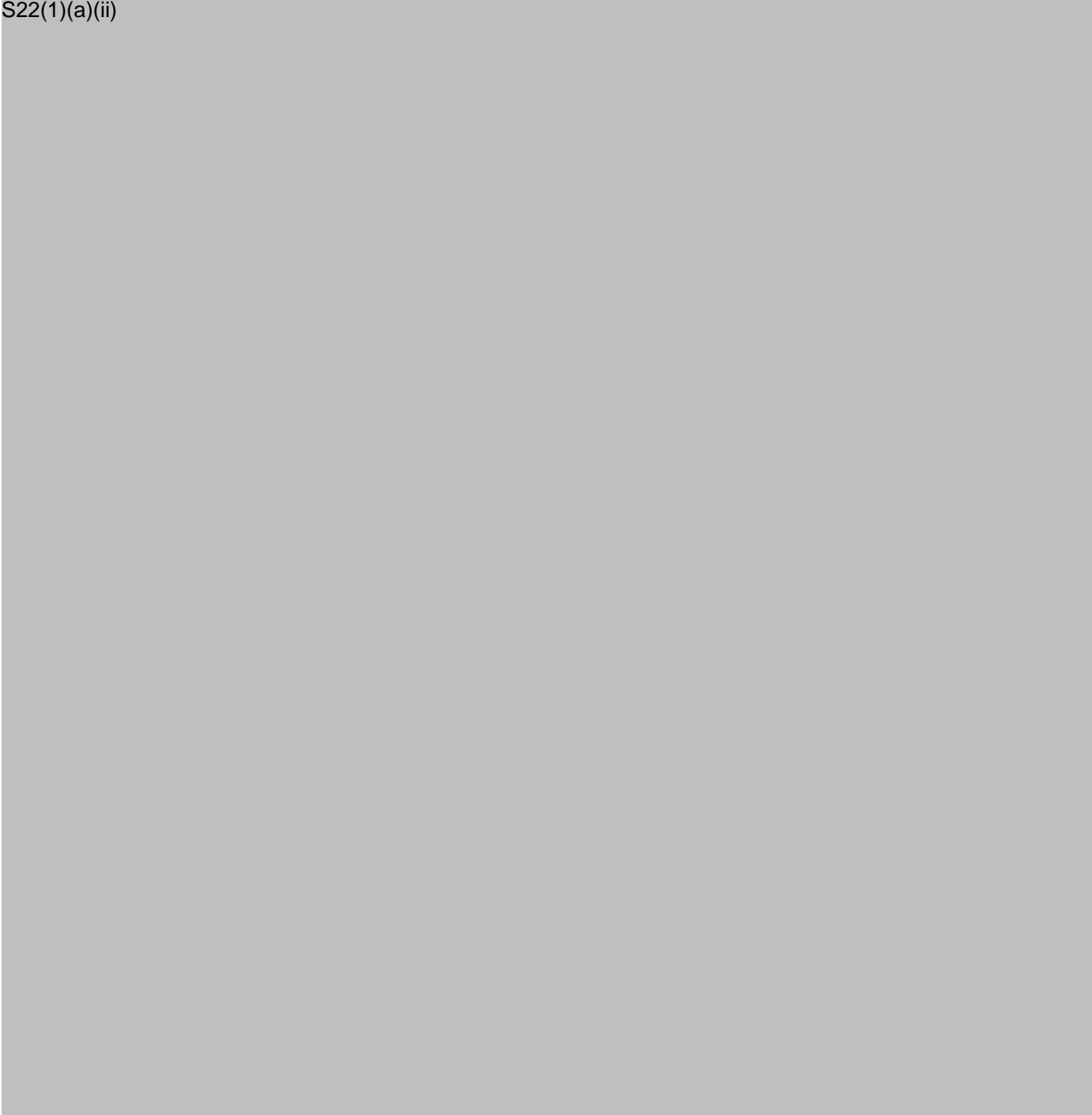
- To provide an update on the Department's engagement with the foreign influence transparency scheme.

Talking points

Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) Australia 2019 – proposed next steps

- Mr Abbott's office contacted the department on Friday 30 August indicating Mr Abbott would be completing a registration shortly.

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Letter Recipients – letters from AGD Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme to 782 organisations / parliamentarians		
Contact #	Industry / Category	Organisation
1	Advocacy Groups	Australian Bankers Association
2	Advocacy Groups	Australian Financial Markets Association
3	Advocacy Groups	Australian Industry Group
4	Advocacy Groups	Australian Lawyers Alliance
5	Advocacy Groups	Australian Multicultural Foundation
6	Advocacy Groups	Business Council of Australia
7	Advocacy Groups	Community Council for Australia
8	Advocacy Groups	Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils of Australia Inc.
9	Advocacy Groups	Financial Services Council
10	Advocacy Groups	Group of 8
11	Advocacy Groups	Human Rights Law Centre
12	Advocacy Groups	Human Rights Watch
13	Advocacy Groups	Landbridge Group Australia
14	Advocacy Groups	Law Council of Australia
15	Advocacy Groups	Law Firms Australia
16	Advocacy Groups	Multicultural Affairs and Social Cohesion Division
17	Advocacy Groups	Multicultural NSW
18	Advocacy Groups	National Union of Students
19	Advocacy Groups	Office of Multicultural Affairs
20	Advocacy Groups	Office of Multicultural Interests, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
21	Advocacy Groups	South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission
22	Advocacy Groups	Universities Australia
23	Advocacy Groups	Victorian Multicultural Commission
24	Advocacy Groups	AMES Australia
25	Advocacy Groups	350.org Australia
26	Advocacy Groups	ACRI
27	Advocacy Groups	Alibaba Group
28	Advocacy Groups	Amcor
29	Advocacy Groups	American Chamber of Commerce and Industry
30	Advocacy Groups	Asia Society
31	Advocacy Groups	Asialink Business
32	Advocacy Groups	Association for Services to Torture and Trauma Survivors Incorporated
33	Advocacy Groups	Asylum Seeker Resource Centre
34	Advocacy Groups	Ausfilm
35	Advocacy Groups	Australia China Belt and Road Initiative

36	Advocacy Groups	Australia India Business Council
37	Advocacy Groups	Australia Sri Lanka Council
38	Advocacy Groups	Australian Arab Chamber of Commerce and Industry
39	Advocacy Groups	Australian British Chamber of Commerce
40	Advocacy Groups	Australian Catholic Bishops Conference
41	Advocacy Groups	Australian Conservation Foundation
42	Advocacy Groups	Australian Council for International Development
43	Advocacy Groups	Australian Council of Trade Unions
44	Advocacy Groups	Australian Friends of the Hebrew University, Jerusalem Limited
45	Advocacy Groups	Australian Institute of International Affairs
46	Advocacy Groups	Australian Lawyers for Human Rights
47	Advocacy Groups	Australian Major Performing Arts Group
48	Advocacy Groups	Australian Multicultural Community Services
49	Advocacy Groups	Australian Private Equity & Venture Capital Association Limited
50	Advocacy Groups	Australian Refugee Association Inc
51	Advocacy Groups	Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman
52	Advocacy Groups	Australian Values Alliance
53	Advocacy Groups	AVI
54	Advocacy Groups	Canberra Multicultural Community Forum
55	Advocacy Groups	CARE
56	Advocacy Groups	CEDA
57	Advocacy Groups	Chamber of Arts and Culture WA
58	Advocacy Groups	Change.org
59	Advocacy Groups	Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand
60	Advocacy Groups	Chemistry Australia
61	Advocacy Groups	China Southern
62	Advocacy Groups	Chinese Community Council of Australia
63	Advocacy Groups	CITIC Resources
64	Advocacy Groups	Community Hubs Australia
65	Advocacy Groups	Community Migrant Resource Centre
66	Advocacy Groups	Corrs Chambers Westgarth
67	Advocacy Groups	Diversity Council Australia
68	Advocacy Groups	EMR Capital
69	Advocacy Groups	Ethnic Communities' Council of NSW
70	Advocacy Groups	Ethnic Communities Council of QLD
71	Advocacy Groups	Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria
72	Advocacy Groups	Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria
73	Advocacy Groups	Faith Communities Council of Victoria
74	Advocacy Groups	Falun Dafa Association of Australia Inc
75	Advocacy Groups	GetUp

76	Advocacy Groups	Global Health Alliance Melbourne
77	Advocacy Groups	Grattan Institute
78	Advocacy Groups	Greenpeace Australia Pacific
79	Advocacy Groups	Human Rights Council of Australia
80	Advocacy Groups	Humane Society International Australia
81	Advocacy Groups	ICBC
82	Advocacy Groups	IFM Investors
83	Advocacy Groups	Insurance Council of Australia
84	Advocacy Groups	John Holland
85	Advocacy Groups	Justice Connect
86	Advocacy Groups	Migration Council Australia
87	Advocacy Groups	Multicultural Communities Council of NSW
88	Advocacy Groups	Multicultural Communities Council of South Australia
89	Advocacy Groups	Multicultural Council of Tasmania Inc
90	Advocacy Groups	Multicultural Council of the Northern Territory
91	Advocacy Groups	Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network
92	Advocacy Groups	Multifaith Queensland Advisory Council
93	Advocacy Groups	Our Community Group

94	Advocacy Groups	Oxfam
95	Advocacy Groups	Plan International
96	Advocacy Groups	Property Council of Australia
97	Advocacy Groups	RSPCA Australia
98	Advocacy Groups	Save the Children
99	Advocacy Groups	Scanlon Foundation
100	Advocacy Groups	Settlement Council of Australia
101	Advocacy Groups	Shine Wing Australia
102	Advocacy Groups	Social Ventures Australia
103	Advocacy Groups	Tasmanian Polar Network
104	Advocacy Groups	Technion Australia Inc.
105	Advocacy Groups	The Federation of Chinese Associations (Vic)
106	Advocacy Groups	The Harold Mitchell Foundation
107	Advocacy Groups	The Myer Foundation
108	Advocacy Groups	The Pew Charitable Trusts
109	Advocacy Groups	The Salvation Army
110	Advocacy Groups	The Smith Family
111	Advocacy Groups	United Nations Association of Australia
112	Advocacy Groups	UnitingCare Australia
113	Advocacy Groups	Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
114	Advocacy Groups	Volunteering Australia

115	Advocacy Groups	WA Multicultural Association
116	Advocacy Groups	Whistleblowers Australia
117	Advocacy Groups	World Vision Australia
118	Advocacy Groups	WWF-Australia
119	Advocacy Groups	JMTinc
120	Companies	Jones Day
121	Companies	Crown Resorts
122	Companies	Scentre Group
123	Companies	Shopping Centre Council of Australia
124	Companies	McGrath Nicol
125	Companies	Australia Latin American Business Council
126	Companies	Woolworths Ltd
127	Companies	Australian Food and Grocery Council
128	Companies	Virgin Australia
129	Companies	Australian Institute of Company Directors
130	Companies	Toll Group
131	Companies	Origin Energy
132	Companies	Orica
133	Companies	Australian Construction Industry Forum
134	Companies	Brambles
135	Companies	European Australia Business Council
136	Companies	Bank of China
137	Companies	Commonwealth Bank of Australia
138	Companies	The Future Fund
139	Companies	BAE Systems Australia
140	Companies	Sydney Airport
141	Companies	Johnson & Johnson

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143	Companies	Pacific National
144	Companies	Australian Council of Superannuation Investors
145	Companies	Infrastructure Australia
146	Companies	Naval Group Australia
147	Companies	Australia Africa Business Council
148	Companies	Lockheed Martin Australia and New Zealand
149	Companies	Boeing Australia, New Zealand and South Pacific
150	Companies	CK Infrastructure Holdings Limited
151	Companies	Colonial First State Superannuation
152	Companies	ANZ Banking Group
153	Companies	AusNet Services

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170	Companies	Australia Japan Business Co-operation Committee
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177	Companies	Boral
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181	Companies	Apple Pty Ltd
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185	Companies	National Farmers' Federation
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191	Companies	Ramsay Health Care
192	Companies	Macquarie Group

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194	Companies	Australia Africa Minerals & Energy Group
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211	Companies	Norton Rose Fulbright
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251	Government Agency	Australian Human Rights Commission
252	Government Agency	Australian Law Reform Commission
253	Government Agency	Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions
254	Government Agency	Federal Court of Australia
255	Government Agency	High Court of Australia
256	Government Agency	Independent National Security Legislation Monitor
257	Government Agency	National Archives of Australia
258	Government Agency	Office of Parliamentary Counsel
259	Government Agency	Office of the Australian Information Commissioner
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288	Media Organisation	2OR Australian Oriental Radio
289	Media Organisation	2RSR FM Radio SkidRow
290	Media Organisation	3XY Radio Hellas
291	Media Organisation	3ZZZ Melbourne Ethnic Community Radio
292	Media Organisation	4EB FM 98.1
293	Media Organisation	4K1G FM
294	Media Organisation	5EBI-FM
295	Media Organisation	6EB FM
296	Media Organisation	6EB FM
297	Media Organisation	6GME - Radio Goolarri 99.7FM
298	Media Organisation	8KIN FM
299	Media Organisation	96.5 Inner FM
300	Media Organisation	98.9 FM Let's Talk
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302	Media Organisation	Agencia EFE -Australian Bureau
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304	Media Organisation	ANSA News Agency Sydney Bureau
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308	Media Organisation	Australasian Muslim Times
309	Media Organisation	Australia China Connections
310	Media Organisation	Australia/Israel Review

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312	Media Organisation	Australian Associated Press
313	Media Organisation	Australian Chinese Daily
314	Media Organisation	Australian Chinese Times (A VAC publication) (Brisbane and Gold Coast)
315	Media Organisation	Australian Jewish News (Melbourne)
316	Media Organisation	Australian Macedonian Weekly
317	Media Organisation	Australian New Express Daily
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320	Media Organisation	Australian Vietnamese Women's Association (AVWA)
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322	Media Organisation	Bharat Times
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324	Media Organisation	Black Star Radio
325	Media Organisation	Cheers
326	Media Organisation	Chieu Duong
327	Media Organisation	Chinese Melbourne Daily
328	Media Organisation	CMS Radio FM 91.1
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337	Media Organisation	Finanz Und Wirtschaft (Sydney Office)
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347	Media Organisation	Hindi Samachar Patrika
348	Media Organisation	Horizon Russian Weekly
349	Media Organisation	Hrvatski Vjesnik - Croatian Herald

350	Media Organisation	Il Globo
351	Media Organisation	Imparja TV
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353	Media Organisation	Indian Link Radio
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355	Media Organisation	Indian Voice
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359	Media Organisation	Irish Scene
360	Media Organisation	Jiji Press Sydney Bureau
361	Media Organisation	Koori Mail Newspaper
362	Media Organisation	Koori Radio
363	Media Organisation	Korean Today
364	Media Organisation	Kyodo News Service Sydney Bureau
365	Media Organisation	La Fiamma
366	Media Organisation	Le Courier Australien - Online
367	Media Organisation	Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance
368	Media Organisation	Meeka FM
369	Media Organisation	Melbourne Chinese Post
370	Media Organisation	Misli Thoughts
371	Media Organisation	Musu Pastoge
372	Media Organisation	Nam Uc Tuan Bao
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374	Media Organisation	Neos Kosmos
375	Media Organisation	Nepalipatra (Nepalese Fortnightly)
376	Media Organisation	Network 10
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379	Media Organisation	NewsMediaWorks
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389	Media Organisation	Portugal Noticias
390	Media Organisation	Queensland Asian Business Weekly
391	Media Organisation	Radio 2Moro
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397	Media Organisation	Rete Italia
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403	Media Organisation	Sing Tao Daily
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406	Media Organisation	Sydney Chinese Community News
407	Media Organisation	Sydney Today
408	Media Organisation	Telstra
409	Media Organisation	The AU Review
410	Media Organisation	The Australian Chinese Age Weekly
411	Media Organisation	The Epoch Times (Chinese)
412	Media Organisation	The Greek Herald
413	Media Organisation	The Philippine Community Herald
414	Media Organisation	The Scottish Banner
415	Media Organisation	The Sydney Korean Herald
416	Media Organisation	The Weekly Korean Life Magazine
417	Media Organisation	The West Australian
418	Media Organisation	Tivi Tuan-San
419	Media Organisation	Today Denes
420	Media Organisation	Top Media Group
421	Media Organisation	Tribune International
422	Media Organisation	TVB Australia
423	Media Organisation	VAC International
424	Media Organisation	Van Nghe Entertainment Weekly
425	Media Organisation	Vietnamese Herald
426	Media Organisation	Vision Times
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660	Political Party	Animal Justice Party
661	Political Party	Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated
662	Political Party	Australian Affordable Housing Party
663	Political Party	Australian Better Families
664	Political Party	Australian Christians
665	Political Party	Australian Conservatives

666	Political Party	Australian Country Party
667	Political Party	Australian Democrats
668	Political Party	Australian Greens
669	Political Party	Queensland Greens
670	Political Party	The Australian Greens - Victoria
671	Political Party	The Greens (WA) Inc
672	Political Party	The Greens NSW
673	Political Party	Australian Labor Party (ALP)
674	Political Party	Australian Labor Party (ACT Branch)
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676	Political Party	Australian Labor Party (Northern Territory) Branch
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684	Political Party	Australian Progressives
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686	Political Party	Centre Alliance
687	Political Party	Child Protection Party
688	Political Party	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)
689	Political Party	Citizens Electoral Council of Australia
690	Political Party	Climate Action! Immigration Action! Accountable Politicians!
691	Political Party	Country Liberals (Northern Territory)
692	Political Party	Democratic Labour Party
693	Political Party	Derryn Hinch's Justice Party
694	Political Party	FRASER ANNING'S CONSERVATIVE NATIONAL PARTY
695	Political Party	Health Australia Party
696	Political Party	Help End Marijuana Prohibition (HEMP) Party
697	Political Party	Independents For Climate Action Now
698	Political Party	Involuntary Medication Objectors (Vaccination/Fluoride) Party
699	Political Party	Jacqui Lambie Network
700	Political Party	Katter's Australian Party
701	Political Party	Liberal Democratic Party
702	Political Party	Liberal Party of Australia
703	Political Party	Liberal National Party of Queensland
704	Political Party	Liberal Party (W.A. Division) Inc
705	Political Party	Liberal Party of Australia - ACT Division

706	Political Party	Liberal Party of Australia - Tasmanian Division
707	Political Party	Liberal Party of Australia (S.A. Division)
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711	Political Party	National Party of Australia
712	Political Party	National Party of Australia - N.S.W.
713	Political Party	National Party of Australia - Victoria
714	Political Party	National Party of Australia (S.A.) Inc.
715	Political Party	National Party of Australia (WA) Inc
716	Political Party	Non-Custodial Parents Party (Equal Parenting)
717	Political Party	Pauline Hanson's One Nation
718	Political Party	Pirate Party Australia
719	Political Party	Reason Australia
720	Political Party	Republican Party of Australia
721	Political Party	Rise Up Australia Party
722	Political Party	Science Party
723	Political Party	Secular Party of Australia
724	Political Party	Seniors United Party of Australia
725	Political Party	Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party
726	Political Party	Socialist Alliance
727	Political Party	Socialist Equality Party
728	Political Party	The Arts Party
729	Political Party	The Australian Mental Health Party
730	Political Party	The Great Australian Party
731	Political Party	The Small Business Party
732	Political Party	The Together Party
733	Political Party	The Women's Party
734	Political Party	Tim Storer Independent SA Party
735	Political Party	United Australia Party
736	Political Party	VOTEFLUX.ORG Upgrade Democracy!
737	Political Party	Victorian Socialists
738	Political Party	Voluntary Euthanasia Party
739	Political Party	WESTERN AUSTRALIA PARTY
740	Political Party	Yellow Vest Australia
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- It is also possible that some speakers at the event may have registration obligations due to being former Cabinet Ministers or recent designated position holders (the Hon Tony Abbott; S47F(1) ).
- We have written to LibertyWorks and relevant speakers requesting consideration of potential FITS obligations.
- LibertyWorks is yet to respond to our letter, S42(1) 
- S42(1) 
- The department is yet to receive registrations from any of the speakers, although Mr Abbott's office contacted the team to advise a registration would be forthcoming. We will follow up on this registration this week and consider next steps with respect to pursuing registrations.

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From: [Atkinson, Lucinda](#)
To: S22(1)(a)(ii); [Chidgey, Sarah](#); [Walter, Andrew](#)
Cc: S22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: Re:- Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Tuesday, 15 October 2019 2:06:58 PM
Attachments: [Letter to Tony Abbott 8 August 2019.pdf](#)
Importance: High

All, FYI we have just sent the below to Mr Abbot, noting we've not received a registration and have been unable to get anyone from his Office to return calls since we spoke with them about 6 weeks ago.

From: Transparency
Sent: Tuesday, 15 October 2019 2:04 PM
To: S47E(d)
Subject: Re:- Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Importance: High

Dear Mr Abbott,

I refer to the letter to you of 8 August 2019 from Deputy Secretary Sarah Chidgey (**attached** for your reference) regarding the application of the Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme (the scheme) to your circumstances, and subsequent phone conversation with your office on 30 August 2019 in which we were advised that you intended to register shortly thereafter. I appreciate the effort you have put into understanding your obligations under the scheme.

However, I note that we have not yet received your registration. Departmental officers have tried to contact your office by phone on several occasions, without success.

Given the importance of the registration obligations, I would appreciate confirmation that you have received this email and an indication of when you intend to lodge a registration. If you are having any difficulties with the registration process, please contact the team on the details below so that we may assist you or your staff complete the registration process.

In addition to the circumstances specified in our letter of 8 August 2019, I also seek your cooperation to consider whether you may have further registration obligations in relation to activities you have undertaken subsequently, including your address to the Budapest Demographic Summit in early September, a forum which we understand was hosted by the Hungarian Government.

Again, should you require assistance or wish to discuss the application of the scheme to your circumstances, please contact the department on the details below.

Kind regards,

Lucinda Atkinson
Assistant Secretary
Transparency Frameworks Section
Attorney-General's Department

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From: S22(1)(a)(ii)
To: [Atkinson, Lucinda](#)
Cc: [Transparency](#)
Subject: FILE NOTE: Call from S22(1)(a)(ii) in Tony Abbott's office regarding FITS registration obligations [DLM=Sensitive]
Date: Tuesday, 22 October 2019 5:09:39 PM

Sensitive

At approximately 2.40pm today the Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme (the scheme) helpline received a call from S22(1)(a)(ii) in Tony Abbott's office regarding his registration obligations under the scheme. This call was transferred to Luci and I sat in on the call given my responsibility for the scheme. This was communicated to S22(1)(a)(ii)

S22(1)(a)(ii) advised that Mr Abbott had today received an email from Mr Andrew Cooper, President of LibertyWorks in relation to the Conservatives Political Actions Conference (CPAC) conference earlier this year (August) at which Mr Abbott was a speaker. S22(1)(a)(ii) reported that the email stated that the conference was 100% put on by LibertyWorks, an Australian company with no input or relationship with the American Conservative Union (ACU) – specifically it appeared the emphasis was on the fact that the ACU had not provided any funding for the conference.

Luci explained that our assessment from publicly available materials is that the ACU meets the definition of a Foreign Principal by way of being a foreign political organisation and under the FITS Act, an arrangement with a foreign principal is not tied to the provision or exchange of funds. Luci noted we had today issued a notice requesting information to help the department understand the arrangement/involvement of the ACU and therefore registration obligations.

We noted that until the Department has received a response from LibertyWorks, it is reasonable for Mr Abbott to hold off registering the event. S22(1)(a)(ii) indicated he would be happy to register if it is found to be a registrable event. S22(1)(a)(ii) provided that he was happy to be contacted on his mobile S22(1)(a)(ii) regarding the outcome of the CPAC matter.

S22(1)(a)(ii) also mentioned Mr Abbot's address to the Budapest Demographic Summit in early September and that a registration had been commence and it would be submitted shortly.

Action: AGD to follow up with Mr Abbott's office in approximately a month.

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From: S22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, 30 August 2019 3:37 PM
To: Transparency <transparency@ag.gov.au>
Cc: S22(1)(a)(ii)
Atkinson, Lucinda <Lucinda.Atkinson@ag.gov.au>
Subject: FILE NOTE: Call form Tony Abbott's office regarding FITS registration obligations [DLM=Sensitive]

Sensitive

The FITS team received a phone call from Tony Abbott's office on Friday afternoon at 2pm which was transferred to me given the status caller. S22(1)(a)(ii) and S22(1)(a)(ii) sat in on the call.

Although the caller identified himself, we failed to get his name, however he identified as calling on behalf of Mr Abbott. The caller was seeking advice on how to complete Mr Abbott's registration, given the additional obligations for him as a former Cabinet Minister (FCM). He was looking at the website. I instructed him to navigate through the pre-registration survey, from which point he could create an account and then create a registration.

We then discussed Mr Abbott's registration obligations. Firstly, whether Mr Abbott needed to register by way of being a FCM. I advise that this in and of itself was not a trigger for registration and that some arrangement or activity must be entered into/undertaken to trigger registration. The caller asked what level of connection met the 'on behalf of' threshold. I advised there was no threshold and as soon as a relationship came into existence, for FCM, registration obligations were triggered. This then raised questions about the recent Conservatives Political Actions Conference (CPAC) which Mr Abbott was involved. The caller acknowledged the department's letter to Mr Abbott about this conference. The caller asked whether it would be different if the American Conservative Union (ACU) was attending rather than a sponsor/co-host. I advise the mere fact of being at the same event did not represent a relationship, however when the FP takes on an formal role such as sponsorship then it becomes 'on behalf of'. He then asked what level of connection did there need to be between a foreign organisation and foreign government for it to be a registerable activity – using the example of the US Times. At this stage, I advised it would depend on the structure of the organisation to determine whether it met the definition of a foreign government related entity.

I also took the opportunity to advise that Mr Abbott as a FCM has a higher level of responsibility and needed to report on arrangements with FP irrespective of whether they occur domestically or offshore.

The caller said Mr Abbott was on leave for the week and a registration would be completed on Mr Abbott's return with respect to CPAC and would check whether Mr Abbott had any additional registrable arrangements in his calendar. The caller asked whether he could contact us should they have questions in relation to other potential registrable arrangements/activities. I confirmed he could and thanked him for his engagement and offered our assistance should they need it in completing Mr Abbott's registration.

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Date	Event
S22(1)(a)(ii)	
8 August 2019	AGD wrote to the Hon Tony Abbott, S47F(1) [Redacted] These letters were sent by Sarah Chidgey, Deputy Secretary, Integrity and Security Division.

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	S47F(1)
9 August 2019	<p>CPAC starts.</p> <p>Speakers included Mr Cooper, Matt Schlapp of the ACU, Mr Abbott, Mr Cameron, Mark Latham, Senator Amanda Stoker, and Mr Anderson.</p> <p>If registration obligations did not exist prior to this date, they arose at the commencement of the conference.</p>
S22(1)(a)(ii)	
23 August 2019	The date on which 14 days had elapsed since the last possible date on which registration obligations could have arisen. Accordingly, a registration should have been lodged by this date.
30 August 2019	AGD received a call from Mr Abbott's office at around 1400. We discussed Mr Abbott's obligations with the caller, who assured us that a registration with respect to CPAC would be completed when Mr Abbott returned from leave the following week.
27 September 2019	AGD called Mr Abbott's office to follow up on the registration. We were told that S22(1)(a)(ii) with whom we had previously spoken, was on another call, and that he would call us back. We did not receive a return call.
15 October 2019	Having received no registration from Mr Abbott, AGD sent an email at 14:04 to remind him that he had undertaken to register, and to draw his attention to another potentially registrable activity he had undertaken in Hungary.
22 October 2019	<p>S45 notice sent to Mr Cooper by email at 09:52. Follow-up call made by S22(1)(a)(ii) at 09:57 – message left on voicemail.</p> <p>To date, no response has been received.</p> <p>At approximately 14:40 AGD received a called from S22(1)(a)(ii) of Mr Abbott's office, who advised that Mr Abbott had received an email that day from Mr Cooper, stating that CPAC was 100% organised by LibertyWorks, that there was no input from or relationship with</p>

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	<p>the ACU, and that the ACU had not provided any funding.</p> <p>AGD confirmed that Mr Abbott could hold off registering in relation to CPAC until the s45 was resolved, but encouraged him to complete his other registration obligations in the meantime.</p>
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DAY 1 - 9 AUG	DAY 2 - 10 AUG	DINNER - 10 AUG	CAMPAIGN BOOTCAMP 11 AUG
08:00 - 08:45 Registration Open Mezzanine, Lobby Level	 ANDREW COOPER CPAC co-host & President of LibertyWorks	 ROWAN DEAN Editor, columnist, satirist and TV host	 SEN. AMANDA STOKER Federal Senator for Qld
	 MATT SCHLAPP CPAC Host & Chairman of ACU	 MARK LATHAM NSW Legislative Council	10:00 - 10:30 Grand Ballroom
	09:00 - 09:15 Conference Welcome & Opening Grand Ballroom	 THE HON ROSS CAMERON Media Commentator	
		09:15 - 10:00 Grand Ballroom	
10:30 - 10:50 BREAK **No catering provided**	 THE HON TONY ABBOTT Former Prime Minister of Australia	 JANET ALBRECHTSEN IPA Chairman & Columnist	 THE HON JOHN ANDERSON AO Former Deputy Prime Minister
	10:50 - 11:20 Grand Ballroom	11:20 - 11:50 Grand Ballroom	11:50 - 12:20 Grand Ballroom
12:20 - 13:15 **VIP LUNCH** Invitation Only Sphere Restaurant, Rydges World Square	 DR TANVEER AHMED Psychiatrist and Author	 WARREN MUNDINE AO	 RAHEEM KASSAM British Political Activist
	13:15 - 13:45 Grand Ballroom	13:45 - 14:15 Grand Ballroom	14:15 - 14:40 Grand Ballroom
14:40 - 15:00 BREAK **No catering provided**	 JACINTA PRICE Alice Springs Town Councillor	 MARK MEADOWS US Congressman	 JUDGE JEANINE PIRRO US Fox News Host & Author
	15:00 - 15:45 Grand Ballroom	15:45 - 16:15 Grand Ballroom	16:25 - 17:00 Grand Ballroom
18:00 - 19:30 Conference Social			

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<p>1000 - 1050 BREAK **No catering provided**</p>	<p> STEVE BAXTER Entrepreneur</p> <p>1050 - 115 Grand Ballroom</p>	<p> RENEE GORMAN Generation Liberty</p> <p>115 - 140 Grand Ballroom</p>	<p> SINCLAIR DAVIDSON Professor of Institutional Economics</p> <p>140 - 1205 Grand Ballroom</p>
<p> JARED MIY ASBA Chairman of Japanese Conservative Union</p> <p>1205 - 1230 Grand Ballroom</p>	<p>1230 - 1230 **VIP LUNCH** Invitation Only Spheres Restaurant, Rydges World Square</p>	<p> DANIEL WILD Institute of Public Affairs</p> <p>1230 - 1255 Grand Ballroom</p>	<p> CRAG KELLY MP Member of Australian House of Representatives</p> <p>1255 - 1420 Grand Ballroom</p>
<p> DAVID LIMBRICK MP Victorian Legislative Council</p> <p> GUMPELL NEWMAN Former Qld Premier, Businessman</p> <p>1420 - 1445 Drug Reform</p>	<p>1445 - 1555 BREAK **No catering provided**</p>	<p> PEGGY GRANDE</p> <p>1505 - 1530 Grand Ballroom</p>	<p> SENATOR MALCOLM ROBERTS</p> <p> JIM NOLAN</p> <p>1530 - 1600</p>
<p> BITA PANAH Sky News Host & Columnist</p> <p> DR TAMEER AHMED Psychiatrist and Author</p> <p>1600 - 1625 Grand Ballroom</p>	<p> ANDREW COOPER CPAC co-host & President of LibertyWorks</p> <p> BAHEM KASSAM British Political Activist</p> <p> MATT SCHLAPP CPAC Host & Chairman of ACU</p> <p>1625 - 1700 Grand Ballroom</p>		

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	19:00 MC Welcome	 MATT SCHLAPP CPAC Host & Chairman of ACU	22:00 Dinner Close
		 NIGEL FARAGE UK Brexit Party Leader	
		20:15	
23:00 After Party			

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From: [Atkinson, Lucinda](#)
To: [Walter, Andrew](#); [Chidgey, Sarah](#)
Cc: S22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Your letter and email [DLM=Sensitive]
Date: Wednesday, 30 October 2019 4:32:42 PM

Sensitive

Agreed – was going to propose we wait till we have received/not the s45 on Tuesday next week to determine what to do next

From: Walter, Andrew
Sent: Wednesday, 30 October 2019 4:22 PM
To: Atkinson, Lucinda <Lucinda.Atkinson@ag.gov.au>; Chidgey, Sarah <sarah.chidgey@ag.gov.au>
Cc: S22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Your letter and email [DLM=Sensitive]

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Happy to chat by phone if needed. I don't think we need to rush to respond.

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From: Atkinson, Lucinda
Sent: Wednesday, 30 October 2019 4:12 PM
To: Chidgey, Sarah <sarah.chidgey@ag.gov.au>; Walter, Andrew <Andrew.Walter@ag.gov.au>
Cc: S22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: Your letter and email [DLM=Sensitive]

Sensitive

Sarah, Andrew – FYI below from Mr Abbott. Could we discuss?

S22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Transparency
Sent: Wednesday, 30 October 2019 3:35 PM
To: Atkinson, Lucinda <Lucinda.Atkinson@ag.gov.au>; S22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: Your letter and email [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

From: Abbott, Tony (Former PM) S47E(d)
Sent: Wednesday, 30 October 2019 3:34 PM
To: Transparency <transparency@ag.gov.au>
Cc: S22(1)(a)(ii) (T. Abbott, Former PM) S22(1)(a)(ii) <@aph.gov.au>
Subject: Your letter and email

Dear Ms Atkinson,

I am responding to your email dated 15/10 following up Dep Sec Chidgey's letter dated 8/8. I note that, according to Ms Chidgey's letter, I have a "lifetime obligation to register any activity (that I) undertake on behalf of a foreign principal" under the Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Act 2018.

The letter refers to a conference in Sydney co-hosted by the American Conservative Union at which I was a speaker. Your email refers to my address to a demographic summit in Budapest.

I note that neither speech of mine was given "on behalf" of a foreign principal. I spoke for myself, that's all. Any suggestion that I was speaking on behalf of a foreign entity is absurd.

Like many other former PMs and former ministers, I have, from time to time spoken at events overseas arranged by various think tanks and even, in the case of the demographic summit, by the government of a friendly foreign country. Still, I have never and would never speak on behalf of anyone but myself. In both the cited cases my remarks were covered by the media and people were perfectly free to make their own judgments about what I said and its motivation (which I suggest would have been long-held and well-known principles and positions).

Hence, I decline to register and suggest that you rethink the making of such misplaced and impertinent requests in the future. Surely senior officials of the Commonwealth have better things to do with their time.

In the interests of transparency I may make this response available to the media.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Abbott

CPAC chronology

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S22(1)(a)(ii)

Chronology of AGD engagement with AGO re. LibertyWorks and CPAC

S22(1)(a)(ii)

- 2 August 2019:
 - Email of 4.02pm– advised AGO that CPAC letter had now been sent to Libertyworks and provided TPs and background in case this was raised with them
S42(1)
 - AGD email of 6.24pm S42(1) Also **notes** the five speakers who AGD considers may have registration obligations as a result of speaking at the conference.

S42(1)



- 5 August 2019:
S42(1)



- 9 August 2019 – email from S22(1)(a)(ii) to AGO providing an update on the CPAC conference. S42(1) and outlined our actions to date, including sending letters to LiberthWorks, seeking confirmation from LibertyWorks on 7 August that the correspondence had been received, and that letters had been sent to relevant speakers (Abbott, S47F(1)).
 - Email from Tim Wellington to AGD asking whether AGD had contacted the office of Mr Abbott and suggesting we call him beforehand to let him know about the letter.

S22(1)(a)(ii)



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