

From: s22
To: ASA PS&E Div - ISP - Strategic Capability Analysis
Cc: Arthur, Kim s22
Subject: FW: Current timings for s34(2)
Date: Tuesday, 17 September 2024 2:37:25 PM
Attachments: s34(2)

Hi James and team,

Please see attached NPP from AFP with figures.

Kind regards,

s22

**Director Strategic and Trilateral Security
Policy, Programs and Assurance
Australian Submarine Agency
Ph: s22**

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Cc: Miller, Michele s22 @defence.gov.au> s22
; Booth, Sandra (AFP) s22 ; Rak,
s22 s22
Subject: RE: Current timings for s34(2)

Hi s22 and Kim

As discussed, please find attached the updated AFP NPP with costs included.

Please note this has not yet been approved by the Attorney General's Office – I will advise as soon as I have confirmation of approval.

Thanks

s22

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Coordinator

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From: s22 [redacted]@defence.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 11 September 2024 10:57 AM
To: s22 (AFP); Arthur, Kim s22 (DEFENCE); s22 (DEFENCE)
Cc: Miller, Michele s22 (DEFENCE); s22 (AFP); s22 (AFP); Booth, Sandra (AFP); s22 (AFP); s22 (AFP)
Subject: RE: Current timings to s34(2) [redacted]

Hi s22

Thanks for your response and visibility of the timeline for AGO clearance. We are still awaiting feedback from the ODPM and OMINDI and will continue to keep you updated. We are expecting ED release late next week.

I have attached a copy of the PM&C advice confirming s34(3) [redacted]

Minutes from s34(2) [redacted]

- s34(3) [redacted]

- s34(3) [redacted]

I also want to acknowledge your email about costings and thank you for providing the draft costs while you continue to liaise with your finance team and DoF. s47C [redacted]

[redacted] We are also mindful DoF needs time to develop the costing agreement and this may not be possible if left until Coord.

Has there been any update on when the figures might be available for inclusion in the NPP?

Kind regards,

s22

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Cc: Miller, Michele s22 @defence.gov.au>; s22 (AFP)
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Booth, Sandra (AFP) s22 ; s22 (AFP)
s22 ; s22 (AFP) s22
Subject: RE: Current timings for s34(2)

Thanks s22

Appreciate the update on consultations with ODPM and OMINDI – thank you. I have requested AGO provide their clearance to release to ED by no later than 12 September 2024 and will keep you updated on progress in that space.

I recall that sentence from the authority as well, but that it was explicit for s34(2), so it would be great to have formal confirmation of this from PM&C at our end, was there written advice to this effect from them?

Kind regards,
Annalissa

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From: Davis, Kate s22 @defence.gov.au]
Sent: Thursday, 5 September 2024 4:10 PM
To: s22 (AFP); Arthur, Kim s22 DEFENCE); s22 (DEFENCE)
Cc: Miller, Michele s22 DEFENCE); s22 (AFP); s22 (AFP); Booth, Sandra (AFP); s22 (AFP); s22 (AFP)
Subject: RE: Current timings for s34(2)

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Hi s22

Thank you for providing the latest version for our awareness.

The Submission is currently with the ODPM and OMINDI for review. We anticipate the offices' will have updates to the Submission, which will provide an opportunity to update the NPP and incorporate the funding elements. We will keep you updated as this progresses so we can align our efforts before ED.

The Submission recommendation remains unchanged at this point. s34(3)

I hope this helps address your concern however, please let me know if you would like to have a chat.

Thank you again for the offer to have AC Booth provide support to briefings as required.

Kind regards,

s22

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Booth, Sandra (AFP) s22 >; s22 (AFP)
s22 ; s22 (AFP) s22
Subject: RE: Current timings for s34(2)

Good evening all

For ASA visibility, please find attached clean and tracked change version of our current NPP.

As always we welcome any feedback from ASA, and ask that this version is used only for ASA's internal briefing purposes. While this version has gone through AFP clearances, we have will be working through changes with the Attorney's office over the next week prior to it being cleared for release to go to ED.

I'd like to reiterate our offer to have AC Booth support ASA in briefing ASA and Defence stakeholders.

I'd also be very grateful for further visibility of the Cabinet Submission recommendation pertaining to the AFP, noting that a comeback at s34(2) is needed.

Kind regards,
s22

From: s22 (AFP)
Sent: Tuesday, 3 September 2024 7:04 PM
To: 'Arthur, Kim s22 ; s22 (DEFENCE)
Cc: Miller, Michele s22 (DEFENCE); s22 (AFP); s22 (AFP); Booth, Sandra (AFP); s22 (AFP); s22 (AFP)
Subject: RE: Current timings to s34(2)

Thanks Kim

My understanding is that we have consulted with ASIO and happy to review that part of the narrative to strengthen it.

The project office funding in s34(2) included funding for a Band 2 Officer. In the AFP, Band 2s lead Commands, and in the case of s34(2) the Band 2 is Sandra and her Command is AUKUS Command. AUKUS Command is developing the CONOPS, this work is also being supported by a program management office and also by members of my team so, yes, the AFP is supporting this work beyond the ASL provided at s34(2), and therefore we require confirmation of continuation of that funding, since we were provided one year's funding instead of two, to give certainty to the agency and relevant staff that the funding will be continued.

Very keen to catch with you and the ASA team next week when you are all back from WA to talk timeframes for s34(2) per s22 email.

I hope the visit is going well, safe travels.

s22

From: Arthur, Kim s22 [mailto:s22@defence.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 3 September 2024 12:10 PM

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Cc: Miller, Michele s22 DEFENCE); s22 (AFP); s22 (AFP); Booth, Sandra
(AFP); s22 (AFP); s22 (AFP)
Subject: RE: Current timings for s34(2)

Thanks s22

I've forwarded to our cabinet submission team, but haven't had a chance to hear how they are planning to prepare A/DG for the Investment Committee and the AFP element of that.

I have had a quick read through of the updated submission and this is definitely continuing to fill out the argument for the continuing funding. Some initial thoughts from that quick read through:

Has AFP consulted with ASIO in relation to the body of work emerging from their new NPS supporting capabilities? This might be a useful piece of evidence for that funding element. I do think though that we need to be prepared for Defence to see this as a separate capability from Armed Protection for SRF-W and therefore s34(3).

Timings for s34(2) I think there would be benefit in outlining the steps that we collectively need to take to bring a consolidated conops for Government consideration in s34(2) eg timeline for the AFP conops finalisation and then timeline to develop the final funding submission – ie showing Defence and Government that we have a plan for ensuring s34(2) is the final stage in the story for SRF-W. How will we align what we are doing with the timeline s22 sent through last week. This will be a valuable artefact for giving Defence stakeholders certainty that the money being provided in s34(2) will draw a close line to s34(2) and that Defence has confidence in the journey we are collectively going on. (ie how are we moving from Defence providing funds to AFP through to a collective team approach to security in the program).

Need to be clearer on what AFP is absorbing as part of BAO and what is being sought through the NPP. s34(1)(a) s47C

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particularly noting that the command is also responsible for other Defence bases and Defence funds AFP separately for that protection.

There'll definitely be value in incorporating lessons learned from STMP, but we will need to turn that around quickly given Exposure Draft will be issued very close to the end of the STMP activities. Hopefully the visit this week will get some good insights that s22 and AC Booth will be able to feed in.

Cheers

Kim

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Booth, Sandra (AFP) s22 ; s22 (AFP)
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s22 ; Arthur, Kim s22 @defence.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Current timings for s34(2)

Good afternoon s22 and s22

As discussed on Friday with Kim Arthur, I attached a copy of our updated draft NPP which has been approved by relevant AFP Band 3s for release to ASA for use at the Defence IC. We ask that it be used for this purpose only as we will continue to engage with yourselves and central agencies to further strengthen the evidence base and data set to support the bid.

We are grateful for your advice and patience as we have developed the draft and look forward to continuing to engage with you as we continue to develop the bid ahead of its ED date in mid-September, noting the range of other clearances, including ministerial, that will need to be obtained.

As always, we welcome your feedback and comments, and please let me know if you need any further information.

Kind regards,

s22

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From: s22 (AFP)

Sent: Thursday, 15 August 2024 1:50 PM

To: 'Arthur, Kim' s22

Cc: s22 DEFENCE'; 'Miller, Michele' s22 DEFENCE'; s22 ; s22
(AFP); s22 (AFP); Booth, Sandra (AFP); s22 (AFP); s22 (AFP)

Subject: RE: Current timings for s34(2)

Good afternoon Kim

Thanks for your patience while we have been working through our costings and justifications.

Please find attached draft ROM costings for s34(1)(a)

s34(1)(a)

I also attach our draft NPP, can I please highlight that the document is in draft and has not yet been cleared by our Band 2s or 3s, so is caveated in terms of use and distribution, but you will be able to use it to brief your DG and of course we'd value your comments and feedback. We will continue working on it today to s47C

In summary, the justifications for seeking certainty at MYEFO for these 2025-26 costs boil down to:

- s47C
- The Concept of Operations is undergoing testing and refinement through the Submarine Tender Maintenance Program and will be used to underpin our proposal at s34(2) for a fulsome 2025-2027 funding proposal.
- However, there are a number of known elements (e.g. training and salaries for increasing operational staff numbers, s47C, infrastructure design etc.) that will be required that have very long lead times. We will need to commence delivering these elements no later than July 2025 but planning for these activities will need to be commenced in 2024-25, therefore we are seeking funding certainty.

I have also attached our draft planning slide deck, we have used this as the basis on which we have determined the need for funding certainty in place of a completed Concept of Operations. We intend to incorporate these into our NPP and these will form the basis for our s34(2) options. Please note these are sensitive, draft and uncleared.

We welcome your comments and feedback, however to reiterate please do not distribute the attached documentation beyond your command structure as the AFP has not cleared it, and the NPP, the costings and planning slide deck remains working documents.

s22 is available this afternoon should you have immediate questions.

Kind regards,

s22

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Sent: Thursday, 15 August 2024 9:35 AM
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Cc: s22 (DEFENCE); Miller, Michele s22 (DEFENCE)
Subject: Current timings for s34(2) SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi team,

Acting DG's office have advised that he is clearing the latest version of the s34(2) submission at 1330 today – is there any chance we can provide draft content for his visibility and context with the rest of the submission before then?

Kim

Kim Arthur
Assistant Director General
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To: [Arthur, Kim Ms](#)
Subject: RE: AFP Inter-Agency summary - 5 Dec 24 [REDACTED]
Date: Tuesday, 10 December 2024 5:41:37 PM

[REDACTED]
Thanks Kim -

This is helpful.

Sophia

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Sent: Thursday, 5 December 2024 3:36 PM
To: Blix, Sophia [s22 \[REDACTED\]@defence.gov.au](#)>
Subject: FW: AFP Inter-Agency summary - 5 Dec 24 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Sophia,

Please see below from our meeting with PM&C and Finance yesterday. We are looking to have Force Development Division participation at future meetings to represent Defence perspectives in the progress on [s34\(2\)](#) [REDACTED]

Cheers

Kim

Dear all,

As promised, please find below a quick summary of the AFP Inter-Agency discussion from this morning.

- AC Booth (AFP) opened the meeting with a welcome to country and thanked attendees for their participation. AC Booth invited ASA to provide a brief overview of the Security Operating Intent – *HMAS Stirling* (SOI) that has informed the development of the AFP Concept of Operation (CONOPS).

SOI

- Provides the security requirements for HMAS Stirling to meet Initial Operating Support (IOS) for the Submarine Rotational Force – West (SRF-W) in [s47C](#) [REDACTED]
- The development process included consultation with [s33\(a\)\(iii\) & 33\(b\)](#) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

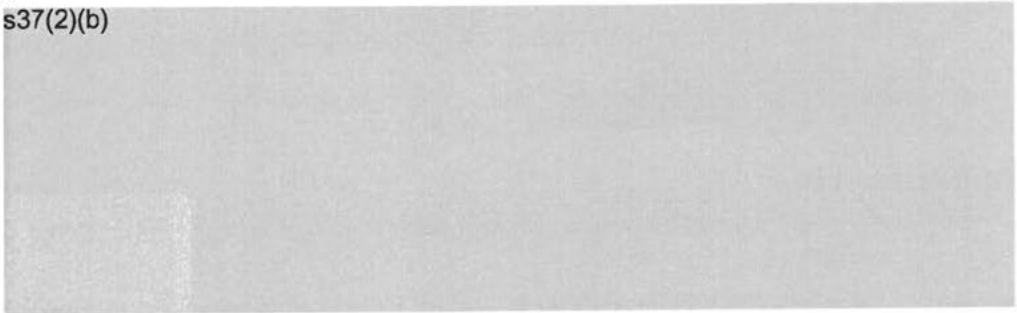
s33(a)(iii) & 33(b)

- Cleared with relevant Defence Band 1/1* officers. Currently being consulted trilaterally with relevant UK and US Submarine Security and Intelligence Coordination Committee (SUBSICC) agencies. Responses from SUBSICC are due by 13 December. The SOI will then progress to Band 3/3* clearance by end of year and the trilateral Program Delivery Leadership Committee out-of-session in January 2025
- Predominantly focused on supporting SRF-W but also considers the requirements for the base more broadly such as the continued support of Collins, and will inform the arrangements for Henderson, WA and Osbourne, SA.

ASA/AFP collaboration

- AFP noted their AUKUS Command was established on 15 July 2024
- ASA and AFP have been working more closely together since this time and will soon have staff collocated
- ASA and AFP teams are meeting on a daily basis.

CONOPS

- **s37(2)(b)**

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- HMAS Stirling provides a unique opportunity for prospective officers given the diversity of experience that can be offered. This is a main feature in the recruitment and marketing campaign
- The CONOPS also highlights the enabling support requirements including ICT, facilities, equipment.

s34(2)

- The capability AFP is providing is not without risk and funding support is necessary to provide the capability appropriately and safely for personnel. If there are concerns about the AFP asks as part of **s34(2)** the Attorney-General may benefit from a briefing on those risks to enable discussions with ministerial counterparts
- Finance advised there is broad understanding that **s34(2)** would include a significant ask, but this needs to be supported by the planning and an evidence base
- AFP has conducted briefings with Band 1 officers to ensure there is clear guidance about what is in and out of scope for **s34(2)** Any requests are being carefully considered to ensure they meet the **s47C** and opportunities to identify efficiencies are being explored
- Draft AFP NPP expected by end December 2024. **s47C**

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- AFP NPP is focused on s47C [REDACTED]
- Updates on previous funding/support will be vital for s34(2) – Government will want to see progress
 - For example, recruitment campaign for PSOs.
 - Global recruitment challenge for policing noted in addition to competitive market, with other employers able to offer financial incentives
 - WA specific and national recruitment campaigns underway – promoting unique opportunity at Stirling
 - Will explore opportunities to partner with Defence for AUKUS in the future.

EFI

- s34(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- s34(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- s34(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- s34(1)(a) [REDACTED]

Learning command

- Learning and development support is required to train new recruits for SRF-W
 - Facilities
 - Ranges and road availability for 'use of force' training essential and needs to be secured in advance

Maritime

- Finance keen to understand more about the vessels (procurement, operations, sustainment etc)
- SMEs to brief on maritime at next meeting
- AFP noted the vessels need to be police-badged to exercise certain powers and use of force i.e. public must be able to identify officers as police
- AFP also noted they will need different vessels for different purposes. s33(a)(i) [REDACTED]
- s37(2)(b) [REDACTED]
- s33(a)(i) [REDACTED]
- s33(a)(iii) [REDACTED]

Closing

- Kim A (ASA) noted she will be on leave from 12 December, s22 [REDACTED] acting until end January 2025. Sophia also wrapping up next week – Charles Bateson acting HSS.
- Next meeting will be week commencing 16 December. AC Booth's office to coordinate. Kim A to identify appropriate Defence representative to attend.

Thanks,
s22

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To: Hodgson, Tim DDGTECH s22 Blix, Sophia Ms
Subject: RE: AFP NPP [REDACTED]
Date: Thursday, 10 October 2024 4:29:00 PM

Hi Tim,

Please see proposed e-mail back to s22

s22

Thanks for your e-mail yesterday.

s47C

[REDACTED]. From the STMP and work ongoing at the working level to finalise security requirements for Stirling indicates that the training requirements being funded s34(1)(a) [REDACTED] will form part of the final requirements for the protection of nuclear-powered submarines at SRF-W.

In relation to the infrastructure design requirement, ASA and Defence (SEG) have included AFP in the planning for the design of the emergency response facility that will incorporate the ASA presence, and the design already includes s37(2)(b) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There may be some small elements of the design which AFP will need to deliver. I understand that s34(1)(a) [REDACTED] for infrastructure has been developed on the basis that this team would then transition to work on facilities at other NPS locations.

Welcome your readout on any further response from AGO.

Tim

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Sent: Wednesday, 9 October 2024 2:10 PM
To: Arthur, Kim s22 [REDACTED]@defence.gov.au>
Subject: FW: AFP NPP [REDACTED]

Hi Kim

Could you please provide some quick advice on the infrastructure aspect? I think we think the same or are is there specific context we could provide that would justify this additional cost.

Sophia

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To: Blix, Sophia s22 [redacted]@defence.gov.au>
Subject: FW: AFP NPP [redacted]

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Sent: Wednesday, 9 October 2024 1:20 PM
To: Hodgson, Tim DDGTECH s22 [redacted]@defence.gov.au>
Cc: Kelton, Alexandra s22 [redacted]@defence.gov.au>; James, Mikaela s22 [redacted]@defence.gov.au>; s22 [redacted]@defence.gov.au>
Subject: AFP NPP [redacted]

Hi Tim

I've just met with AGO re the AFP NPP.

I've asked AGO to come back with further advice on the following:

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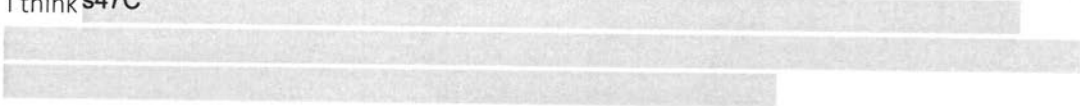
I advised that s47C



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We're going to meet again on Friday, so anything you can share ahead of then would be helpful.
I think s47C



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Thanks

s22

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From: Blix, Sophia Ms
To: Arthur, Kim Ms
Cc: Davis, Kate MRS 3
Subject: RE: Draft e-mail for DPMO [REDACTED]
Date: Wednesday, 16 October 2024 1:08:40 PM

[REDACTED]

Thanks Kim.

Could you please engage with CDF and the DG's offices to try to seek copy of the emails AFP referred to yesterday.

s47C [REDACTED]

Can we please test the sections of the NPP on the s47C [REDACTED] with Navy, and the infrastructure design support with s22 [REDACTED] team and SEG.

Thanks

Sophia

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Sent: Wednesday, 16 October 2024 11:18 AM
To: Blix, Sophia s22 [REDACTED]@defence.gov.au>
Cc: s22 [REDACTED]@defence.gov.au>
Subject: Draft e-mail for DPMO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sophia,

s47C [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

As you can see from below, the revised NPP s47C [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Kim

s22 [REDACTED]

The AFP have provided us with a revised NPP (attached), cleared by their Minister's office, which

they advise addresses your questions below. We have reviewed this new document and have drawn out the following as how they have responded to your questions. The AFP have advised us that the AGO **s47C** the submission.

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The amended NPP **s47C**

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In the Reasons section of the NPP, **s47C**

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Cc: Mead, Jonathan VADM; s22 ; James, Mikaela Ms; Kelton, Alexandra Ms; Arthur, Kim Ms
Subject: RE s34(2) AFP NPP
Date: Wednesday, 16 October 2024 1:09:58 PM
Attachments: 14102024_NPP for s34(2) docx

Hi s22

In Tim's absence, please find attached the revised AFP NPP, cleared by the AGO.

The draft has been amended to s34(1)(a)

s47C

We've set out below a brief assessment against the additional RFIs raised in your email below – happy to discuss these in further detail. s47C

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Happy to discuss further

Sophia

Acting Head, Stewardship and Security Division

Australian Submarine Agency

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To: s22 @defence.gov.au>

Cc: Mead, Jonathan VADM s22 @defence.gov.au>; s22

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Sophia s22 @defence.gov.au>; Kelton, Alexandra s22

@defence.gov.au>

Subject: RE: s34(2) AFP NPP [

Hi s22

This is AFP's latest version which they have shared with the AGO this afternoon.

Tim

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Cc: Mead, Jonathan VADM s22 [redacted] @defence.gov.au>; s22 [redacted] @defence.gov.au>; Mead, Jonathan VADM s22 [redacted] @defence.gov.au>; James, Mikaela s22 [redacted] @defence.gov.au>; Blix, Sophia s22 [redacted] @defence.gov.au>; Kelton, Alexandra s22 [redacted] @defence.gov.au>
Subject: RE:s34(2) AFP NPP [redacted]

Many thanks Tim for the update.

I'll take a look and engage AGO this week.

Cheers

s22 [redacted]

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Sent: Monday, 30 September 2024 5:17 PM
To: s22 [redacted] @defence.gov.au>
Cc: Mead, Jonathan VADM s22 [redacted] @defence.gov.au>; s22 [redacted] @defence.gov.au>; Mead, Jonathan VADM s22 [redacted] @defence.gov.au>; James, Mikaela s22 [redacted] @defence.gov.au>; Blix, Sophia s22 [redacted] @defence.gov.au>; Kelton, Alexandra s22 [redacted] @defence.gov.au>
Subject: s34(2) AFP NPP [redacted]

s22 [redacted]

A quick update on s34(2) Submission is set out below – happy to discuss.

AFP NPP

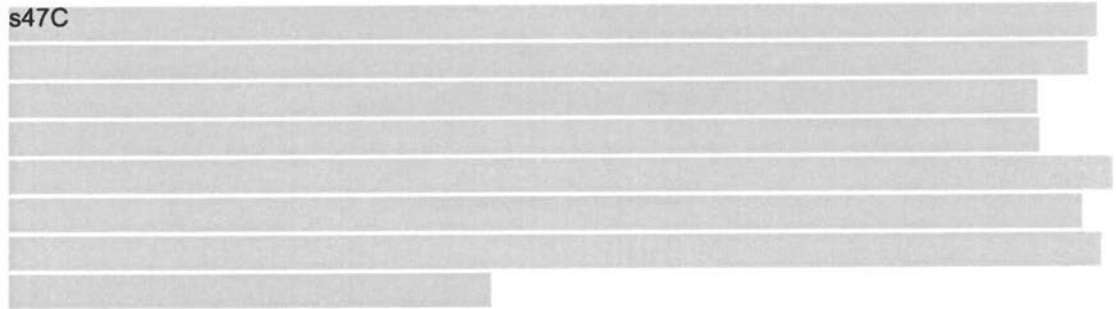
The AFP NPP s47C

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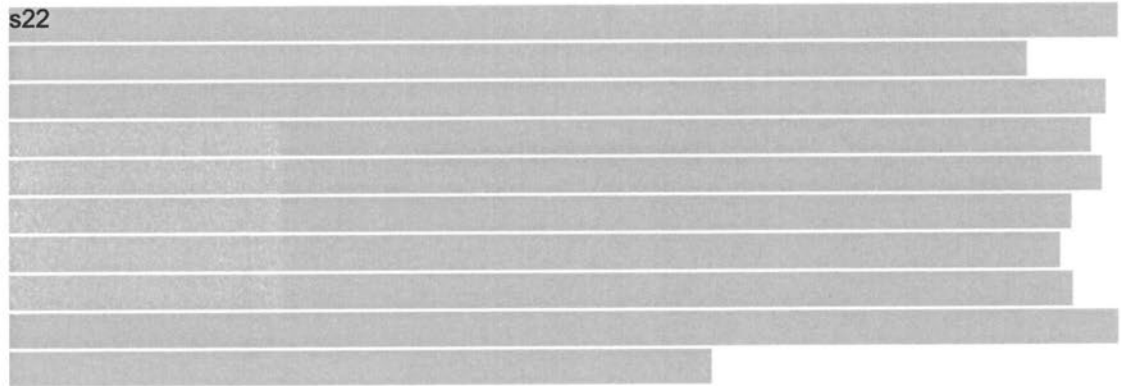
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Following your discussions with AGO, we would welcome your advice on handling for the submission – the current draft of the submission is agnostic on this point, noting the ongoing discussions.

ASC NPP

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Happy to discuss

Tim

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From: Arthur, Kim s22
Sent: Thursday, 24 October 2024 6:08 PM
To: Bernardi, James s22; Blix, Sophia s22; James, Mikaela s22
Cc: Davis, Marlana s22
Subject: RE: URGENT - For Action s34(2) DPM Comments [REDACTED]

Hard agree!

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Sent: Thursday, 24 October 2024 2:24 PM
To: Blix, Sophia s22 @defence.gov.au>; Arthur, Kim s22 @defence.gov.au>; s22 @defence.gov.au>; James, Mikaela s22 @defence.gov.au>
Cc: Davis, Marlana s22 @defence.gov.au>
Subject: RE: URGENT - For Action s34(2) DPM Comments [REDACTED]

Should have also added that s22 noted most of what AFP were asking for could be done through s34(2) informed by the CONOPs

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Sent: Thursday, 24 October 2024 2:09 PM
To: Blix, Sophia s22 @defence.gov.au>; Arthur, Kim s22 @defence.gov.au>; s22 @defence.gov.au>; James, Mikaela s22 @defence.gov.au>
Cc: Davis, Marlana s22 @defence.gov.au>
Subject: RE: URGENT - For Action s34(2) DPM Comments [REDACTED]

Hi Sophia, Kim

I sat in on the briefing, and noting Miki is out of the office for the rest of the a quick readout. Marlana might be able to add to anything I missed.

AFP ran through the NPP with their standard TPs.

Discussion then focused on:

- s47C [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

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There wasn't anything hard hitting or new raised (from either side).

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Sent: Thursday, 24 October 2024 1:17 PM
To: Arthur, Kim s22 @defence.gov.au>; s22 @defence.gov.au>; James, Mikaela s22 @defence.gov.au>
Cc: s22 @defence.gov.au>
Subject: RE: URGENT - For Action s34(2) DPM Comments [REDACTED]

Thanks Kim

I couldn't see from the email traffic that we have updated AFP regarding the advice received that funding for the Stirling design work will be too late if received from 1 July and also that we are awaiting further advice regarding whether further discussions with Defence will obviate the need for s47C

Happy to wait to see what comes back from Miki's meeting, but otherwise, suggest we need to reach out to AFP on this, s47C

Sophia

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Sent: Thursday, 24 October 2024 12:57 PM
To: Blix, Sophia s22 @defence.gov.au>; s22 @defence.gov.au>; James, Mikaela s22 @defence.gov.au>
Cc: s22 @defence.gov.au>
Subject: RE: URGENT - For Action - s34(2) DPM Comments [REDACTED]

Nothing beyond what I provided Tuesday evening and again Wednesday morning.

Miki attended an AGO/DPMO/Centrals meeting this morning.

Kim

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From: Blix, Sophia s22 [redacted]@defence.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 24 October 2024 10:47 AM
To: Arthur, Kim s22 [redacted]@defence.gov.au>; s22 [redacted]@defence.gov.au>; James, Mikaela s22 [redacted]@defence.gov.au>
Cc: s22 [redacted]@defence.gov.au>
Subject: RE: URGENT - For Action - s34(2) DPM Comments [redacted]

Hi Kim

Could you please provide an update on the engagement with AFP regarding the questions from ODPM?

Have we provided AFP the advice we received from Defence stakeholders regarding the s47C [redacted] and the property design team?

Any response from the AFP on the ODPM questions needs to address the advice received from the Defence stakeholders. I've included what I sent to Alex on this advice below.

I've also included updated versions of these responses in the advice back to ODPM on their questions. It would be useful if we could update this content further to address any response received from AFP.

Sophia

- On AFP's proposal for a **separate infrastructure design team** – the advice from the ASA infrastructure team for HMAS Stirling is that a design team commencing mid-2025 will be too late to support anything other than specialist equipment fitout. The Emergency Preparedness and Response facilities are already being designed with AFP input to their specific building and fixed furniture and equipment fitout, including weapons storage.
- s47C [redacted]
- On the request for ASA to provide advice on how AFP have spent the funding they have received to date, including verifying the 17 PSO training positions have been filled – AFP has not provided detailed advice regarding spending to date – we are following this up further. The AFP has advised that recruitment for the 17 positions is advanced and still underway. A course will commence in January 2025 to train this cohort. The AFP also has a live process open for experienced members to move to Perth. Once these numbers are known and relevant skill sets identified, the AFP will undertake a workforce planning exercise, backfilling experienced member vacancies with new members. AFP advises this is intended to ensure the original team of 17 is a combination of experienced and new members. The AFP has not provided any further advice regarding other areas for which it was provided funding – although it has confirmed that the AUKUS Command has been stood up and that recruitment activities have occurred.

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Sent: Wednesday, 23 October 2024 5:44 AM
To: s22 @defence.gov.au>; James, Mikaela s22 @defence.gov.au>; Blix, Sophia s22 @defence.gov.au>
Cc: Wood, Matt s22 @defence.gov.au>; s22 (AFP) s22 ; Booth, Sandra (AFP) s22 ; s22 (AFP) s22 ; s22 @defence.gov.au>
Subject: RE: URGENT - For Action - s34(2) DPM Comments [REDACTED]

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Apologies – I thought I hit send on this last night – but it's sitting in drafts.

I spoke with AFP on the phone this evening. They do not have the ability to look at a secret system this evening, and so won't be able to respond to these specific questions tonight. They did refer me to the questions asked by DPMO last week and advised that their response to those questions (as attached), as well as the advice that AGO have already spoken to the DPMO on this, should suffice to respond to the questions below as I summarised them on the phone/e-mail.

Noting the comment from the office below that this shouldn't hold up the ED, we will discuss further tomorrow as well – as you can see, I've included AFP in this response for visibility.

Regards

Kim

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Sent: Tuesday, 22 October 2024 5:09 PM
To: Arthur, Kim s22 @defence.gov.au>
Cc: Wood, Matt s22 @defence.gov.au>; s22
Subject: URGENT - For Action - s34(2) DPM Comments [REDACTED]
Importance: High

Hi Kim,

We have received comments back from the OPDM, that require urgent action. Can you please look at the following comments and provide comments back asap?

Attachment 15

- At this stage, s47C [REDACTED] to be included in the NPP. However, please advise the following (not to slow down ED, but to be resolved before Co-ord):
 - o s47C [REDACTED]

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Apologies for the short turn around – let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks

s22

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From: Blix, Sophia Ms
To: Arthur, Kim Ms
Subject: RE: Words for ministerial submission [REDACTED]
Date: Thursday, 26 September 2024 10:01:34 AM

[REDACTED]
Thanks – just added a sentence to clarify the draft is based on s34(1)(a) [REDACTED]. I think we can provide this to the CAUBSUB team.

Sophia

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From: Arthur, Kim s22 [REDACTED]@defence.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 26 September 2024 9:41 AM
To: Blix, Sophia s22 [REDACTED]@defence.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Words for ministerial submission [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
I've just made some tweaks in the space describing s34(1)(a) [REDACTED]. Otherwise happy with this.

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From: Blix, Sophia s22 [REDACTED]@defence.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 25 September 2024 6:22 PM
To: Arthur, Kim s22 [REDACTED]@defence.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Words for ministerial submission [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Hi there

What about this? I mainly wanted to give them some more context on s34(1)(a) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sophia

s34(3) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The concept of operations is not yet mature, with an initial draft only shared with the

ASA on 20 September. Further work is now required to assess the draft against the security requirements for SRF-West and against the lessons learned from the recent Submarine Tender Maintenance Period. This work is ongoing and will be finalised in the coming months, to inform the s34(2) Submission. In the interim, and prior to the concept of operations being finalised, s47C

The AFP have developed a New Policy Proposal recommending s47C

Sophia

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Sent: Wednesday, 25 September 2024 5:50 PM
To: Blix, Sophia s22 @defence.gov.au>
Subject: Words for ministerial submission [REDACTED]

Here's content for the Minsub –

Kim

ASA has been working with the AFP s34(3)

The draft concept of operations was shared with ASA on 20 September and will be finalised over coming months ahead of s34(2) The AFP developed a New Policy Proposal recommending s34(1)(a)

ASA, in consultation with PM&C and DoF, recommends s34(1)(a) be recommended to Government. Noting that work on

s47C



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SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS / OPERATIONAL ISSUES

- **AFP AUKUS Command Briefing Day** – On Wed 14 Aug, HSS, ADG TWP and ADG PPA briefed the majority of the AFP Assistant Commissioners (Band 2), and Band 1's, plus CIO, CTO and CFO who are involved in supporting the AUKUS Command in AFP. A range of good questions, and contacts for further briefings. There may be a follow-on briefing to the Commissioner, TBC.

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From: Arthur, Kim MS
Sent: Friday, 30 August 2024 1:03 PM
To: s22; s22; s22; s22
Subject: 240830:1303 - [Arthur, Kim s22] Heads Up - s47C

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Tentatively looking at 12 September 0900-1130.

Regards

Kim

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Sent: Friday, 30 August 2024 12:10 PM
To: Arthur, Kim s22 @defence.gov.au>; s22 @afp.gov.au>; s22 @afp.gov.au>; s22 @afp.gov.au>
Cc: s22 @defence.gov.au>; s22 @defence.gov.au>; s22 @defence.gov.au>; Shipp, John s22 @defence.gov.au>; Davis, Marlena s22 @defence.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Heads Up - s47C

Hi Kim,

Thanks for the advice and happy to meet week commencing 9 September to discuss further.

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From: Arthur, Kim s22 @defence.gov.au>
Date: 30 August 2024 at 12:05:57 PM AEST
To: s22 @afp.gov.au>; s22

s22 @afp.gov.au>, s22 @afp.gov.au>
Cc: s22 @defence.gov.au>, s22 @defence.gov.au>, s22 @defence.gov.au>
s22 @defence.gov.au>, Shipp, John s22 @defence.gov.au>
@defence.gov.au>, Davis, Marlana s22 @defence.gov.au>
Subject: Heads Up - s47C
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

AFP colleagues,

s47C
[REDACTED]

Happy to discuss further with you s22 and s22 during next week.

Regards

Kim

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I acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to traditional lands and waters. I pay respect to their Elders both past and present. I also pay respect to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have contributed to the defence of Australia in times of peace and

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