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Sent: Tuesday, 16 July 2019 5:13 PM
To: AGO DLO
Cc: Walter, Andrew; § 22(1)
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12.00 if he misses stand-up) and 12.30 and 1.00 are options
11.30 is in the middle of SMC

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From: s 22(1)
Sent: Monday, 22 July 2019 10:38 AM
To: [ALL LOCATIONS - AGD and AGS All Staff]
Subject: Weekly Summary - 22 July 2019 ~~[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]~~

Attorney-General's Department **WEEKLY SUMMARY**

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INTEGRITY AND SECURITY

- Andrew Walter, First Assistant Secretary, Integrity and Security Division, and Lucinda Atkinson, Assistant Secretary, Institutional Integrity Branch, briefing the shadow Attorney-General, the Hon Mark Dreyfus MP, on the Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme – Monday 22 July.


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From: s 22(1)
Sent: Monday, 22 July 2019 1:09 PM
To: Atkinson, Lucinda
Subject: RE: FITS - Mark Dreyfus Meeting [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Thanks Luci. Will await the advice from s 22(1) Let me know if you run out of time to speak to him!

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From: Atkinson, Lucinda
Sent: 22 July 2019 12:57 PM
To: s 22(1)
Subject: FW: FITS - Mark Dreyfus Meeting [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

FYI. I have the team a more detailed run down. s 42(1)

From: Walter, Andrew s 47E(d) >
Date: Monday, 22 Jul 2019, 12:49 pm
To: s 22(1)
Cc: Atkinson, Lucinda s 47E(d) >, Chidgey, Sarah s 47E(d)
Subject: FITS - Mark Dreyfus Meeting [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Luci and I met with the AGO and Mark Dreyfus this morning to discuss FITS implementation. We provided a general update on implementation – electoral period, number of registrants etc – and responded to specific questions provided in advance on the following issues:

- application of the Act to MOPS Act staff – discussed the exemption rule under the Act;
- application to governments/organizations that arrange overseas trips for parliamentarians including what information is displayed on the register where an obligation to register arises;
- application of the Act to foreign political events held in Australia – of particular interest was a conservative conference being held in Sydney in August. We discussed the general principles and noted we would need to look into this particular conference further.

Mr Dreyfus noted the small number of registrants and was particularly interested in how we informed MOPS staff about their obligations.

Happy to discuss further if required.

Andrew

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File No: 19/2093-4

DEPUTY SECRETARY

Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme – Letters regarding CPAC Australia 2019

Deadline: Tuesday 30 July 2019

Recommendation: I recommend that you:

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Deputy Secretary
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The event will host at least 14 speakers who are former Cabinet Ministers or recent designated position holders.

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Date Cleared: X July 2019

Action Officer: s 22(1) Institutional Integrity Branch, s 22(1)

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Background

- The Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme (the scheme) aims to provide the Australian public and decision makers in government with visibility of the forms and sources of foreign influence in Australia's governmental and political systems and processes.
- The scheme is part of a broader National Security legislation package intended to enhance Australia's espionage and foreign interference capability.
- Under the scheme, obligations to register arise in the following circumstances:
 - A registerable activity is being undertaken, and
 - The activity is undertaken on behalf of a foreign principal, and
 - The purpose of the activity is for political or governmental influence, and
 - The person or the activity are not exempt under the Act.
- The scheme recognises that transparency is fundamental to democracy. Where there is transparency about the fact that influencing activities such as lobbying are done on behalf of a foreign principal, these activities are a healthy and legitimate part of our open and robust democratic processes.

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- There are also some exemptions to registration obligations under the scheme including religious activity, diplomatic, consular or similar activities, foreign government employees and commercial or business pursuits and registered charities.
- During an election period there are more stringent obligations on registrants due to the heightened need for transparency during this time.

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Also, as discussed I've just slightly revised the language below (background, in green) about the number of confirmed speakers who are former Cabinet Ministers and recent designated position holders, as the list on the CPAC website seems to have changed since we made the initial assessment.

At the moment, the people in those categories who are listed (and would not be otherwise exempt) are:

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If you are able to identify contact details for any of these people, it would help us immensely.

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To: Wellington, Tim s 47E(d) S47F(1)
S47F(1), Walter, Andrew s 47E(d) Chidgey, Sarah
s 47E(d) S22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: CPAC talking points [~~DLM=For Official Use Only~~]

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Hello

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Cc: Atkinson, Lucinda
Subject: FW: Hand over ~~[SEC-PROTECTED]~~
Attachments: For input by COB Wed 14 August: 2018-19 Legal Services Expenditure Report and Annual Certificate of Compliance ~~[DLM-For Official Use Only]~~

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Hi s 22(1)

The rest of the handover is now pasted below.

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Any questions, just let me know.

Cheers

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From: s 22(1)
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Hi s 22(1)

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Below is half a handover – I had kept a bit of a rolling list of things that have happened in your absence, so I'll send that through now. I've also listed the key things for this week below.

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Week 2 – beginning 22 July

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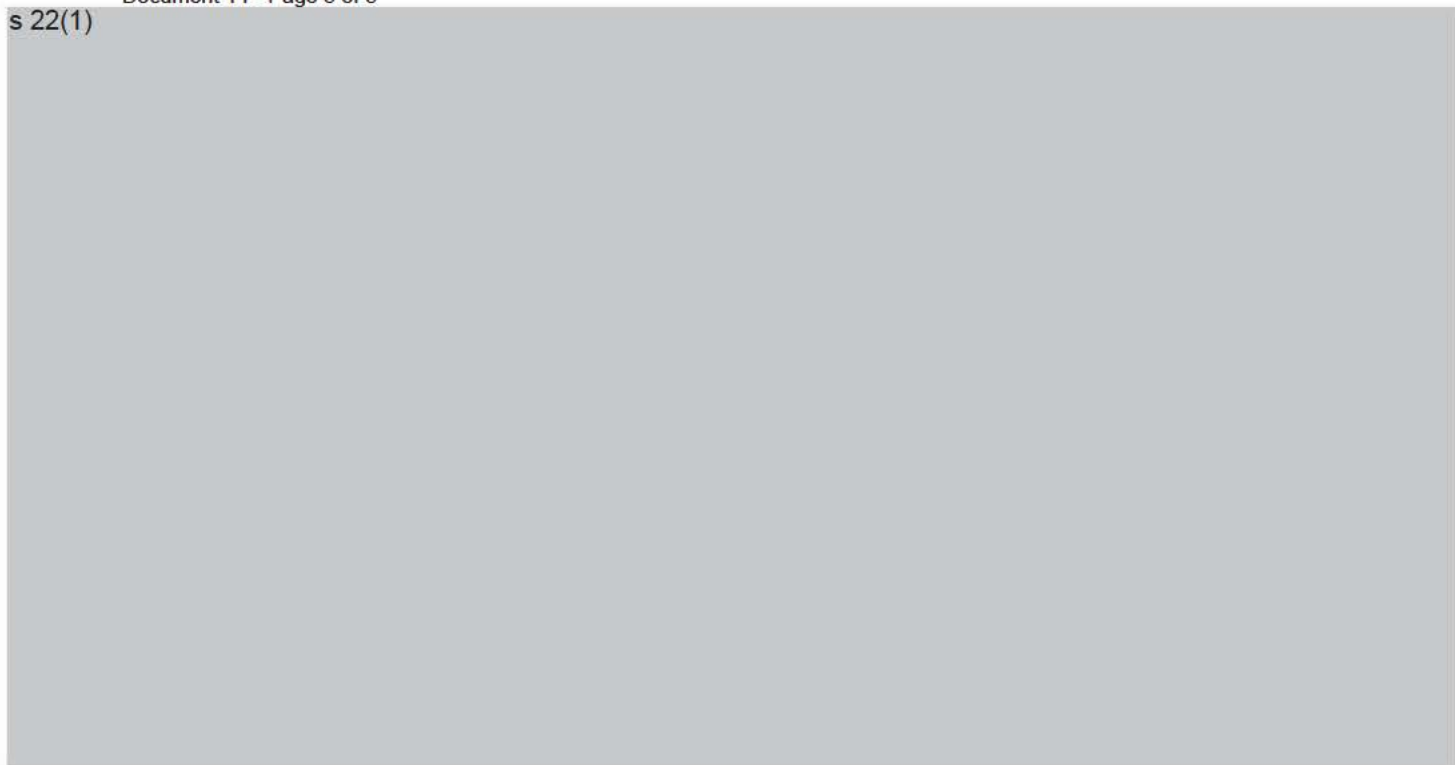
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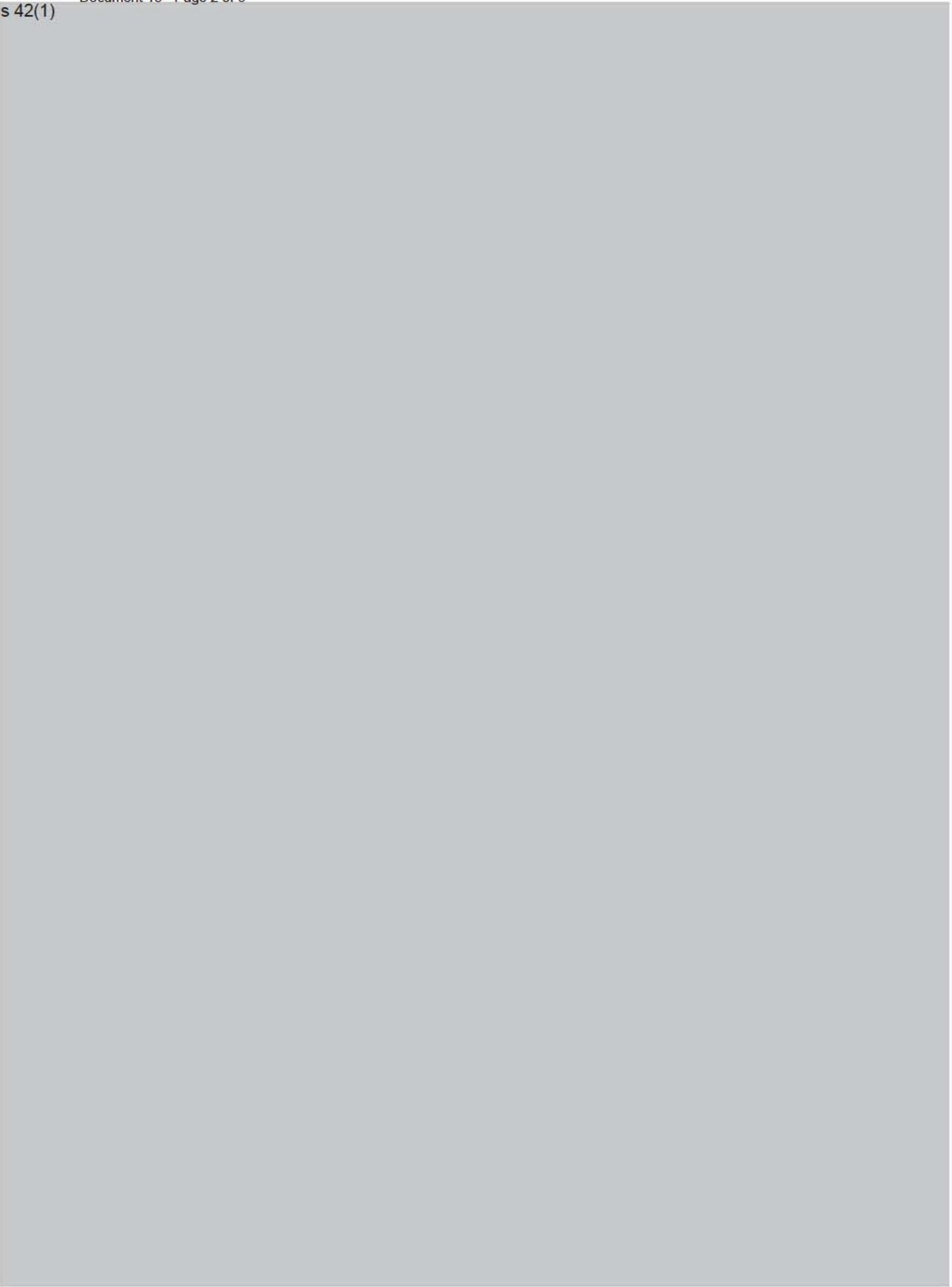


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Attorney-General's Department – Integrity and Security Division

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) s 22(1)

Signed / Not Signed / Discuss

[Signature]
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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: s 22(1), Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme, s 22(1)

Attachments:

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- The CPAC website describes the event as being jointly organised by the American Conservative Union (ACU) and Australian organisation LibertyWorks Inc. (LibertyWorks). The website lists Australian President of LibertyWorks, Mr Andrew Cooper, as the event's co-host.
- The ACU's purpose is to promote and advocate for conservative values, policies, and political candidates. The ACU has held annual CPAC conferences in the US since 1973 and has previously co-hosted events in Israel and Japan.

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- Further, individuals who have agreed to speak as part of the event may also be liable to register. In this regard, we note **several** of the speakers are former Cabinet Ministers or recent designated position holders, subject to more extensive obligations under the scheme.
- In order to ensure LibertyWorks and others are made aware of their potential obligations as quickly as possible, the Department wrote to LibertyWorks on **2 August 2019** outlining its potential obligations under the Act and requesting that it bring the scheme to the attention of speakers.
- The Department has chosen not to write directly to former Cabinet Ministers and recent designated position holders who are listed as speakers at CPAC, as letters to these individuals would be unlikely to reach them in advance of the event. Instead, the Department will ensure that future outreach to these people takes into account the possible obligations which may arise from participation in this event.

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From: Atkinson, Lucinda
Sent: Wednesday, 6 November 2019 7:48 PM
To: s 22(1)
Subject: FW: Request for briefing on the FITS Scheme [~~DLM=For Official Use Only~~]

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Also coincidentally came across this – which includes a specific Q from Dreyfus' s 47F(1) to Tim

From: Atkinson, Lucinda
Sent: Thursday, 11 July 2019 3:25 PM
To: Wellington, Tim ; AGO DLO
Cc: Walter, Andrew ; s 22(1)
Subject: RE: Request for briefing on the FITS Scheme [~~DLM=For Official Use Only~~]

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No problems.

s 22(1) will you arrange timing? If Mr Dreyfus and others have availability on the Monday or Tuesday of that week, that would be ideal (but if not we will work with whatever they need).

From: Wellington, Tim
Sent: 11 July 2019 2:55 PM
To: Atkinson, Lucinda s 47E(d) ; AGO DLO s 47E(d)
Subject: FW: Request for briefing on the FITS Scheme [~~DLM=For Official Use Only~~]

Hi all

Could we please arrange this for the week of 22 July

Cheers
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From: s 47F(1)
Date: Thursday, 11 Jul 2019, 11:00 am
To: Wellington, Tim s 47E(d)
Subject: Request for briefing on the FITS Scheme

Hi Tim

Thanks for the call earlier.

As discussed, with the FITS scheme now in force, a few questions have been raised about its operation.

In order to help ensure that the Opposition complies with – and encourages compliance with – the FITS Scheme, Mr Dreyfus has requested a departmental briefing in the sitting week commencing 22 July. He is particularly interested in the following questions:

1. The application of the FITS regime to MOPS staff of MPs, and specifically, whether the exemption from the scheme for MPs also extends to their personal staff.
2. The application of the FITS scheme to persons in Australia who are responsible for organising, on behalf of foreign governments, trips for Australian MPs and their staff to foreign countries.
3. The application of the FITS scheme to foreign political lobbyists holding events in Australia that are of a political character. An example could be the upcoming CPAC conference in Sydney on 9 – 11 August.
4. A general update on the roll-out of FITS and the public education campaigns.

Attending the briefing would be Mr Dreyfus, s 47F(1)

Please let me know if you need any further information from me.

Thank you

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- The CPAC/LibertyWorks matter was brought to our attention by Mr Mark Dreyfus QC MP in a briefing on the scheme's implementation on 22 July 2019.
 - Tim Wellington was aware of Mr Dreyfus' questions to the department on this issue (via an email from Dreyfus' s 22(1) prior to the briefing).

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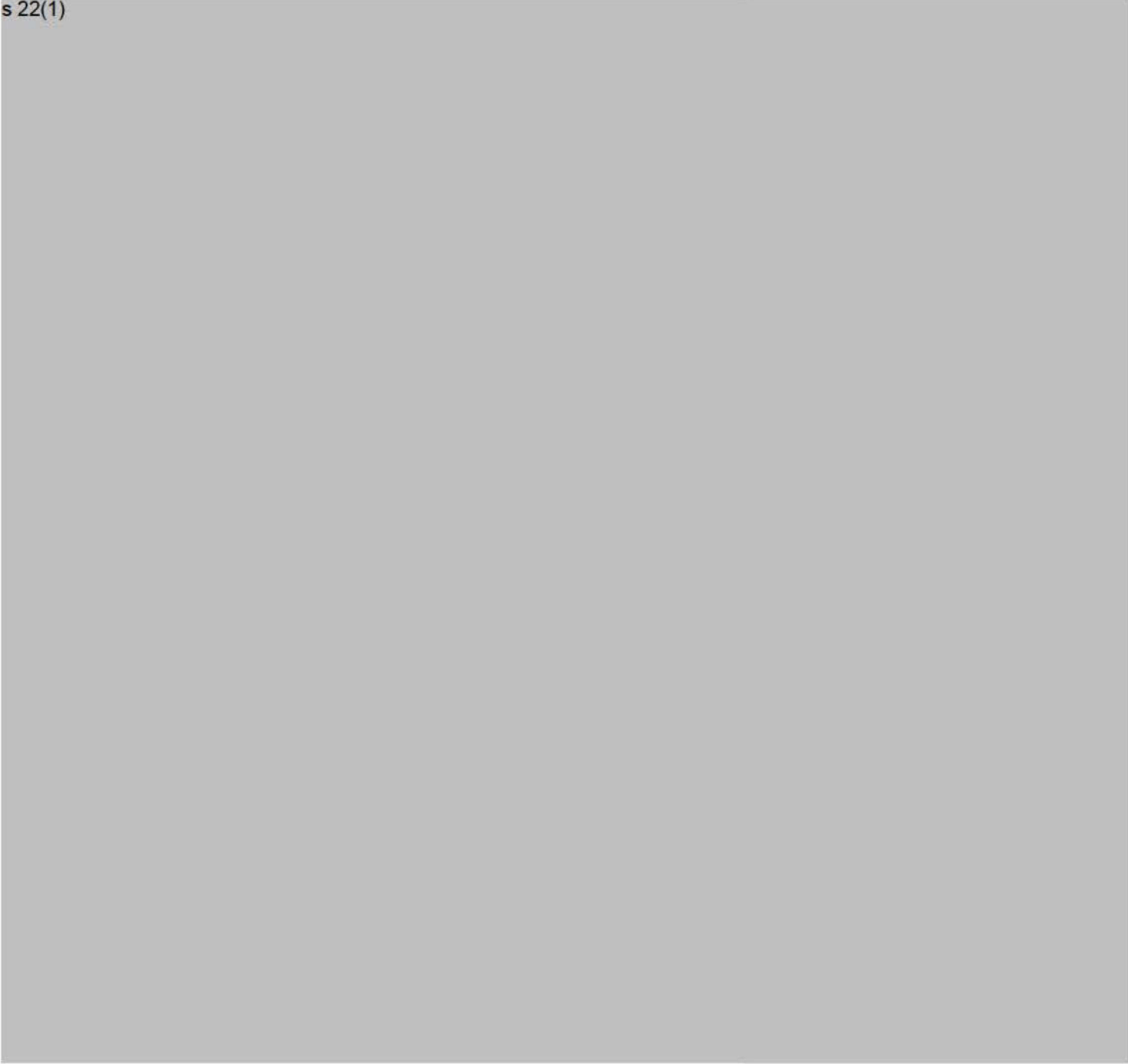
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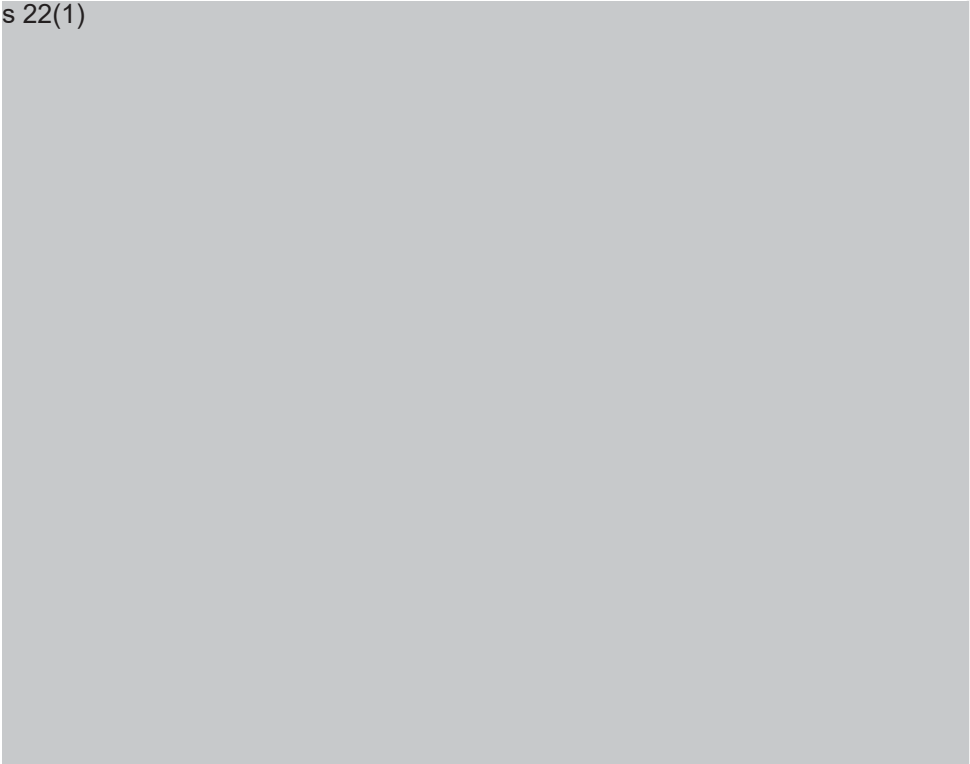
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