File Note – Claire Roennfeldt, FAS MCD - On 22 September 2022 – at 17:13pm - S. 47F(1) from Optus called me, on a public holiday, to advise that Optus had had a cyber-data breach. I asked what data had been accessed, and he advised that Government data was safe, but that customer commercial data had been breached. I asked what had happened and he indicated they were still working through the detail and that as soon as he knew more he would advise more. He also indicated that following better understanding the situation, Optus would share with the Department any/all lessons learned through this process. I mentioned letting GM TMC and the CIO know as well. The call was ended.

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Attachments: 25092022 - Govt direction to assist - Protecting Optus Customers.pdf

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Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 47F(1)

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The Hon Claire O'Neil MP Minister for Home Affairs Minister for Cyber Security PO Box 6022 House of Representatives Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister O'Neil

Protecting customers following Optus Data Theft

Further to Optus' discussions with your Office, Optus is seeking the Minister's support in taking further steps to protect current and former customers impacted by the recent data theft incident.

Following discovery of this incident, Optus has been proactive in providing early warning to all current and former customers to enable them to increase their vigilance against potential harm.

One of Optus' early actions in response to the data theft, and prior to notifying the media, was also to notify key financial institutions so they could enhance vigilance in protecting customers. s. 47G(1)(a)



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s. 47G(1)(a)

The potential for negative public sentiment arising from the sharing of this information

appropriate safeguards could be implemented to address this); and

with other organisations.

Optus reiterates that the information set exposed in the cyberattack is limited. We have been public about the specific fields to allow all other organisations to assess which of their processes could be at risk. It is Optus' considered view that these specific fields would not be sufficient for financial fraud where passwords, copies of ID documents, and/or multi-factor authentication is in place.

We also believe that most financial institutions require a password or verification by email or SMS for high value transactions – none of these have been compromised and so the integrity of the financial system should be maintained. s. 47G(1)(a)

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S. 47G(1)(a) Optus welcomes the Minister's guidance on what best steps can be taken in this regard.

Optus continues to communicate and update our customers, and to explore the most appropriate support and services we can provide to help them prevent fraudulent activities. We would like to thank the Minister and Department for their support in reiterating key messages related to identify protection.

Optus is grateful for the Minister's time and assistance with this matter. Should you wish to discuss this letter, please contact s. 47F(1) on s. 47F(1)

Yours sincerely,

s. 47F(1)

Copy to

Minister for Communications, the Hon Michelle Rowland MP Attorney-General, The Hon Mark Dreyfus KC, MP

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To: Samuel GRUNHARD

Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 22(1)(a)(ii); Joe SMITH; Hamish

HANSFORD; **s. 22(1)(a)**

Subject: CM: RE: Optus incident - Home Affairs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Categories: General

Hi Sam, s. 22(1)

Thank you for reaching out. I will arrange a briefing for later next week via (a)(ii)

Regards, **3. 47F(1)**

From: Samuel GRUNHARD <Samuel.Grunhard@homeaffairs.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, 23 September 2022 12:32 PM

To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Joe SMITH

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Subject: Optus incident - Home Affairs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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

Dear

I'm writing about the recent cyber security incident experienced by Optus. I appreciate that Optus has formally reported the incident to the Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) and is working closely with the ACSC to investigate and remediate the incident.

As you would anticipate, the Department of Home Affairs, as the regulator for telecommunications security, is keen to work closely with Optus to understand the vulnerabilities that led to this incident and the steps that Optus is taking to prevent a recurrence. I appreciate that Optus has historically taken a proactive stance with regard to regulatory obligations and has made formal notifications in relation to changes that affect the security of its customer data. **S. 47E(d)**

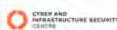
I know you'll currently be dealing with the immediate consequences and am keen not to interrupt this important work. I'd suggest a meeting mid-late next week to give you sufficient time for the dust to settle. I would be grateful if your team could contact my Executive Assistant, s. 22(1)(a) (CCed on this email) to arrange a time that is convenient.

If you would like to chat about this request, of course, please don't hesitate to contact me as below.

First Assistant Secretary / Deputy Group Manager Cyber and Infrastructure Security Operations Division Cyber and Infrastructure Security Centre

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Adrian KOVACS

From: s. 47F(1)

Sent: Friday, 23 September 2022 11:37 AM

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

Cc: Adrian KOVACS; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: RE: Optus cyberattack [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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

That is correct. The Optus systems holding enterprise customer information is not affected.

Thank you,

s. 47F(1)

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

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Morning s. 47F(1)

Thank you and perfect timing, I am actually reading this right now.

Although Enterprise customers are not affected as this cyber-attack does not affect the service platform, just want to confirm if any of our data (e.g. HA staffs who have a Departmental issued Optus mobile phones) are not compromised?

Cheers

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

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Hi ^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)}

Further advice regarding this matter, Optus has released additional FAQ's to the media release found at this link:

https://www.optus.com.au/about/media-centre/media-releases/2022/09/optus-notifies-customers-of-cyberattack

Please let me know if there are additional questions I can assist with.

Thank you,

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Director, Home Affairs | Federal Government

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Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: FW: Optus cyberattack [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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

Thanks so much for time to chat just now. As discussed, Optus has experienced a cyber attack with possible access to customer' information.

To confirm, we ascertained our enterprise customer data has not been accessed or compromised and Home Affairs and the services we provide to yourselves remain unaffected.

I'm sharing the below advice sent to s. 22(1)(a)(ii) this afternoon. In addition, s. 22(1 (a)(i) has also called Claire Roennfeldt to brief her of the current status also.

Please let me know if you have any questions or receive any queries I can assist with.

Thank you,

From: S. 47F(1)

Sent: Thursday, 22 September 2022 4:34 PM

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

<s. 47E(d) Cc: s. 47E(d)

Subject: RE: Optus cyberattack [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi ^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)}

To confirm, Optus has experienced a cyber attack with possible unauthorised access to customers' information. The Optus media release can be found here:

https://www.optus.com.au/about/media-centre/media-releases/2022/09/optus-notifies-customers-of-cyberattack

The attack has been shut down and a full assessment of system access has been undertaken. Our enterprise customer data, of which Home Affairs is one, has not been accessed and there is no impact to Optus information associated with the services we provide to the Department.

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Many thanks s. 47F(1) – really appreciate the rapid response. I'll await further information from you.

Kind regards

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

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I am about to join a 4 pm internal call regarding this matter.

I can confirm the cyber attack has only affected consumer systems and our enterprise customer data is unaffected.

I will provide a further update once I've received a briefing.

Thank you,

the Department of Home Affairs

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Optus cyberattack: 9 million Australians' data stolen in security breach | news.com.au — Australia's leading news site

Optus customer data hit in cyber attack | The Canberra Times | Canberra, ACT

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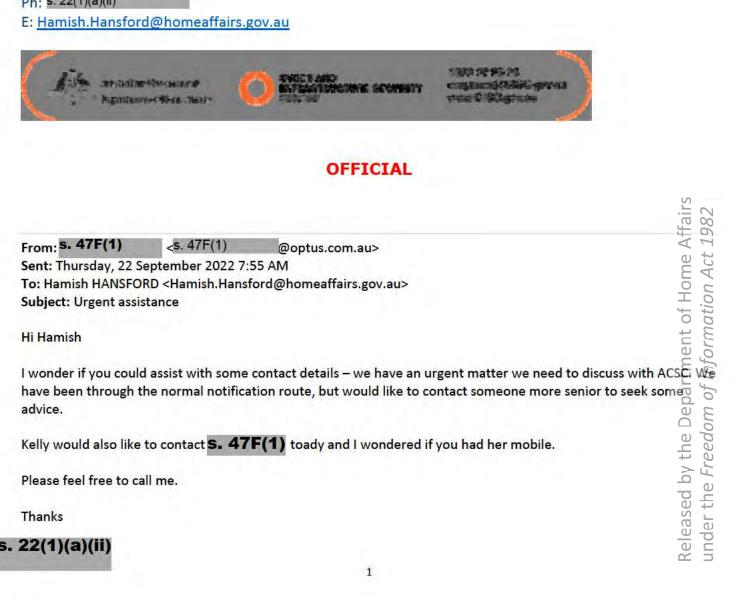
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