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Subject: RE: For advice: HOSM Enquiry [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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Attachments: S22

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Many thanks S22 – this background was useful. The office will make some updates to the letter.

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Hi s22

s47E(d) We are not familiar
with s11C(1).

s47C s11C(1) which
was commercially contracted by the Australian Government (AusAid) to provide security services
to humanitarian aid workers in Iraq from 2003-2005.

In 2010, PM&C was approached by AusAid to consider a request s47F for these
contractors to be considered for the award of the HOSM. As was appropriate, the Honours team
assessed the information and sought input from relevant stakeholders, including relevant policy
areas within PM&C and DFAT, in forming a view for recommendation to the Minister. The
outcome of that process, in line with the principle that the award primarily recognises not-for-
profit humanitarian service, was the advice that the HOSM should not be extended to commercial
contractors providing security services in Iraq.

As evidenced by the attachment provided with the email from Mr Hastie's office which dates from
2013, s47F was furnished with internal communications between AusAid and PM&C dating
from 2012. Unfortunately, this communication pre-dated final input from stakeholders and the
final Ministerial decision by the then responsible Minister, the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP (see

attached).

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The draft letter prepared for AM Morton confirms to Mr Hastie the consistent messaging that has been communicated s47F for the last 6 years.

Happy to discuss should more information be needed.

Cheers, s22

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Hi S and Rush

The office has asked for previous corro/background regarding s11C(1) s47F
s47F on the HOSM to s11C(1) Personnel who participated in an
Australian humanitarian operation in Iraq between 2003 and 2005. S47C

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Dot points in an email is fine – no full brief required.

Could we have this up by 4pm today if possible? If it requires a more thorough look or more time let me know.

Many thanks

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