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Sent: Tuesday, 20 March 2012 9:16 AM
To: s 22
Cc: Rush, Peter
Subject: FW: HOSM for s 47G Contractors in Iraq [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s 22,

Could we please consult you re the draft brief below before we submit to Senator McLucas, in case your area has any views re possible recognition for commercial contractors supporting humanitarian service in Iraq?

Thanks,

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Date: Monday, 2 April 2012 11:54:06 AM

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6. Generally speaking, the Australian Government has not recommended for-profit organisations for recognition through the medal, on the grounds that the organisations, in comparison with not-for-profit organisations, are not principally humanitarian organisations.
7. An exception to that general rule was made under the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami and other Natural Disaster Relief) Regulations 2005* under which General Electric was declared an eligible organisation on the basis that though the organisation was a for-profit organisation, the organisation's operations in response to the Indian Ocean tsunami were for the purpose of 'minimising the distress suffered by people affected by the tsunami and sustaining their life and dignity' and were not-for-profit.
8. The case establishes a precedent for extending eligibility to commercial contractors in cases in which the contractors are engaged in Australian humanitarian operations or Australian contingents to international organisations' humanitarian operations.

All comments welcome.

Thanks,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Definitely! Give me a ring when the dust settles...

- Rush, s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Deeply challenges on this given the breaking news!!

Stay tuned. Cheers
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Alan, my recollection is that after our meeting with you we sounded the Parliamentary Secretary to the PM and then advised you that we could not pursue the matter without an initiating letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs. I recall that you were not confident you could arrange a letter from Mr Rudd. Happy to discuss.

Regards,

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Peter,

We met last year and your office was pursuing a possible precedent with General Electric. Grateful advice on any progress.

Cheers

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