

EVENT: Prime Minister & Minister Husic Tour & Presentation - ABC Refinery & Pallion Facilities

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I note that the **Buy Australian Plan** is primarily the responsibility of the Minister for Finance (through DoF's Future Made in Australia Office – s 22(1)(a)(ii) is the GM).

- Minister Husic will co-chair the Ministerial Roundtable with Minister Gallagher and he will be responsible for the implementation plan for point 7 of the Plan.

Minister Husic can talk to his Australian Industry Participation responsibilities and his other Future Made in Australia initiatives (Rail, batteries, NRF).

Cheers

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii) team (copied in) is leading the brief and we're helping with input. We'll organise to get you some input in due course.

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Hey s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Hope you're keeping well.

Just tried to give you a buzz re Pallion Refinery meeting brief.

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Cheers,

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Attached is the Pallion Background from our Resources colleagues.

Also on the Melbourne cup

1. s 47C Australia's gold export industry and the use of gold in the Melbourne Cup Trophy.
 - a) Gold is Australia's fifth-largest export commodity, valued at \$23 billion in 2021-22.
2. Gold from Agnico Eagle's Fosterville Mine was used in the production of the Melbourne Cup trophy in 2020 and 2021. The gold miner partnered with ABC Bullion and the Victorian Racing Club to produce the cups.
3. The 2021 Melbourne Cup, valued at more than \$275,000 used approximately one-and-a-half kilograms of 18-carat gold. Gold in the 2022 cup was sourced from Lake Cowal mine, about 350km west of Sydney. The mine is owned by Evolution Mining.

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This should meet needs.

I will be back online at 11:30 if any additional information is needed

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

Thanks this is good background on the Melbourne Cup.

Nothing on Pallion – grateful for your assistance. I'm looping in the team s 22(1)(a)(ii) who are pulling together the briefing pack too.

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

I have been sent a copy of a draft brief from Resources s 22(1)(a)(ii) with great background on the Australian gold industry, and the following key points on the gold in the Melb Cup manufacture:

Key Points:

1. s 47C Australia's gold export industry and the use of gold in the Melbourne Cup Trophy.
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2. Gold from Agnico Eagle's Fosterville Mine was used in the production of the Melbourne Cup trophy in 2020 and 2021. The gold miner partnered with ABC Bullion and the Victorian Racing Club to produce the cups.
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Data referenced: YES – REQ September 2022

Do you have any information or Melb Cup connection to Pallion and Pallion background yet?
Otherwise that is my current task.

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Also does anyone know more about the use of their precious metals to make the Melbourne Cup each year?

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OK will follow up.

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Hi – I got an email from s 22(1)(a)(ii) on this too. s 22(1)(a)(ii) team has been allocated the briefing in PDMS as there's some focus on Buy Australian. s 22(1)(a)(ii) perhaps you could help s 22(1)(a)(ii) with background on the operation if that suits. It's not really a refinery in the sense of heavy industries – seems more niche on precious metals, jewellery etc.

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

I just got a call from PM&C s 22(1)(a)(ii) apparently the PM and Minister Husic are doing a site visit to Pallion (a gold/silver refinery in Sydney) this Friday.

I indicated that we hadn't received a meeting brief request yet and that we hadn't had much to do with Pallion recently (s 22(1)(a)(ii) – let me know otherwise).

I suspect we will get a meeting brief request soon – so would you be able to pull together a meeting brief with some background points on Pallion.

- Resources Division may also have some general background points on the gold industry in Australia that we could add to the brief.

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I said we would share any general points we pull together with PM&C.

Happy to discuss further.

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PALLION BACKGROUND

- Pallion is an Australian company operating under a number of precious metal brands in Australasia. It specialises in manufacture, wholesale precious metal refining, and jewellery production and retail bullion sale and trading with offices throughout Australia, Hong Kong (SAR) and mainland China.
- Palloys, AGS|PJW, Regentco and Goldenage International merge to form Palloys Group in 2000 - 2010. In 2010 - 2020 Palloys Group, ABC Bullion, ABC Refinery, and Custodian Vaults merge to form Pallion. A&E Metals becomes a Pallion subsidiary.
- Pallion operates a jewellery casting and custom jewellery production service at Palloys and Goldenage International for Australasian markets.
- Established in 1951, Palloys is Australia's oldest and a respected brand for jewellery casting, CAD|CAM services and custom jewellery production, including polishing, plating and setting services.
- Goldenage International Custom Design Jewellery Manufacturing services, from design to final finishing and setting, are tailored to the volume jewellery production market, and based in China and Hong Kong (SAR).
- Pallion is also a leading fabricated metals producer in Australasia, using bullion grade precious metals. Gold, platinum and palladium fabricated metals including sheet, wire, chenier and solders are distributed under the AGS|PJW brand. AGS|PJW also supplies milled white label wedding rings and bangles. Silver, Argentium® and base metal fabricated metals are distributed under the A&E Metals brand.
- Pallion secure vaulting services at Custodian Vaults, a leading secure storage facility. Custodian Vaults.
- Pallion's ABC Refinery operates Australasia's largest and most technologically advanced independent precious metal refining and minting facility, with a National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) accredited laboratory analysis of gold, silver and their alloys.
- The ABC Refinery supplies ABC Bullion cast and minted precious metal products.
- ABC Bullion, the Australian Bullion Company, used gold from Agnico Eagle's Fosterville Mine to produce the Melbourne Cup trophy in 2020 and 2021.

Source: <https://www.pallion.com/media/1661/pallion-brochure-web.pdf>

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Subject: Speech notes for Prime Minister Albanese and Minister Husic's visit to Pallion_ABC Refinery_Friday 14th October 2022

Good afternoon s 22(1)(a)(ii)

As promised, I attach some talking points that may be useful in preparation for Prime Minister Albanese and Minister Husic's visit to our ABC Refinery facilities this coming Friday 14th October 2022.

The general talking points focus on the Prime Minister's strong connection to smart manufacturing and the precious metals industry in his own electorate and the broader importance of skills, manufacturing and technology to our economy and national fabric.

We have also included information on Pallion's strong focus for investing in the best people and the significant value add that Pallion provides to the local and Australian economy.

By way of background, Pallion is a real Australian manufacturing success story and the largest fully integrated precious metal services group in Australasia, commencing operations in 1951 with annual turnover exceeding A\$10 billion (for a short intro video visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_wRoWB9Ndk). The PM & Industry Minister will be visiting our newly opened, high-tech barring facility located at ABC Refinery which is Australia's only independent LBMA & SGE accredited refiner servicing Australia's largest gold and silver producers and also is the official refiner to the Royal Australian Mint.

The PM's visit will also feature this year's iconic Melbourne Cup which is manufactured from gold mined in Australia, refined in Australia and manufactured right here in Marrickville! To see a short clip of the video of the making of this year's Melbourne Cup please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rWcy6BBmNnM>

Please feel free to pass on to the speech writing team and provide my direct contact if they require anything further.

We will look forward to meeting with Prue this Thursday and a very successful visit from the

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Many thanks.

Kindest, s 47F

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PALLION VISIT – TALKING POINTS

- *Talking points for consideration for the Prime Minister, the Honourable Anthony Albanese MP & The Honourable Ed Husic, Minister for Industry & Science during Pallion Visit 14th October 2022*

Australia's golden opportunity

- For Australia to meet the challenges - and best capture the opportunities the global marketplace provides - we need to leverage both our world class resources and world class manufacturing industries - blending their strengths together through a combination of science, technology and innovation - with a focus on sustainability and ethical supply chains.

The precious metal industry goes beyond mining

- The Australian precious metals industry is a perfect example of the opportunity Australia has going forward.
- The precious metals industry goes far beyond the highly paid miners working in often remote locations to source these scarce and valuable resources.

Value add through high end manufacturing

- The precious metal industry is also the many of thousands of Australian's working downstream of the mine sites, including chemists, assayers, chemical engineers, environmental scientists, jewellery designers and the like.
- This high-end manufacturing, which utilises both scientific training and cutting-edge technologies, and takes place locally rather than offshore, represents a significant value add to the Australian economy.

An Australian success story

- Companies like Pallion, located down the road from my office in Marrickville, are at the forefront of this industry, and the opportunities it brings to the Australian economy.
- Pallion refines and manufactures more than \$10 billion of precious metals per annum, from gold bars and coins used for investment, to jewellery items and findings, through to trophies like the Melbourne Cup which is still manufactured by hand by their highly trained goldsmiths.
- Pallion employ over 300 skilled people in my electorate and hundreds more across Australia.

Technology and smarter manufacturing

- Technology is at the centre of Pallion's initiatives to maximise their manufacturing capacity to take Australian gold to the world.
- That includes capital investments into the world's largest automated barring plant.
- Utilising proprietary smart manufacturing technology, this barring line manufactures over 120kg of gold per hour, worth more than AUD\$10 million.
- This is manufacturing where the value-add occurs here in Australia and adds directly to Australia's GDP.

Investments in education and science

- Pallion's commitment to both the resources and manufacturing industry is evident through a range of initiatives it promotes, from providing scholarships to the University of New South Wales in Material Sciences and Engineering, to sponsorship of WorldSkills Australia, which promotes and develops vocational, technological and service orientated careers.

Australian made

- Looking ahead, it's impossible to overstate the importance of provenance and sustainability. This represents another golden opportunity (pun intended) for Australia, given our world-leading environmental standards, and workplace protections.

- Combined these factors make 'Made in Australia' more popular than ever, both locally, and on the global stage.

Sustainable and green

- Companies like Pallion are leveraging both science and technology as part of their broader sustainability initiatives. This includes refining and manufacturing techniques like acid-less separation systems and sintering technologies that reduce energy consumption and minimise waste, through to provenance tracking technologies that give end users absolute certainty that the products they are purchasing are 100% green and (Australian) gold.

Local on the global stage

- I was born and raised in Sydney's Inner West, and I'm proud of my connection with the city. I'm also profoundly aware of and proud of the many Australians far from our major cities who work with metals and minerals that are so important to our Australian future – and that of our planet.
- Pallion is a real Australian manufacturing success story and the largest fully integrated precious metal services group in Australasia, commencing operations in 1951 with annual turnover exceeding \$AUD10 billion.
- I see an essential part of that in ABC Refinery and their parent, Pallion, who employ over 300 people in my own constituency, and hundreds more across Australia. The Australian silver and gold refined by ABC Refinery has key uses in so many industries, among them: electronics, healthcare, and the efficient transformation of the industrial chemicals that are as essential to our modern lives as the copper and rare earths that often dominate the headlines.
- Across Australia, the gold and silver industry employs over 50,000 people in mining directly and supports almost twice as many more jobs indirectly. In NSW alone, we export over \$AUD8 billion of gold and silver. Those metals are largely mined here, and completely refined and processed here, providing significant value-add to the Australian economy.
- Pallion represents the entire value chain of precious metals from refining. Pallion produces gold and silver bullion, jewellery, findings, fabricated metals and trophies. This ensures that this metal is utilised within our economy utilising Australian innovation and skills. Importantly these amazing people and products do not leave Australia but remain here to build our economy and future.

Marrickville, a site for innovation and industry

- I have a direct connection to the Australian Minerals Industry in my own electorate of Grayndler through Pallion and ABC Refinery - who are not only one of the largest employers in my electorate but also one of Australia's largest minerals exporters.
- ABC Refinery & Pallion export over \$AUD8 billion of gold and silver internationally from operations headquartered less than 200 metres down the road from my own electoral office in Marrickville.
- This ABC Refinery site features the world's largest automated barring line, driving greater output for ABC Refinery and the Australian Gold industry. This is a significant value-add to the Australian economy as the gold is mined, refined and manufactured within Australia.
- The world we live in today is one where the importance of the Minerals sector cannot be understated. Australia is blessed with an abundance of mineral wealth, including those vital metals, both precious and rare earth, that are so necessary for emissions-control and emerging battery technologies. Now more than ever is the time to promote the strength of the Australian minerals industry and to celebrate its successes.
- I've witnessed that in my own constituency where ABC Refinery processes and exports over A\$10 billion of precious metal annually, contributing jobs, investment, and value-add to our economy, & doing their part to sustain and grow the Australian minerals sector.
- The minerals industry is not a regionally focused industry but one that involves and impacts all Australians across all areas. The minerals industry is critical even in inner-city Sydney - where great mining and manufacturing success stories like ABC Refinery operate and thrive.

Innovation, Environment and Our Future

- The minerals industry leads in the technological and environmental innovation that is necessary for the industry to compete internationally and maintain its social license to operate.
- I have witnessed this leadership, investment, and technological innovation myself at businesses such as ABC Refinery in my own constituency. Their environmental leadership invests for a cleaner future tomorrow by shrinking the emissions footprint of gold refining today, via world-first acid-less gold refining, and pollution reduction technologies.
- Importantly it also consolidates ABC Refinery as a leader in sustainability and considerate precious metals globally. ABC Refinery continues to champion the development of the world's most cutting-edge technology including acid-less separation and sintering to significantly reduce the environmental footprint of gold and silver refining and manufacturing.
- Minerals that are sourced and processed in Australia have a profound advantage born of our high labour, technological and environmental standards as consumers worldwide demand accountability over the way metals are mined and processed.

Iconic Australian trophies – a story of Industry, Innovation and Skills

- Few of you may know that the Lexus Melbourne Cup right here is manufactured from Australian Gold which is mined, processed, refined, crafted and assembled right here in Australia and within my own electorate in Grayndler.
- Pallion as a company have invested in ensuring these iconic trophies important to so many continue to be manufactured in Australia by Australian hands and from Australian materials.
- Pallion has invested in the artisans that are still able to craft these trophies, there are only 4 traditional goldsmiths in the world and what an amazing story to say the gold, refining, manufacture and assembly is 100% Australia. Not one element in this process occurs overseas, this is something we need to treasure in Australia to ensure the longevity of our industries and skills. This is the definition of Australian Made and it makes me abundantly proud.
- Australian minerals are the backbone of the Australian economy and also form the basis of some of our most iconic sporting events from the Melbourne Cup to the Australian Open tennis trophies – all 100% Australian.

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Hi team,

The PM and Industry Minister will be touring a precious metal refinery in the PM's electorate this Friday.

Please see attached a draft event brief, [REDACTED] s 47C

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Welcome views by COB today 😊

Many thanks,

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Thanks for the consult, please see attached some suggested amendments/additions, happy to discuss.

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Hey s 22(1)

Thanks for consulting Fiscal and apologies for the delay in getting back to you.

Please find attached the draft meeting brief, with Fiscal comments included in tracked changes.

Happy to discuss as you see fit.

Cheers,

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Hi s 22(1)

Thanks for holding the pen on this one. We’ve made a few tweaks to better reflect the s 47C – with thanks to s 22(1)(a)(ii) for doing the heavy lifting.

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Well done s 22(1)(a)(ii), minor things only.

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Subject: For clearance by 3pm - Pallion tour brief [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear Matt

Please find attached for clearance a meeting brief to support the PM at his tour of ABC Refinery this Friday.

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This is due in PDMS by COB today.

Cheers,

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From: s 22(1)(a)
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
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Thank you s 22(1)

This looks good.

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Happy to discuss.

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(iii)

Please find attached an event brief for the Pallion Facilities tour this Friday.

Item forthcoming in PDMS.

Happy to discuss.

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Some very minor suggested changes in the attached.

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

Please find attached a draft MR for comment/ fact check by 12pm today if possible.

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TRANSCRIPT

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DOORSTOP
MARRICKVILLE
FRIDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2022

SUBJECTS: Australian manufacturing; National Reconstruction Fund; Paid Parental Leave; Australian Federal Police; Warragamba Dam; Flooding in Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania; Gas; Rugby League.

ED HUSIC, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY AND SCIENCE: Thank you for joining us here today, because here at Pallion, like in communities in different parts of the country, we know that manufacturing makes a difference, creating great firms, generating terrific jobs and adding huge economic value to the nation. We know that after the pandemic we need to be able to find ways to make things that we need at the time that we need them. We learned the lessons, and that's why Labor took to the election a very strong commitment that we would make sure that Australia is a nation that makes things, that manufacturing would be revitalised. It's important for us in terms

of our national interest, not just economic, but also what it does to contribute to the social fabric of communities across the country, because healthy economies also work out in terms of translating to healthy communities. So you'll see in the coming weeks, our intention is this year to bring in our \$15 billion National Reconstruction Fund, of which \$1 billion will be set aside which will allow us to value-add in resources, to do the type of things you are seeing here where you've got companies that are trying to perform that value-add in resources. Very important. Build up capability through our Buy Australian plan and reforms to government procurement, putting that capability to work opening up government contracts, particularly for small and medium enterprises, to be able to grow the footprint of Australian industry, strengthen it in terms of its health and its broader contribution. So it is something of great pride to be able to see manufacturers like this here in Marrickville. I've got to tell you, I don't think there could be a greater champion of manufacturing today than the local Member for Grayndler, but importantly, the Prime Minister who is leading the charge for this in terms of our government. And, Prime Minister, it's been a great pleasure to be able to visit this. And I can see, obviously, the pride that Pallion and others bring you and generate in you, and we need to do more of it.

ANTHONY ALBANESE, PRIME MINISTER: Well thanks very much, Ed, and thanks for coming to Marrickville today. I have been to this facility on a number of occasions, and every time I'm here I'm struck by the pride of those people who work here. There's something about manufacturing that is greater than the sums that we talk about. When we talk about money, we talk about \$42 million of value being produced every hour behind us. But there's something beyond monetising that, and that is the pride that people feel when they actually produce something, when they produce a product. When the people who work here, the 300, watch the Melbourne Cup on the first Tuesday in November, they will know that the Melbourne Cup is produced here. When they watch the Australian Open in January, they will know that the trophies were produced here. When they look at pieces of jewellery produced by major Australian jewellers, companies that you think about like Paspaley, or just down the road here in Leichhardt, Cerrone's, they produce wonderful, world-class jewellery – in my view, the world's best – with gold and silver that is refined and produced right here. And that's why what we talk about when we talk about 'A Future Made in Australia' is something beyond just growing our economy. It is something about making Australia proud of what we can do. Because what we have and other countries can't have, is the skills, knowledge and ingenuity of our people. And when I am here I'm just always struck by that. That's why, during the election campaign in May, I had one of our four themes that we talked about for three years being 'A Future Made in Australia'. Because I don't think it's good enough that we told the car industry to leave, that we said we're not good enough to make things here in Australia, that somehow we just become a quarry. We need to do better than that. We need to, wherever possible, value-add, create jobs, create value. Because that's how our economy can grow. I'm passionate about Australia's future. We can have not just a future made in Australia, we can be a renewable energy superpower. We can be an expanded economy that is the most successful in the world if we seize the opportunities which are

right there before us. But in order to do that, we need to back our businesses like Pallion here. This is a family-created business. This came from nothing. And it's grown to be one of the world's greatest companies in this area and certainly Australia's finest in this area. I'm very proud to represent this local community, but I'm also very proud to be the Prime Minister of Australia, to lead Australia at a time where really we're at a crossroads. We can be more successful if we're optimistic, if we seize those opportunities which are there. I'm determined to do so. I have an Industry and Science Minister who knows more about robotics, artificial intelligence and what's happening with new technology than anyone in our national Parliament. And that's why I gave him the job, to make sure that we take the opportunities that have always been created by Australians. We've always been good at science and breakthroughs. What we haven't always been good at is commercialising those opportunities, turning them into high-value jobs, turning them into economic growth. I'm determined that Australia will do that in the future and that we'll seize these opportunities. And I thank so much Andrew and his team for the very warm welcome here in Marrickville today.

JOURNALIST: Prime Minister, on paid parental leave: there is a proposal before you to extend to 26 weeks of paid parental leave. What stage in the policy process is that? And what can you tell us to put flesh on the bones?

PRIME MINISTER: We'll have a budget in a couple of weeks and we'll be making final announcements about a whole range of measures there. I said during the election campaign that we were keen to do more in a range of areas. Paid parental leave is something that was also raised at the Jobs and Skills Summit.

JOURNALIST: Does it show how important paid parental leave is? And will you act on it?

PRIME MINISTER: We'll make announcements when we make them. But we've said consistently paid parental leave is something that Labor has championed. It's something that we've said we would like to do more. When you look at the OECD, we're towards the bottom in terms of the support that's given. One of the things about paid parental leave that we need to do, just like we need to do with childcare, is to increase women's workforce participation, to make sure that they can stay in the workforce, to build productivity for companies as well as by boosting their living standards. And we know that people having families is good for the economy as well as being good for individuals. And so Labor will always do what we can to provide more support, but I'll have more to say about that over the coming period.

JOURNALIST: On the Colombia hack, how much of the AFP's operations have been disrupted by the leak of these 35 operations? And secondly, are you concerned for the safety of officers?

PRIME MINISTER: We obviously don't talk about AFP operations, and that is as you would expect.

JOURNALIST: What's your response to the hack?

PRIME MINISTER: We don't talk about AFP operations, and that is the appropriate response that I would give. It's up to the AFP, we'll discuss whatever is appropriate on operational matters.

JOURNALIST: Just back on paid parental leave, can you put a number figure on how important females are to our economy?

PRIME MINISTER: What we know is that if you were looking at how to improve our economic performance, then giving proper value to the gap that is there between the potential contribution of women to the economy and what could occur with appropriate policy mechanisms is low-hanging fruit. We need to maximise women's economic participation in the interests of family budgets, but also in the interest of our national economy.

JOURNALIST: On Warragamba Dam, has the Premier spoken to you about funding to raise the Warragamba Dam wall? Ben Fordham this morning was saying that the Federal Government will not provide funding.

PRIME MINISTER: Well, he hasn't spoken to me about it.

JOURNALIST: What is your view on the project? You so far have not stated your view on this project.

PRIME MINISTER: The Premier has not raised this issue with me.

JOURNALIST: But my question is, what's your view on raising the wall?

PRIME MINISTER: Well the Premier has not raised this issue with me.

JOURNALIST: I'm not asking about the Premier though, I'm asking your view on the wall.

PRIME MINISTER: Well, if you ask the same question, you won't get a different answer. The Premier has not raised this issue with me. We consider

infrastructure projects on their merits, with proper business cases, with proper processes, consideration of Infrastructure Australia, that's how we deal with these things.

JOURNALIST: Prime Minister, should the Federal Government help with buybacks in flood affected areas?

PRIME MINISTER: We have had, I have had discussions with the Premier about these issues. We are in discussions with the Premier of New South Wales, but I'll say this on the issue of floods at the moment, because there are floods occurring in New South Wales, in Victoria and in Northern Tasmania. This is a difficult time. And I have had discussions with Premier Perrottet over a period of time in New South Wales. We made a number of ADF helicopters available last weekend. Three was what I said during a previous press conference, in the end there was a request for a fourth, but they weren't deemed necessary in the end. I had a discussion with Premier Andrews this morning about the floods in Victoria and there will be requests coming for support there. My understanding is that there's likely to be a request for Tasmania. The Federal Government stands ready to provide support and assistance. There are already ADF personnel on the ground in Victoria providing that support and assistance. I will make this comment as well – I'd encourage people in those communities that are flood-affected to listen to the advice which is there, to respond to that advice appropriately. Don't drive through flood-affected areas. Don't take a risk. We know that there can be very bad consequences if that occurs, if the warnings are ignored. This is a difficult time. My heart goes out to those communities who are affected at this time, and the Federal Government stands ready to provide whatever assistance is requested in accordance with our responsibilities from New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania.

JOURNALIST: Back to the AFP, they've commented extensively on this, they're concerned that this is a possible breach of operational security. As Prime Minister, why can't you comment on this and why won't you?

PRIME MINISTER: Because the AFP comment on operational matters, that's why. Because I take these national security issues seriously.

JOURNALIST: Prime Minister, just to be clear on Warragamba, does the Commonwealth have any in-principle objection to contributing funding towards the raising of the wall at Warragamba Dam?

PRIME MINISTER: We haven't received any request, we haven't received any details.

JOURNALIST: But if you received one, would you look at it favourably

potentially?

PRIME MINISTER: You're asking for a blank sheet of paper to say whether we agree with it or not. And that's not what we do.

JOURNALIST: I'm actually asking about the principle involved. Does the Commonwealth in-principle object to funding or part funding the –

PRIME MINISTER: The Commonwealth has not received a request. We receive requests for a range of funding for infrastructure projects. This is one we haven't had. Occasionally before state elections, these issues have been raised in the past and they haven't eventuated. We have not received a business case. We would consider any proposals from state governments, but what we don't do is make decisions based upon the abstract. We make decisions based upon specific proposals which are costed, after environmental processes and procedures go through, that's when we make a decision.

JOURNALIST: Sorry to interrupt you but you stood next to the Premier, talking to flood victims. I was there with you, you were out in Windsor in Western Sydney earlier on this year. Questions were put to him by very aggrieved, pained citizens. All of them were activated by the notion of Warragamba Dam. Does it surprise you that you haven't receive any formal request for that?

PRIME MINISTER: That's a matter for the Premier.

JOURNALIST: Prime Minister, the gas contracts that manufacturers are now re-negotiating are doubling and tripling in price in some contexts. Some manufacturers are saying that this is unsustainable and they're struggling and they may struggle to keep their doors open. How will the code of conduct actually affect their negotiating strategy right now and help them pay the gap between the cost of electricity, the cost of gas to continue to function?

PRIME MINISTER: Well, I'll ask the Minister to respond to this as well. But can I say this, that the Government has been dealing with two issues. One is the supply of gas, and the second is, of course, the price of gas, which has an impact on employment and on business. On supply, we're very pleased with the response which has been delivered, where the shortfall was seen to be just under 50 and we delivered more than 100 on top of what the anticipated shortfall might be. On price, that's putting real pressure on, and we want to see prices delivered that is appropriate, that doesn't see businesses put under undue pressure. And that is something that the entire Government has been working on, whether it be myself as Prime Minister, the Treasurer, the Industry Minister or the Resources Minister, Madeleine

King.

MINISTER HUSIC: Thanks, Prime Minister. We were naturally, as probably the country was, concerned by the ACCC report that suggested we would have a shortfall of 56 petajoules of gas in the coming year. And the important thing that the Resources Minister, Madeleine King did was, through the Heads of Agreement, get that additional form of supply. Not having that supply, we know what happens when there's a lot of demand and not enough supply, prices go through the roof. And so that Heads of Agreement was very important in not only delivering that supply to sidestep that issue of prices going up, but importantly, setting that limit that said we will not be exposed to prices higher than export prices. That's step one. Step two now is that we've got to make sure that prices are competitive and that they are delivering lower input costs for manufacturers. Because at the heart of your question is something that I am very concerned about, that if we have unsustainably high gas prices, either in contract or in the spot market, that will put big pressure on manufacturers. It's why I've said a number of times, we need to be able to see those input costs come down. The Government has been elected off the back of the Australian people wanting and being very supportive of the fact that we have made the revitalisation of manufacturing a national priority. The Prime Minister has led the charge on that. We are all tasked now to deliver on that. And we will effectively have this massive load of lead in our saddlebags if we do not have the gas producers deliver lower prices and we need to work that through. So the code of conduct is one mechanism where we will look at what options can exist to ensure that we deliver fairer prices. We understand that the gas producers have to cover their costs of production. They have to receive a reasonable rate of return, but not in a way that sees them do very well and pressure on another part of the economy in terms of manufacturers. And so the Prime Minister knows I can be as stubborn as a mule and from time to time he gives me perspective, but on this we are very focused on working as a team to deliver the best outcome that's right for the country, right for manufacturers and ensures that gas producers can cover their cost of production and meet a reasonable rate of return.

JOURNALIST: On the AFP, have you been briefed?

PRIME MINISTER: Yes.

JOURNALIST: Secondly, on the Rabbitohs, you had an interesting exchange with Perrottet yesterday. Where do you think the Rabbitohs should play in Sydney? Should they play at Allianz?

PRIME MINISTER: Well, we had a bit of light banter, that was what happened yesterday, before a cricket match that was held in good spirit. And I very much enjoyed yesterday, and I welcomed people to Kirribilli to raise money for Ronald McDonald House, and it was a terrific morning, and I

congratulate those people in the media who participated in that. I thank Don for coming along and for bowling such a terrible first ball that I whacked for four to begin my team's innings, even though we weren't successful at the end of the day, as part of Fitzy's team. On Souths, I have a view that I've communicated pretty regularly. I, like anyone else who goes to a purpose-built rectangular stadium that is fit for purpose for rugby league, would prefer to watch a game there: be it at AAMI Park, Suncorp, Parramatta Stadium or at Allianz than the very large stadium at Stadium Australia, which has changed names a number of times, the Olympic Stadium there at Homebush. Look, it's fantastic for the Grand Final. I enjoyed the Grand Final there very much. But if you're there with 15,000 people, it does not have the same experience as a ground like AAMI Park is fantastic in Melbourne, or Suncorp or Allianz.

JOURNALIST: Should the long term home of the Bunnies be at Allianz?

PRIME MINISTER: Of course they should be. And that just is common sense. When the public have put in such a large amount of money of taxpayers' funds that have gone into that stadium, it should be maximised in its use. I also have a view about suburban stadiums being really important as well, including Leichhardt and Shark Park and Brookvale. These local stadiums can be really important for local communities. Nothing beats watching the footy from the hill at Leichhardt Oval, or at Henson Park, for that matter, just down the road here. And I encourage people to get along to the Beer, Footy and Food Festival when it's held at Henson Park. Nothing beats that on a Saturday afternoon.

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PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA

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MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY AND SCIENCE

MEDIA RELEASE

RACING TO A FUTURE MADE IN AUSTRALIA

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Minister for Industry and Science Ed Husic toured ABC Refinery in Marrickville today and viewed the iconic Melbourne Cup trophy.

ABC Refinery is part of Pallion which employs more than 300 people in Marrickville, and hundreds more across Australia, processing, refining and working precious metals.

Pallion employs metallurgists, chemists, assayers, engineers, traders, jewellers and gold and silver smiths.

Pallion refine and manufacture billions of dollars of precious metals each year, including gold bars and coins, jewellery items, through to trophies including the Melbourne Cup.

The Melbourne Cup is mined, processed, refined, crafted and manufactured by highly trained goldsmiths here in Australia - not one element in this process occurs overseas.

Australia is the second largest gold producer in the world, with gold our fifth-largest export commodity, valued at \$23 billion in 2021-22. Our gold production was 308 tonnes in 2021-22, and is forecast to reach 331 tonnes in 2022-23.

An Albanese Government will rebuild our proud manufacturing industry through our Future Made in Australia policy.

As part of that policy, we want to take the raw minerals we mine and value add by using local highly trained workers, before we export to the rest of the world.

The Albanese Government will establish the National Reconstruction Fund to provide finance to support projects that create secure well-paid jobs, drive regional development, and invest in our national sovereign capability, broadening and diversifying Australia's economy.

Our policies will support local jobs, create training and apprenticeship opportunities in key industries and show the world the value of Australian manufacturing.

QUOTES ATTRIBUTABLE TO PRIME MINISTER ANTHONY ALBANESE:

"Pallion is a great local business, right here in my electorate, that employs hundreds of local workers and delivers top quality unique products including the iconic Melbourne Cup.

"The Melbourne Cup trophy is mined, refined and manufactured right here in Australia – not one part of this process occurs overseas.

"This is the definition of Australian made and shows what we can achieve when we back Australian businesses.

"Through our 'A Future Made in Australia' policy, we will **strengthen local manufacturing and create good, secure jobs for Australians.**"

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ED HUSIC:**

“A Future Made in Australia means investing in a future for all Australians.

“The Albanese Labor Government backs local businesses. Pallion is a prime example of self-sufficient manufacturing right here in Australia, based on our resources and our renowned know-how.

“The National Reconstruction Fund will be central to rebuilding our industrial base. It will show faith in Australian ideas, Australian manufacturing and deliver secure, well-paid jobs in the cities and the regions.”

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Mr de Hoog

To: Prime Minister

SUBJECT: Pallion Visit

MEETING WITH: ABC Refinery & Pallion Group

TIME/DATE: 11:00am to 12:00pm, Friday 14 October

VENUE: ABC Refinery, Marrickville

Event details

- You are visiting the ABC Refinery in Marrickville with the Hon Ed Husic MP, Minister for Industry and Science.
- You will meet senior executives from ABC Refinery and its parent company, Pallion Group; undertake a tour of their gold and silver processing facility; and listen to a presentation by Pallion. Media will be in attendance.

Organisation

(Further background on Pallion is available at Attachment A)

- ABC Refinery is Australia's largest independent precious metal refiner, assayer and mint. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Pallion Group, Australasia's largest independent precious metal services group of companies.
- Pallion refines and manufactures more than \$10 billion of precious metals per annum, from gold bars and coins, jewellery, and trophies like the Melbourne Cup.
- Pallion employs over 300 people across Australia, including chemists, assayers, chemical engineers, environmental scientists, and jewellery designers.

Key points:

- You toured the ABC Refinery in October 2021 and most recently spoke about the company during your Minerals Week Address in early September 2022, where you acknowledged the refinery’s contribution to jobs, exports, and refining the metal used to make the Melbourne Cup.
- The event is an opportunity to talk about the Government’s ambitions to revitalise Australian manufacturing and add more value to our commodities, including through the ‘Future Made in Australia’ plan, which articulates a vision to create jobs, boost vital skills, bring industry expertise back onshore and supercharge national productivity.

Prime Minister to be met by

- Andrew Cochineas, Chief Executive Officer, Pallion; Paul Cochineas, Chief Operating Office, Pallion; other senior Pallion Board and Executive members; and Refinery Production Manager, Pallion.

Talking Points

- I'm thrilled to be back here – Pallion is a great manufacturing company and true Australian success story.
- My Government wants to see more businesses like Pallion – innovators who move up the value chain, create good jobs, operate with impressive ESG credentials, and add more value to our natural resources.
- My Government recognises the vast contribution resources make to Australia's prosperity, and want to extract more value from our mineral endowment – as happens here at ABC Refinery.
- My Government has committed to invest \$15 billion through the National Reconstruction Fund to create secure jobs for Australian workers, drive regional economic development, boost our sovereign capability and diversify the nation's economy.
- Through the NRF, my Government will invest \$1 billion in mining science technology and minerals processing to move Australia further up mineral value chains.

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ATTACHMENT A

Background**Pallion**

- Pallion is comprised of six entities that operate across the entire value chain of precious metals: ABC Bullion; ABC Refinery; Palloys; Goldenage International; WJ Sanders; and Custodian Vaults. Its offices are located throughout Australia (Perth, Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney), Hong Kong, and mainland China.
- ABC Refinery, located in Marrickville, is the refining arm of Pallion. In addition to its assaying and refining services, ABC Refinery operates Australia's largest private minting facility as well as fabrication, finance and secure storage services. Its clients include mines, financial institutions and government entities.
- In NSW, Pallion exports over \$8 billion of gold and silver each year. Those metals are largely mined in Australia, and refined and processed here, providing value-add to the Australian economy.
- Pallion is a technologically advanced manufacturer and has been accredited by both the London Bullion Market and the Shanghai Gold Exchange. It is the world's first user of acidless separation for gold refining, and uses blockchain technology to give end users absolute certainty about the products they are purchasing.
 - The ABC Refinery site features the world's largest automated barring line. Utilising proprietary smart manufacturing technology, this barring line manufactures over 120kg of gold per hour, worth more than \$10 million, according to Pallion.
- The Australian silver and gold refined by ABC Refinery has key uses in many industries, among them: electronics, healthcare, and the efficient transformation of many of the industrial chemicals used in modern life.
- ABC Refinery is the preferred supplier of coin and tablet blanks for The Royal Australian Mint and also makes the Melbourne Cup.

Future Made in Australia policies

- Through the **National Reconstruction Fund (NRF)**, the Government will provide \$15 billion to invest in job-creating projects through loans, equity and guarantees. The NRF will prioritise investment in renewables and low emissions technologies; medical science; value add in resources; transport; value add in agriculture, forestry and fisheries sectors; defence capability; and enabling capabilities.
 - Through the NRF, the Government will invest \$1 billion in mining science technology and minerals processing to move Australia further up mineral value chains.
 - The NRF will also include up to \$3 billion for investment in renewables and low emissions technologies including green metals; clean energy component manufacturing; hydrogen electrolyzers and fuel switching; agricultural methane reduction and waste reduction.
- The Government will establish a Future Made in Australia Office to drive the 10-point ***Buy Australian Plan***, which outlines the Government's commitment to maximise

opportunities for businesses to participate in Commonwealth procurement and contracts. This will be the most significant procurement reform program in recent times.

- The Government will also work to upgrade essential infrastructure, modernise the energy grid, and improve digital connectivity including by:
 - investing \$20 billion in the energy grid through the **Powering Australia** plan; and
 - expanding full-fibre **NBN** access to more homes and businesses.
- Alongside employers, unions and the broader community, the Government will take forward initiatives to help build a bigger, better trained and more productive workforce, including by:
 - investing around \$1 billion jointly with the states and territories to deliver 180,000 fee-free TAFE places in 2023;
 - increasing the permanent Migration Program ceiling to 195,000 in 2022-23 to help ease widespread, critical workforce shortages; and
 - funding up to 20,000 additional university places.

ATTACHMENT B**Biographies****Andrew Cochineas, Chief Executive Officer, Pallion**

Andrew Cochineas serves as the CEO of Pallion Group. He became the CEO when ABC Bullion and Palloys Group of companies merged.

Paul Cochineas, Chief Operating Office, Pallion

Paul Cochineas has been COO since 2008. Prior to this he worked as a lawyer.

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