



Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement

MEDIA STATEMENT

Conflicts of interest and confidentiality of sensitive information

27 October 2022

The Joint Committee on Law Enforcement has met to consider questions arising from Senator Thorpe's failure to declare a personal relationship that could potentially be a conflict of interest while she was a member of the committee during the last Parliament.

The committee takes the integrity of its proceedings very seriously and at its meeting the committee affirmed its commitment to protecting the confidentiality of sensitive and classified material. This includes classified material that it may receive from law enforcement agencies.

The committee also affirmed that committee members should declare conflicts of interest that relate to their committee duties, so that the declared matters can be dealt with appropriately.

On 25 October 2022 the Senate referred an inquiry to the Senate Privileges Committee regarding Senator Thorpe's failure to declare the relationship. The committee will cooperate with that inquiry and may provide evidence to the Privileges Committee as appropriate.

Committee membership

Senator Helen Polley, Chair

Mr Llew O'Brien MP, Deputy Chair

Senator Alex Antic

Senator Wendy Askew

Mr Sam Lim MP

Ms Louise Miller-Frost MP

Mr Dan Repacholi MP

Senator David Shoebridge

Senator Jess Walsh

The Hon Jason Wood MP