



**AFP**  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

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Mark Dreyfus QC MP  
Shadow Attorney-General

Dear Shadow Attorney-General,

On 5 November 2019, NSW Police Force commenced an investigation as a result of a referral from yourself. On 20 December 2019, the NSW Police Force referred the matter to the Australian Federal Police (AFP).

As a result of inquiries undertaken and information provided by NSW Police Force, the AFP having carefully considered the possible lines of inquiry and investigative action available, has determined it is unlikely further investigation will result in obtaining sufficient evidence to substantiate a Commonwealth offence.

The assessment undertaken by the AFP has identified there is no evidence to indicate Minister Taylor was involved in falsifying information.

This decision to not pursue an investigation was also made having regard to the low level of ongoing harm, acknowledging the Minister has made an apology to Lord Mayor Clover Moore. Further consideration was given to the significant level of resources that would be required to investigate the matter weighed against the AFP's current operational and investigative priorities.

The AFP has now finalised this matter.

Should you wish to discuss this matter or provide any further information, please contact me on [Ian.McCartney@afp.gov.au](mailto:Ian.McCartney@afp.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

Ian McCartney  
Deputy Commissioner  
Investigations