

40. How long was the summary email provided by the AFP to NSW Police on 25 February 2021?

Answer

I am advised:

The summary email from the AFP to NSWPF was approximately 850 words in length.

41. What did the summary email provided by the AFP to NSW Police on 25 February 2021 say?

(a) Could a copy of the email, with any necessary redactions to protect personal privacy, be provided to the Committee?

Answer

I am advised:

The email provided by the AFP to NSWPF contained a summary of the anonymous letter to the Prime Minister and the document attached to the letter.

The email from the AFP to the NSWPF is marked PROTECTED and cannot be disseminated by the NSWPF

42. Given that the NSW Police would have known, based on public reports, that the complainant's friends had written a lengthy letter to the Prime Minister, did they request NSW Police request a copy of the letter from the AFP?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer

I am advised:

No, a copy of the letter was not requested as in the email received by the NSWPF from the AFP the intended action/outcome sections of their summary report indicated they would look to refer 'this report to NSW Police for assessment and investigation'.

On 23 June 2020, the victim clearly communicated to investigators that she no longer felt able to proceed with the report, therefore the NSWPF did not request a copy of the anonymous letter as the NSWPF investigation was closed.

44. After the AFP provided NSW Police with the summary email on 25 February 2021, what communication was there between the AFP and NSW Police in relation to the allegation against the Commonwealth Attorney-General?

(a) Please provide details of every communication (including date and mode of communication and what was discussed or what information was exchanged).

Answer

I am advised:

There was no communication between the NSWPF and the AFP until the 13 March 2021 when the AFP forwarded to the NSWPF by email a copy of the anonymous letter and attached document. The NSWPF replied to this email on 15 March 2021 by email with a letter attached acknowledging receipt of same.

AFP Commissioner Reece Kershaw, Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee, Estimates, Monday, 22 March 2021

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