

CMS ref 2015/10224

23 July 2015

Ms Sophie Dunstone
Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Dunstone,

Thank you for your e-mail correspondence of 10 July 2015 regarding the Committee's inquiry into the handling of a letter from Mr Man Haron Monis to the Attorney-General.

In response to the Committee's specific questions, the Australian Federal Police (AFP) provides the following:

- *Copies of correspondence between the AFP and the Attorney-General's Department from 28 January 2015 to 2 February 2015 in relation to the letter from Man Haron Monis to the Attorney-General dated 7 October 2014.*
 - All correspondence between the AFP and the Attorney General's Department is listed at Attachment A.
- *How did the AFP come to discover that the letter from Man Haron Monis to the Attorney-General dated 7 October 2014 had not been provided?*
 - The AFP had no knowledge of holdings provided by AGD or any other stakeholder to the Joint Commonwealth Review, and therefore was not aware that the letter from Man Haron Monis to the Attorney-General dated 7 October 2014 had not been provided. The AFP only became aware of this circumstance through media reporting.

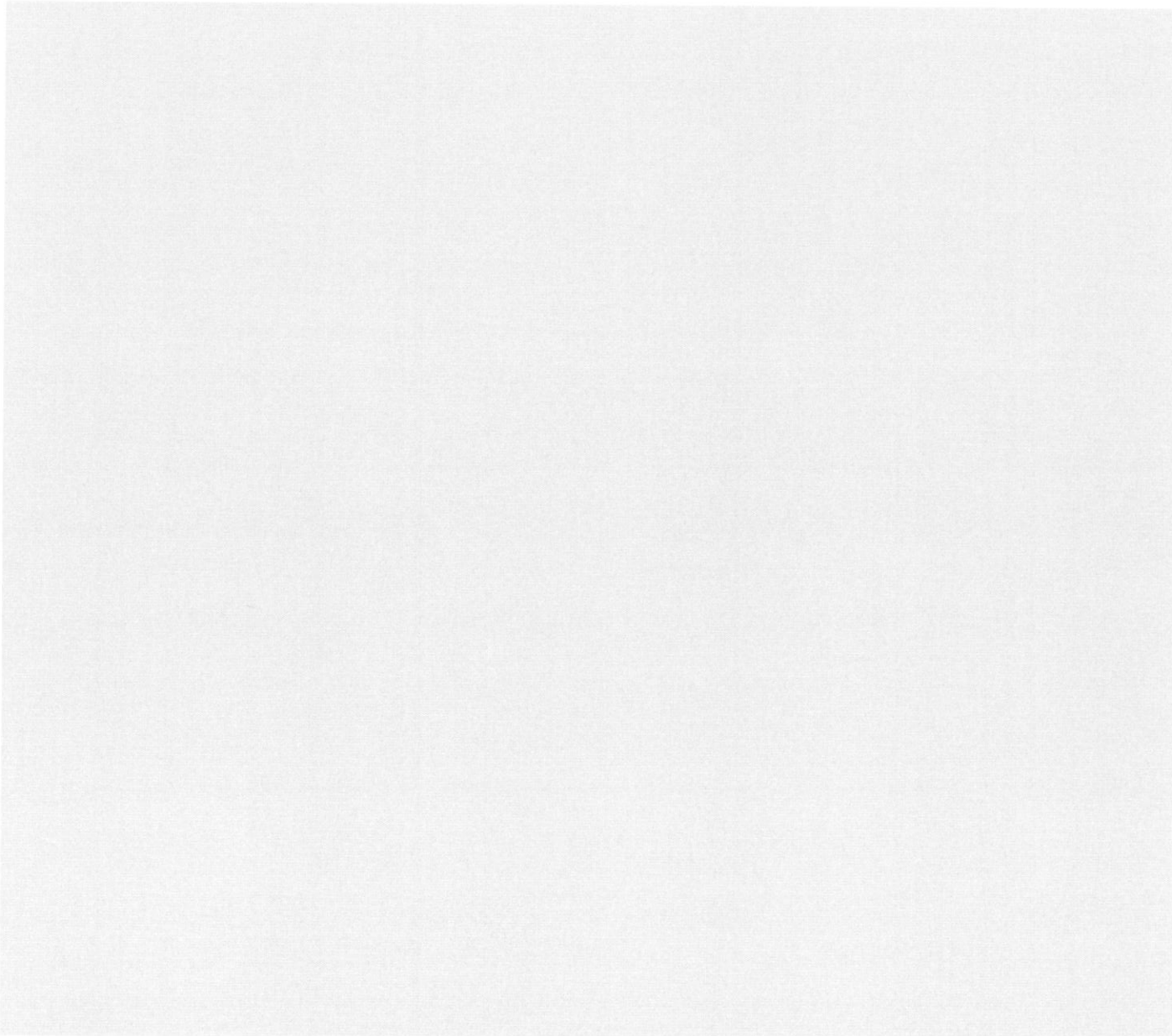
In order to ensure the Committee has a complete record of the AFP's dealings with this matter, the AFP also provides additional information in relation to the aforementioned response. This information is at Attachment B.

Should the Committee require further information or clarification of the information provided above, please contact the Ministerial team at Ministerial@afp.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Assistant Commissioner
Justine Saunders
Chief of Staff

Attachment A



From: [mailto: [redacted]@ag.gov.au]
Sent: Friday, 30 January 2015 9:24 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Man MONIS correspondence [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Lucky you! I'm confident we'll have all our processes and authorities sorted by then.

From: [mailto: [redacted]@afp.gov.au]
Sent: Friday, 30 January 2015 7:59 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Man MONIS correspondence [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Thanks [redacted]

I'm taking a week off next week but will be back the following.

Kind regards

[redacted]

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From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@ag.gov.au]
Sent: Thursday, 29 January 2015 4:49 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Man MONIS correspondence [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi [redacted]

We should be able to send everything to you electronically early next week.

Kind regards

[redacted]

Counter-Terrorism Law Branch
Tel 02 [redacted]
Mob [redacted]

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@afp.gov.au]
Sent: Thursday, 29 January 2015 1:12 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Man MONIS correspondence [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Good afternoon [redacted]

Yes it would be great if we could grab those correspondences as well. Again simply via email would be fine.

Thanks for your assistance.

I will be back in Canberra in a fortnight and could come over if you preferred to hand over anything in person.

Kind regards

[redacted]

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From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@ag.gov.au]
Sent: Thursday, 29 January 2015 12:25 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Man MONIS correspondence [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi [redacted]

In addition to corro between Monis and AGD, there are also items of corro between him and the AG. Please let me know if the taskforce is also seeking access to those documents.

Kind regards

[redacted]
Counter-Terrorism Law Branch
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From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@afp.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 28 January 2015 4:58 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Man MONIS correspondence [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Good afternoon [redacted]

As discussed the JCTT are conducting inquiries into Man Haron MONIS in conjunction with the NSW Police Investigations.

The JCTT are aware that MONIS used to write a number of letters to various individuals, businesses and government organisations.

[redacted] after the incident at the Lindt Café, a letter was obtained addressed to the Attorney General's Department written by MONIS on 7 October 2014.

The JCTT also obtained [redacted] the response to this letter by the Attorney General's Department dated 5 November 2014.

As part of the investigation, the AFP with the JCTT would greatly appreciate obtaining all correspondence that may be retained from the past few years between MONIS and the Attorney General's Department.

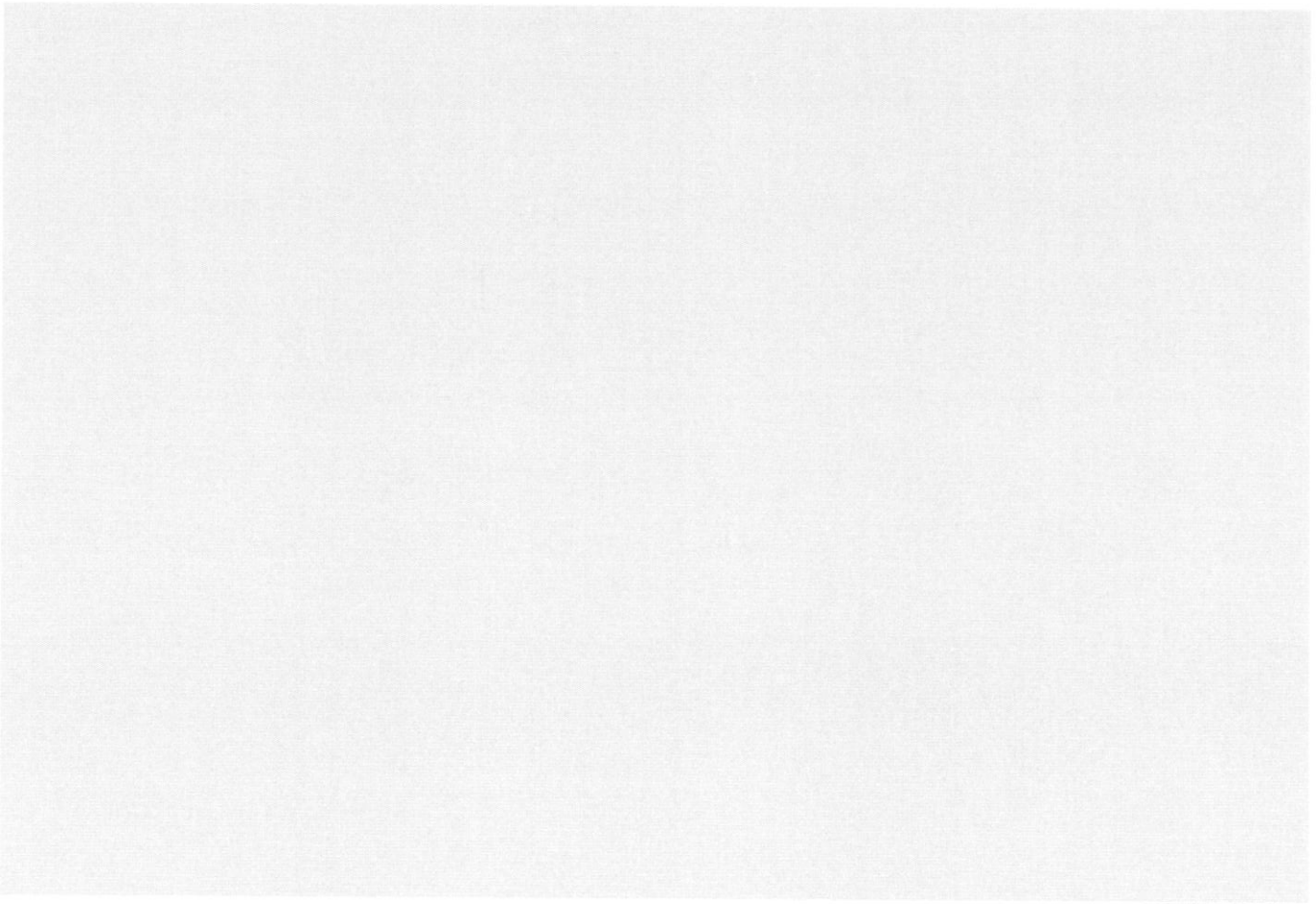
I am happy if this could be provided via email however if this isn't the best method please get in touch to discuss.

don't have a constant desk phone. If you wish to contact me on the phone please call on my mobile

Kind regards

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Attachment B:

- The AFP completed its collection of internal holdings related to Mr Monis on 5 January 2015. The letters which are the subject of this inquiry were not in the AFP's possession.
- On 28 January 2015, through its membership of the Sydney Joint Counter Terrorism Team (the JCTT), the AFP was notified by NSWPF of the existence of a letter from Mr Monis to the AG, dated 7 October 2014, and the reply from AGD, dated 5 November 2014 (the Letters).
- The NSWPF asked AFP JCTT members to liaise with AGD to determine what other correspondence existed.
- On 28 January 2015, the AFP informed AGD that the Letters had been obtained by NSWPF. The AFP requested AGD provide all correspondence between Mr Monis and the AGD to the JCTT, who were conducting inquiries into Mr Monis in support of NSWPF investigations.
- On 25 February 2015, AGD responded to the AFP's request. On 3 March 2015, AGD provided a bundle of documents. These documents were provided by hand due to email restrictions.
- On 5 March 2015, the AFP facilitated the hardcopy exchange of information from AGD to a NSWPF member of the JCTT.
- While records of this process were kept, at no time were the documents scanned or uploaded into AFP systems.