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I understand the day following the incident ASIS took steps to obtain the appropriate authorisation and the ministerial submission noted that ASIS had already undertaken activities in breach of the ISA and had not applied the privacy rules. The ministerial authorisation was granted the same day. ASIS also subsequently applied the privacy rules to the communication, and the Director-General retrospectively approved the release of the information to the foreign liaison.

ASIS provided a full report of the incident to IGIS in February 2015.

Was IGIS satisfied with ASIS' response to the incident? If not, why not?

Answer:

Yes, the IGIS was satisfied with ASIS's response.