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**To:** s 47E(c)  
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Thank you s 47E(c)

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- The AFP has no comment.

Kind regards,

s 47E(c)

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Hi s 47E(c)

As discussed, I think *The AFP has no comment* is an appropriate response.

[Redacted]  
s 47E(c)

Writing to you from Ngunnawal Country  
COORDINATOR  
AFP NATIONAL MEDIA  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER  
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Hi s 47E(c) and s 47E(c)

In relation to the query below, we have received advice from the NOSCC that a complaint was received at 9.38am today. (Advice in attached email) It has yet to be investigated/assessed because it only just came in.

[Redacted]  
s 47C(1)

"The AFP has no comment."

Seeking your approval and happy to discuss.

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Hi [s 47E\(c\)](#)

Thanks for this.

Cheers,

[s 47E\(c\)](#)

**From** [s 47E\(d\)](#) [@afp.gov.au](#)>

**Sent:** Thursday, 20 March 2025 3:23 PM

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[s 47E\(d\)](#) [afp.gov.au](#); Media <Media@afp.gov.au>

**Subject:** RE: Advice needed on media enquiry [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Good afternoon [s 47E\(c\)](#) and [s 47E\(c\)](#) (Media)

Given the matter was referred to the AFP at 09:38hrs today, there is not adequate information to form a clear view on this matter.

[s 47C\(1\)](#)

Cheers,

[s 47E\(c\)](#)

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**Subject:** FW: Advice needed on media enquiry [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Good afternoon NOSSC Inspectors,

See below enquiry from Rebel News to AFP media team.

Background Information:

Report of crime #282714 was received by NOSSC Canberra today at 9:38am. This report has not yet been investigated by the team due to only receiving today. We are not in a position to provide a response to the questions asked.

Response:

For consideration whether media should provide a no comment response to the Rebel News enquiry. The complainant in the Report of Crime appears to be the same person as the media reporter from Rebel News.

A response to this enquiry is being sought by **3pm today**.

Regards

[REDACTED] s 47E(c)  
A/TEAM LEADER  
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**OFFICIAL**

Good afternoon,

Can you please review the below request and provide assistance and/or advice on which team would be best suited to assist.

Kind regards,

**PS SG** [redacted] s 47E(c)  
NATIONAL OPERATIONS STATE SERVICE CENTRE  
INTELLIGENCE & COVERT SERVICES  
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H [redacted] s 47E(c)

I think I might have used the wrong word – I think it's a report of crime made to the AFP against the eSafety Commissioner.

Happy to discuss.

Cheers,



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Hi s 47E(c)

If the matter relates to a complaint I would suggest reaching out to the Workplace Issues and Complaints Resolution (WICR) team s 47E(d) [afp.gov.au](mailto:afp.gov.au) or depending on the nature of the complaint - Professional Standards s 47E(d) [@afp.gov.au](mailto:@afp.gov.au)

Best regards,

**PS SGT** s 47E(c)  
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Hi team,

We've had the below media request from an online outlet named Rebel News, regarding a complaint made to the AFP (they have given us a submission ID of 282714).

Apologies for not knowing how this works, but is that number genuine? Did it come through the Report a Commonwealth Crime Portal? And if it did, can we confirm what is being done with the complaint, and which AFP Command is dealing with it?

Would it be possible to get this information by 3pm today?

For your information, we strongly suspect the person asking us the questions below is also the person who says they lodged a complaint.

Happy to discuss or clarify.

Kind regards,

s 47E(c)

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**OFFICIAL**

Hi Avi,

Sorry for the delay. The below is a response you can attribute to an AFP spokesperson.

- The AFP has no comment.

Kind regards,  
Nathan.

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**s 47E(c)**

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**NOSEC - Avi Yemini (Rebel News)** asked if the AFP had received a report of crime (thought to be filed by Yemini himself this morning) claiming that eSafety Commissioner Julie Inman-Grant had violated laws on archiving Commonwealth communications by setting her WhatsApp to delete messages after 24hrs. Response provided stating the AFP has no comment. Reporting expected online this evening.

**ENQUIRY NUMBER:**  
1- Avi Yemini (Rebel News)  
*This number needs to increase as enquiries do.*

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