

From: Louise Parrott
Sent: Wed, 9 Jun 2021 10:13:23 +1000
To: Alex Morris
Cc: Julie Igglesden;Evan Ekin-Smyth;Megan Weimar
Subject: RE: Notice under section 321F of the Commonwealth Electoral Act
 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Oh thanks Alex! I'd returned to the AEC as an at level transfer but was covering Megan's team until she could commence. I've now moved permanently into the LSS position but Megan and I are going to continue to work collaboratively on most work across both teams (as I have background in authorisations and Meg is a litigator). I've copied in Evan and Julie so they are aware of that too. :-) We're happy for all three of you to come to both Megan and I going forward and we can work out who is best placed to respond. :-)

Louise

-----Original Message-----

From: Alex Morris <Alex.Morris@aec.gov.au>
 Sent: Wednesday, 9 June 2021 10:05 AM
 To: Louise Parrott <Louise.Parrott@aec.gov.au>
 Subject: RE: Notice under section 321F of the Commonwealth Electoral Act [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Thanks Louise, and congrats on the promotion (I think? Apologies, I feel like I've missed a month here)

Going through s 47F but from the Higgins/desk video case headlines they do appear to be amenable to these kinds of requests.

Thanks and kind regards,

Alex Morris | Digital and Social Media Manager Assistant Director | Media & Digital Engagement Australian Electoral Commission
 T: (02) 6271 4786 X: 21303 M: s 47F

-----Original Message-----

From: Louise Parrott <Louise.Parrott@aec.gov.au>
 Sent: Wednesday, 9 June 2021 10:01 AM
 To: Alex Morris <Alex.Morris@aec.gov.au>; Julie Igglesden <Julie.Igglesden@aec.gov.au>
 Cc: Evan Ekin-Smyth <Evan.Ekin-Smyth@aec.gov.au>; Justin Sowden <Justin.Sowden@aec.gov.au>; Andrew Johnson <Andrew.Johnson@aec.gov.au>; Megan Weimar <megan.weimar@aec.gov.au>
 Subject: RE: Notice under section 321F of the Commonwealth Electoral Act [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Thanks for all of these suggestions Alex. I've copied in Meg (the new Electoral Authorisations & Fraud Investigations Director) as she is in later today and she might have ideas on how to take this further.

We need to decide on the best approach for serving the notices on both s 47F and Dr Laming.

Louise

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-----Original Message-----

From: Alex Morris <Alex.Morris@aec.gov.au>
 Sent: Wednesday, 9 June 2021 9:55 AM

To: Julie Igglesden <Julie.Igglesden@aec.gov.au>; Louise Parrott <Louise.Parrott@aec.gov.au>
 Cc: Evan Ekin-Smyth <Evan.Ekin-Smyth@aec.gov.au>; Justin Sowden <Justin.Sowden@aec.gov.au>; Andrew Johnson <Andrew.Johnson@aec.gov.au>
 Subject: RE: Notice under section 321F of the Commonwealth Electoral Act [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Oh! It also just occurred to me that since the ^{s 47F} they might be amenable to assisting in the investigation?

Thanks and kind regards,

Alex Morris | Digital and Social Media Manager Assistant Director | Media & Digital Engagement Australian Electoral Commission
 T: (02) 6271 4786 X: 21303 M: ^{s 47F}

-----Original Message-----

From: Alex Morris
 Sent: Wednesday, 9 June 2021 9:51 AM
 To: Julie Igglesden <julie.igglesden@aec.gov.au>; Louise Parrott <louise.parrott@aec.gov.au>
 Cc: Evan Ekin-Smyth <evan.ekin-smyth@aec.gov.au>; Justin Sowden <Justin.Sowden@aec.gov.au>; Andrew Johnson <andrew.johnson@aec.gov.au>
 Subject: RE: Notice under section 321F of the Commonwealth Electoral Act [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Hi all,

Apologies for resurrecting an old email thread but I'm going through my unread emails and this popped up.

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The reason I know this is due to the Aussie Parl&Gov WikiEdits Twitter bot, which automatically posts every time an IP address flagged as an APS agency edits a Wikipedia page. ^{s 47F}

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<https://twitter.com/aussieparledits?lang=en>

Thanks and kind regards,

Alex Morris | Digital and Social Media Manager Assistant Director | Media & Digital Engagement Australian Electoral Commission
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-----Original Message-----

From: Julie Igglesden <Julie.Igglesden@aec.gov.au>
 Sent: Saturday, 5 June 2021 9:03 PM
 To: Louise Parrott <Louise.Parrott@aec.gov.au>
 Cc: Evan Ekin-Smyth <Evan.Ekin-Smyth@aec.gov.au>; Alex Morris <Alex.Morris@aec.gov.au>; Justin Sowden <Justin.Sowden@aec.gov.au>; Andrew Johnson <Andrew.Johnson@aec.gov.au>
 Subject: RE: Notice under section 321F of the Commonwealth Electoral Act [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Hi Louise,

Thank you for the email and the update on the investigation.

With the limited information presented to us, I agree that would be my assumption regarding the log-in and log-out details.

If you would like to look further at the IP address information for any specific instance, you could use a basic website such as <https://www.home.neustar/resources/tools/ip-geolocation-lookup-tool> or <https://www.iplocation.net/ip-lookup> which will provide location data amongst other information for each address.

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Julie

Julie Igglesden | Electoral Interference Coordinator Digital Technology & Communications Branch Australian Electoral Commission

T: (02) 6271 4687 | X: 21309 | M: § 47F -----Original Message-----

From: Louise Parrott <Louise.Parrott@aec.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, 4 June 2021 2:45 PM

To: Julie Igglesden <Julie.Igglesden@aec.gov.au>

Cc: Evan Ekin-Smyth <Evan.Ekin-Smyth@aec.gov.au>; Alex Morris <Alex.Morris@aec.gov.au>; Justin Sowden <Justin.Sowden@aec.gov.au>; Andrew Johnson <Andrew.Johnson@aec.gov.au>

Subject: Notice under section 321F of the Commonwealth Electoral Act [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Hi Julie

As discussed, I'd be interested in your expert opinion about what the 'log in' and 'log out' details mean in the attached - I assume it would be log ins/out to Facebook generally and not to a particular page. In any case, they don't seem to go back far enough for the current investigation. For an investigation that is less historical, the lack of log ins/outs may be the only thing that is determinative...

Also, as discussed, I'll test out the "download your information" function over the weekend.

Kind regards

Louise

Louise Parrott | Principal Government Lawyer Legal Services Section | Legal & Procurement Branch Australian Electoral Commission

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-----Original Message-----

From: § 47F @hotmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, 3 June 2021 7:13 PM

To: Authorisation Section <authorisationsection@aec.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Acknowledgment requested by COB Friday 4 June 2021 - Notice under section 321F of the Commonwealth Electoral Act [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good evening

I acknowledge receipt of this email but I am very confused by it.

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If you require further information please call me on § 47F and I will assist where I can.

Kind Regards

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Sent from my iPhone

> On 2 Jun 2021, at 6:29 pm, Authorisation Section <authorisationsection@aec.gov.au> wrote:

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> Dear Ms § 47F

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> The Australian Electoral Commission has received a complaint about potentially unauthorised electoral matter that has been communicated on Facebook.

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> Please find attached a written notice in accordance with section 321F of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 for information to assist the AEC's investigation. The information outlined in the notice is requested to be provided by 16 June 2021.

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> Could you please acknowledge receipt of this email by 5 pm AEST on Friday 4 June 2021.

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> Yours sincerely

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> Andrew Johnson

> Chief Legal Officer

> Legal & Procurement Branch

> Australian Electoral Commission

> T: (02) 6271 4759 | M: § 47F

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