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To: [Andrew Johnson](#); [s47F](#) [Blunn, Matthew](#)
Cc: [s47F](#) [Authorisation Section](#); [s47F](#)
Subject: [s22](#) [s42](#) [S 22](#)
Date: Thursday, 9 June 2022 10:52:01 AM
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Hi Andrew

As it has been necessary to utilise this file for the commencement of the Craig Kelly proceeding,

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[s42](#) can you please approve an additional \$15,000 to cover this work.

Thank you

Abigail

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To: s47F s47F
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Subject: s22 | AEC & Anor v Craig Kelly | request for updated estimate and s 42
Date: Tuesday, 7 March 2023 3:53:54 PM
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Hi s47F

Further to the below, I confirm that the AEC approves the increased estimate to a total approval of \$174,840.05. Please let us know if you become aware if this needs to be increased.

We also would be grateful if you could approach Hannah Ryan to assist Chris Tran in this matter.

Kind regards,

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Sent: Thursday, 2 March 2023 1:09 PM
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Cc: Authorisation Section <authorisationsection@aec.gov.au>; Blunn, Matthew <s47F@ags.gov.au>; s47F <s47F@aec.gov.au>; Andrew Johnson <s47F@gov.au>
Subject: s22 | AEC & Anor v Craig Kelly | request for updated estimate and s 42
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Dear s47F

We refer to your email below and the current estimate in this matter of \$75,000 approved on 18 October 2022. ss 42, 47E

We now write to seek an increase of \$99,840.05 (inclusive of fees and disbursements), bringing the total estimate to \$174,840.05.

We have prepared the attached costs estimate to cover work up to and including the hearing. The estimate includes our work billed to date and WIP as requested.

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Date: Thursday, 9 March 2023 3:40:46 PM
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Hi s47F

We confirm we have updated our records with the details of the increased estimate.

Hannah Ryan has also confirmed she is available to be briefed in this matter. We will arrange for a brief to be provided to her by next week.

Kind regards

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Subject: s22 | NSD375/2022 - AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION v CRAIG KELLY - s 22

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Hi s47F

Following up on our discussion the other day:

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2. I confirm that I received approval for increased expenditure up to \$20,000 (taking the total expenditure up to \$40,000) in relation to this matter.

I will update you as other information trickles through. Let me know if I can clarify any of the above.

Best regards,

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To: s47F
Cc: Cooper, Abigail; s47F Legal Services Mailbox; Blunn, Matthew
Subject: RE: NSD375/2022 - AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION v CRAIG KELLY s 22
Date: Monday, 19 September 2022 4:22:53 PM

Dear s47F

Thank you for confirming the AEC's approval of s47F rate.

We also seek your instructions to brief Christopher Tran at his current Commonwealth s 47G(1)

If approved, Chris and s47F rates will not affect the current spending approval for this matter of \$40,000 which was approved by the AEC on 1 September 2022. We confirm AGS will seek increases to the approved estimate when required depending on the status of the matter.

Kind regards

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Cc: s47F <s47F@ags.gov.au>; Legal Services Mailbox s47E; Blunn, Matthew <s47F@ags.gov.au>; s47F <s47F@ags.gov.au>
Subject: RE: NSD375/2022 - AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION v CRAIG KELLY [AGSDMS-DMS.FID4662290] [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Dear Abigail,

I confirm that the AEC has approved s47F request s 47G(1)

Could you please confirm whether this increase in counsel fees will affect the spending approval for this matter?

Kind regards,

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From: Cooper, Abigail <s47F@ags.gov.au>
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Dear s47F

We have received a request from s47F S 47G(1)
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We have no concern with the above and support the request, subject to the AEC's approval.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss.

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Hi s47F

I confirm that the AEC approves briefing Chris Tran at his current Cth approved rate s47G(1) and we note that Mr Tran's engagement is within the current spending approval.

Kind regards,

s47F

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