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To:	s47E(d)
Cc:	s47E(d); <u>Hall, Emily MS</u> s47E(d)
Subject:	RE: Urgent s47E(d) [SEC=OFFICIAL.Sensitive]
Date:	Wednesday, 29 November 2023 4:14:38 PM
Attachments:	s47E(d)

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Please find the attached data requested as per below.

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Cheers,

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Inspector s47E(d)
	Special Investigations
National Operation	ons Australian Border Force
P: s47E(d)	M:s47E(d)
E:s47E(d)	@abf.gov.au

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Just to be clear this request is to

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Kind regards

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Many thanks to the team for prioritising this request. s47E(d)

Kind regards

s47E(

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The team are working now to collate the data for you.

s47E(d)

Cheers,

s47E(d)	
Inspector s47E(d)	
	Special Investigations
National Operations	Australian Border Force
P: s47E(d)	M: s47E(d)
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Importance: H	igh	4.1063		

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Good afternoon s47E(d) team

Apologies for the short notice and urgent however, could I request s47E(d) for exports to Israel from 2018 to present using the following s47E(d)

If at all

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possible grateful if this could be made available this afternoon.

Happy to discuss further and grateful in anticipation of your assistance.

Kind regards

Kerrie.

s47E(d)

Director Regulatory Affairs and Compliance Defence Export Controls Defence Industry Policy Division | Strategy, Policy and Industry Group | Department of Defence

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Subject:	RE: Urgent s47E(d) [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date:	Wednesday, 29 November 2023 3:26:00 PM

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Kind regards

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Good afternoon s47E(,

I can confirm that the team is working on your request at the moment.

s47E(d)

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Kind regards,

s47E(d)

A/g Inspector s47E(d) Special Investigations Branch | Customs Division National Operations | Australian Border Force P: s47E(d) | M: s47E(d) E: s47E(d) @abf.gov.au

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Cc:	s47E(d) _; s47E(d) _; s47E(d) _
Subject:	RE: Urgent s47E(d) [SEC=OFFICIAL.Sensitive]
Date:	Thursday, 30 November 2023 8:34:00 AM

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Further to the data provide yesterday could I also request s47E(d) s47E(d)

Kind regards

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Cheers,

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Inspector S4/E(d)	
	Special Investigations
P: s47E(d)	Australian Border Force M:s47E(d)
E: s47E(d)	@abf.gov.au

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s47E(d)		
Inspector s47E(d)		
	Customs Enforcen	nent Branch
Customs Complianc	e, Enforcement and Ta	argeting Division
National Operations	Australian Border F	orce
P: s47E(d)	M:s47E(d)	
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His47E(d

This is request follows on from the conversation between David Nockels and s47E(d) earlier this morning but additional details are outline below.

Grateful is you could cc both s47E(d) cc'd into this email

Kind regards

s47E(

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His47E(,

To enable this request could I get some specificity and reasoning behind it for the data clearance team.

s47E(d)

Cheers,

s47E(d)	
Inspector s47E(d)
	Customs Enforcement Branch
Customs Complia	ance, Enforcement and Targeting Division
National Operati	ons Australian Border Force
P: s47E(d)	M:s47E(d)
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Subject: s47E(d) from [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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His47E(d

Grateful for all your support in pulling s47E(d) that matches to the ABS published data s47E(d). To cover any additional questions asked would it be possible to have this data from 1 January 2023 to 30 April 2024.

Many thanks **s47E(**

s47E(d)

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I have attached the data s47E(d)		E(d)	
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Cheers,

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To: s47E(d)	Operations < <mark>\$47</mark> E	E(d) <u>@abf.gov.au</u> >
Cc: Hall, Emily MSs47E(d)		
Subject: Request for s47E	(d) - Israel 2018 (to Present [SEC=

Good Afternoon \$47E(team

Defence Export Controls (DEC) wishes to request ^{\$47E(d)} for exports to Israel between 1 January 2018 to present (26 April 2024 for ^{\$47E(d)} :

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Many thanks

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s47E(d)

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From: Tony SMITH <\$47E(d) @abf.gov.au> Sent: Tuesday, 28 May 2024 11:59 AM To: Nockels, David MR <\$47E(d) @defence.gov.au> Cc: \$47E(d) @abf.gov.au>; John TAYLOR <\$47E(d) @abf.gov.au>; Hall, Emily MS ^{\$47E(d)} <\$47E(d) @defence.gov.au> Subject: FW: \$47E(data for Defence re Israel [SEC Importance: High

Good Afternoon David,

s47E(d)

To support this, we have reviewed exports from 1 July to 31 December 2023 and again 1 January to 27 May 2024 – the below provides this data snapshot s47E(d)

Analysis of s47E(d) indicates the following: s47E(d)

The ABF can confirm that all exports occurred with permission where the permission was required. It is important to note that the ABF is not the regulator of Defence Export Controls and as such does not track the purpose for each individual export. The ABF's role (in this regard) is to administer on behalf of the regulator.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards

Tony

Tony Smith Assistant Commissioner Customs Compliance, Enforcement & Targeting Division National Operations Group

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Hi Emily

Please see below what we sent last night regarding Israel exports between 1 JAN 2023 and 30 APR 2024 under s47E(d) s47E(d)

Additionally, please find below some points I shared with our Deputy this morning regarding exports to Israel for items post 7 October 2023:

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Happy to chat as required.

Cheers, **s47E(**

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In relation to these requests we need to establish a s47E(d) – likely our central reporting function – given my teams remit is enforcement.

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Happy to chat around this, noting we are about to send out s47E(d)

Cheers, **s47E(**

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And to reiterate **s47E(** points from below in regards to the reasoning behind the request:

The reasoning for the data request – s47E(d)

We can look to cross check the data s47E(d

How it will be used – s47E(d)

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Let me know if there is anything else you need, and I will try and provide additional information

Kind regards

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Hi Emily, s22

Please find attached the cleared QTB from the ABF regarding exports to Israel.

Cheers, s47E(

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QUESTION: What is the government doing about military exports to Israel? KEY TALKING POINTS:

- Australia maintains a robust and thorough export control regime, which requires each application to be assessed on its merits in accordance with Australian export control legislation.
- This legislation addresses a range of issues including foreign policy, human rights, national security, regional security and Australia's international obligations. This includes Australia's obligations to regulate conventional arms and its components under the Arms Trade Treaty.
- A permit would be refused if there were an overriding risk that an export would be used contrary to Australia's national interest, including violating human rights.
- Australia's export control regime is administered by the Department of Defence which grants permits according to strict legislative criteria.
- The Australian Border Force administers exports controls and has relevant powers to ensure the movements of goods occur in accordance with the *Customs Act* 1901.
- The Australian Border Force is responsible for administering imports and exports under the *Customs Act 1901* and subordinate regulations.
 - Administering imports and exports can be complex work, with goods requiring permission typically having a permit issued by the relevant Commonwealth regulatory agency.
 - For example, the Department of Defence is responsible for issuing export permits for military and dual-use goods and technology listed on the Defence and Strategic Goods List.
- The Australian Border Force has dedicated functions that work across government to actively monitor threats to the border posed by a range of goods including military grade and dual-use items.
 - These functions assess risk and enforce decisions made by Commonwealth regulators including ensuring export permits are valid and holding malign actors to account through criminal investigations.

If asked: How many exports have occurred to Israel since 7 October 2023?

- Australia maintains a case-by-case approach under its export controls framework, which enables legitimate trade and mitigates the risk of inadvertently preventing exports that are in Australia's national interest, such as those supporting Australian Defence Force's capability.
- If Australia identified an export would be used contrary to the national interest, including violating human rights, a permit would be refused.
- Permits should not be conflated with weapons. Permits are required for a broad range of goods and technologies, many of which have legitimate commercial and civilian applications.
- Due to legal, privacy and commercial-in-confidence obligations I will not comment on individual exports.

BACKGROUND AND CHRONOLOGY

15 April 2024: <u>The Guardian</u> uploaded a 6 minute video that shows: political debate in Parliament, including The Green's questioning Australia exporting weapons to Israel; the government defending the process in Parliament and Senate Estimates; exploring the legal definition of weapons and the contract awarded to Elbit Systems (an Israeli company) from Hanwha Defense Australia for work on the Redback Infantry Fighting Vehicle.

9 April 2024: <u>The Sydney Morning Herald</u> published an article outlining countries export of defence materiel to Israel, including exports sent by Australia, explaining the United Nations definition of what a weapon is, and what the potential options are for the government in relation to banning exports.

28 March 2024: <u>Al Jazeera</u> published an article on linking defence exports to Israel to the government's ambition to become a defence industry leader, and analysis by international law experts on the governments obligations.

9 February 2024: Minister Pat Conroy said in an ABC Radio Interview – All I can say to you is we're not exporting weapons to Israel. There's a system that deals with applications for every country that seeks to buy military weapons from Australia that requires permission from the Department of Defence. But what I can say to you is that we are not exporting weapons to Israel. That's a factual statement.

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