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**From:** SWEATMAN, Katie <Katie.SWEATMAN@s22(1) - irrelevant >  
**Sent:** Friday, 18 March 2022 5:24 PM  
**To:** PID Coordination  
**Cc:** s 22 -  
**Subject:** Strictly confidential: PID s 22 - [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive, ACCESS=Personal-Privacy]  
**Attachments:** Delegate's Report - PID s 22 - (384148.2).pdf

Hi PID Coordination Team

Please find **attached** my delegates report setting out the detailed consideration and findings of my investigation of PID\_s 22 - .

s 22, with respect to the s51 formal report that will shortly follow, I would be grateful for a discussion with you next week about the provision of the report to the discloser in light of the recommendation made at Part 7.

With respect to potential further action required arising from the investigation, I also draw your specific attention to Part 2.5 of the attached Delegate's Report.

I am, of course, otherwise happy to discuss.

Kind regards

Katie

**Katie Sweatman**  
**External Investigator**

Phone: s 22 -

Email: [katie.sweatman@s22 -](mailto:katie.sweatman@s22 -)

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# Department of Health Delegate's Report

Report of exercise of Principal Officer functions and responsibilities under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2013*

s 22 - irrelevant

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**18 March 2022**

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**2.5 Further potential disclosable conduct raised in the course of the investigation**

Consistent with the requirements of the PID Act to make findings about whether *any* instances of disclosable conduct arise out of the evidence obtained by me in my investigation, and given the breadth of the information provided to and considered by me in this investigation, I have considered whether there has been any conduct engaged in by a public official in respect of the handling of the discloser's matters.

**Alleged allegation of grant funding awarded without proper probity**


In my interview with s 37(1)(b), 47E(d) raised with me an example of improper conduct s 37(1)(b), 47E(d)



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s 37(1)(b), 47E(d)



I have considered the potential need to investigate this allegation of improper conduct and determined not to do so. This is because the definition of disclosable conduct at s29(1) of the PID Act prescribes that *disclosable conduct is conduct of a kind ... (a) engaged in by an agency; or (b) engaged in by a public official, in connection with his or her position as a public official; or (c) engaged in by a contracted service provider for a Commonwealth contract...*

"Public official" is defined at s69 of the PID Act, and does not include a Minister. While the conduct that might otherwise constitute a breach of public trust, on the description of the allegation put to me, the Department attempted to take steps to remedy the deficiencies in probity arising from the grant of funds. On the information raised with me, I do not consider that the improper conduct may be attributed to a public official within the Department itself, or otherwise within the meaning of that term under the PID Act.

I do not reach this conclusion lightly, and raise the allegation specifically to the Department's attention for potential further consideration by an Authorised Officer as a public interest disclosure if it was to consider it prudent to do so.

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**From:** s 22 -  
**To:** [PID Coordination](#)  
**Cc:** s 22 -  
**Subject:** FW: Strictly confidential: PID Investigation [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Date:** Wednesday, 30 March 2022 11:00:57 AM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)  
[Notice to discloser - completion of investigation s 51\(4\)\(390646.2\).pdf](#)

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Hello,

Please find below, the notice to the discloser.

Regards,

s 22 - irrelevant

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**From:** SWEATMAN, Katie <s 22 - irrelevant >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 30 March 2022 9:54 AM  
**To:** s 22 - irrelevant @Health.gov.au  
**Subject:** Fwd: Strictly confidential: PID Investigation [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s 22

Further to my preceding email.

Kind regards

Katie

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## **Report of Investigation**

**Public Interest Disclosure**

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### Referral to Fraud Section

While I find that Allegation 1 does not give rise to disclosable conduct, in the course of investigating the matters arising out of the disclosure, I enquired into general unparticularised allegations of improper conduct or corruption raised by the discloser in his disclosure and written Memorandum to Commonwealth Ombudsman.

In the course of my enquiries, I obtained information about an alleged relationship between a grantee in receipt of Commonwealth funds and a supplier to that grantee which may potentially constitute fraud where appropriate disclosures about the relationship between the grantee and supplier were not disclosed and managed appropriately.

While not a recommendation *per se*, it is noted for completeness that I have, out of an abundance of caution, made a confidential referral of this potential fraudulent conduct to the Department's Fraud Section for its further assessment.

s 22 - irrelevant



**From:** s 22(1) - irrelevant  
**To:** [fraud section](#)  
**Cc:** s 22(1) - irrelevant  
**Subject:** RE: New feedback received for Reporting Suspected Health Provider [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]  
**Date:** Thursday, 7 April 2022 2:24:44 PM  
**Attachments:** s 47(1)(a): [OLIK data.xlsx](#)  
[image001.png](#)

Hi s 22(1) - irrelevant

Please see attached the data I pulled up that can be kept for assessment.  
 Kind regards,

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 5 April 2022 7:07 PM

**To:** s 22(1) -

**Cc:** s 22(1) - irrelevant

**Subject:** FW: New feedback received for Reporting Suspected Health Provider  
 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Hi s 22(1) - irrelevant

We briefly discussed the below matter earlier today during our call, regarding a conflict of interest allegation in an organisation that may receive Department funding.

This is the one that I was hoping we could go through together with s 22(1) - irrelevant tomorrow so that she can have some exposure to how to use Qlik going forward. Forwarding it now for your information and so that you have it available when we take a look at it.

Kind regards,

s 22(1) - irrelevant

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E: s 22(1) - [@health.gov.au](#)

**From:** [WCMPRD01/SVR/Health@health.gov.au](mailto:WCMPRD01/SVR/Health@health.gov.au) <[WCMPRD01/SVR/Health@health.gov.au](mailto:WCMPRD01/SVR/Health@health.gov.au)>

**Sent:** Thursday, 31 March 2022 2:16 PM

**To:** fraud section <[fraudsection@health.gov.au](mailto:fraudsection@health.gov.au)>

**Subject:** New feedback received for Reporting Suspected Health Provider [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**REPORTINGSUSPECTEDFRAUD:** ReportingSuspectedHealthProvider

**WHO IS THIS ALLEGATION ABOUT:** s 47G(1)(a); s 47F

**LOCATION:** Unknown

**CONTACT DETAILS:**

**INCIDENT TYPE:** External

**TARGET OF INCIDENT:** Benefits or payments

**TARGET OF INCIDENT TEXT:**

**PROGRAM:**

**DETAILS OF SUSPECTED FRAUD:** I was appointed by the Department of Health to investigate a public interest disclosure about an unrelated matter. In the course of my investigation, one of the interviewees made the following statements:

In 2019, there was an election commitment to the s 47G(1)(a); s 47F There was a \$65 million announcement, s 37(1)(b), s 47E(d) s 37(1)(b), s 47E(d)

I have not investigated the allegations s 37(1)(b), s 47E(d)

it was not clear to me what action was taken about this relationship.

**HOW DID YOU BECOME AWARE OF THIS MATTER:** The information was provided to me in the course of investigating a public interest disclosure about an unrelated matter.

**YOUR NAME:** Katie Sweatman

**EMAIL:** [katie.sweatman](mailto:katie.sweatman) s 22(1) - irrelevant

**TELEPHONE NUMBER:** s 22(1) - irrelevant

**MOBILE:** s 22(1) - irrelevant

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s 37(1)(b), s 47E(d) [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** s 22(1) - irrelevant FOR ADVICE: For Addressee Eyes Only – PID reference number s 22(1) - irrelevant [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]  
**Date:** Wednesday, 11 May 2022 11:38:58 AM  
**Attachments:** [image003.png](#)  
[TRIM RE New feedback received for Reporting Suspected Health Provider SECOFFICIALSensitive.msg](#)  
[image001.png](#)

Hi s 22(1) - irrelevant

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At this stage the matter has been listed as a Pre-Assessment in VOLT and has not progressed any further than this. Are you happy for me to provide this update to PID or would you like to respond directly to them?

Kind regards,

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**From:** PID Coordination

**Sent:** Tuesday, 10 May 2022 4:39 PM

**To:** fraud section

**Cc:** PID Coordination

**Subject:** For Addressee Eyes Only – PID reference number s 22(1) - irrelevant

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Regards,

s 22(1) - irrelevant

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**Subject:** RE: s 22(1) - irrelevant FOR ADVICE: For Addressee Eyes Only – PID reference number s 22(1) - irrelevant [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]  
**Date:** Monday, 16 May 2022 11:40:02 AM  
**Attachments:** [image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)  
[image001.png](#)

Thank you for the update, s 22(1) - irrelevant  
 Much appreciated.

Regards,  
 s 22(1) - irrelevant

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**Sent:** Monday, 16 May 2022 12:09 PM  
**To:** PID Coordination  
**Cc:** fraud section ; s 22(1) - irrelevant  
**Subject:** RE: s 22(1) - irrelevant FOR ADVICE: For Addressee Eyes Only – PID reference number s 22(1) - irrelevant [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]  
 Hi s 22(1) - irrelevant,

Apologies for the delay in getting back to you on this.  
 This allegation is currently in our Pre-Assessment queue for review. We have not had the capacity to further any assessments for some weeks, but will let you know as soon as it progresses.  
 Kind regards,

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**Subject:** RE: s 22(1) - irrelevant FOR ADVICE: For Addressee Eyes Only – PID reference number s 22(1) - irrelevant [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]  
**Date:** Monday, 6 June 2022 10:22:11 AM  
**Attachments:** [TRIM RE s 22\(1\) - irrelevant FOR ADVICE For Addressee Eyes Only PID reference number s 22\(1\) - irrelevant SECOFFICIALSensitive.msg](#)  
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Hi s 22(1) - irrelevant,

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Kind regards,

s 22(1) - irrelevant

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**Sent:** Thursday, 2 June 2022 11:41 AM  
**To:** fraud section  
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**Date:** Monday, 6 June 2022 10:31:19 AM  
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No all good thanks s 22(1) - irrelevant  
 I was just trying to wade through my list of things and I wanted to be sure I/we responded.  
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Regards,

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**Cc:** s 22(1) - irrelevant  
**Subject:** RE: s 22(1) - irrelevant FOR ADVICE: For Addressee Eyes Only – PID reference number s 22(1) - irrelevant [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]  
**Date:** Monday, 12 September 2022 12:50:03 PM  
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Good afternoon

I can confirm that I have commenced a review of the allegation and have contacted the discloser, due to the inability to corroborate any information based on the details supplied.

Kind Regards,

s 22(1) - irrelevant M: s 22(1) - irrelevant

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**Sent:** Friday, 9 September 2022 6:05 PM

**To:** s 22(1) - irrelevant ; PID Coordination ; fraud section

**Subject:** RE: s 22(1) - irrelevant FOR ADVICE: For Addressee Eyes Only – PID reference number s 22(1) - irrelevant [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Thank you, s 22(1) - irrelevant

That would be appreciated – thank you.

FYI - The PID Unit will cease to track this item at the completion of the assessment.

Regards,

s 22(1) - irrelevant

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**Sent:** Friday, 9 September 2022 5:17 PM

**To:** PID Coordination <[PIDCoordination@health.gov.au](mailto:PIDCoordination@health.gov.au)>; fraud section  
 <[fraudsection@health.gov.au](mailto:fraudsection@health.gov.au)>

**Subject:** RE: s 22(1) - irrelevant FOR ADVICE: For Addressee Eyes Only – PID reference number s 22(1) - irrelevant [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Hi § 22(1) - irrelevant,

As advised, I will keep up dated of any progress. There has been no change to the status of the matter, however I will be sure to prioritise it next week and I will apprise you of the update.

Have a great weekend.

§ 22(1) - irrelevant M: § 22(1) - irrelevant

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**Sent:** Friday, 9 September 2022 5:10 PM

**To:** § 22(1) - irrelevant <§ 22(1) - irrelevant [@Health.gov.au](mailto:§ 22(1) - irrelevant@Health.gov.au)>; fraud section <[fraudsection@health.gov.au](mailto:fraudsection@health.gov.au)>

**Cc:** PID Coordination <[PIDCoordination@health.gov.au](mailto:PIDCoordination@health.gov.au)>

**Subject:** RE: § 22(1) - irrelevant FOR ADVICE: For Addressee Eyes Only – PID reference number

§ 22(1) - irrelevant [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Hi § 22(1) - irrelevant

I am writing to seek an update on this matter please. Has the assessment progressed yet?

Noting you said you'd get back to me, s59(4) of the PID Act requires us to *ensure that appropriate action is taken in response to recommendations in a report under section 51, or any other matters raised in such a report, that relate to the agency*, and so, whilst I have pushed out the timeframe for follow up from fortnightly to a monthly basis, I am obligated to enquire as to your progress for reporting purposes.

Would you please let me know?

Regards,

§ 22(1) - irrelevant

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 August 2022 10:45 AM

**To:** fraud section <[fraudsection@health.gov.au](mailto:fraudsection@health.gov.au)>

**Cc:** PID Coordination <[PIDCoordination@health.gov.au](mailto:PIDCoordination@health.gov.au)>

**Subject:** RE: § 22(1) - irrelevant FOR ADVICE: For Addressee Eyes Only – PID reference number



s 22(1) - irrelevant [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Good Morning,

When the matter has been allocated and then assessed I will provide an update to interested stakeholders accordingly. At this stage, we do not have the capacity and there is a significant backlog of matters waiting to be assessed and investigated.

For efficiency, , I will keep you updated on any progress.

Regards,

s 22(1) - irrelevant M: s 22(1) - irrelevant

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 August 2022 10:36 AM

**To:** s 22(1) - irrelevant <s 22(1) - irrelevant@Health.gov.au>

**Cc:** PID Coordination <[PIDCoordination@health.gov.au](mailto:PIDCoordination@health.gov.au)>; fraud section

<[fraudsection@health.gov.au](mailto:fraudsection@health.gov.au)>

**Subject:** RE: s 22(1) - irrelevant FOR ADVICE: For Addressee Eyes Only – PID reference number

s 22(1) - irrelevant [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Hi s 22(1) - irrelevant

Given we currently do not have any assessors, are you able to advise your capacity, if any, to undertake an assessment on this allegation please?

Kind regards,

s 22(1) - irrelevant

**Assistant Director – Intelligence and Assessments Team**

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**From:** PID Coordination <[PIDCoordination@health.gov.au](mailto:PIDCoordination@health.gov.au)>

**Sent:** Monday, 8 August 2022 9:52 AM

**To:** fraud section <[fraudsection@health.gov.au](mailto:fraudsection@health.gov.au)>; PID Coordination

<[PIDCoordination@health.gov.au](mailto:PIDCoordination@health.gov.au)>

**Subject:** RE: § 22(1) - irrelevant FOR ADVICE: For Addressee Eyes Only – PID reference number  
§ 22(1) - irrelevant [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Good morning,

Given the Department's PID reporting obligations, would you please advise whether this matter has progressed from the assessment queue?

Regards,

§ 22(1) - irrelevant

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**From:** fraud section <[fraudsection@health.gov.au](mailto:fraudsection@health.gov.au)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 13 July 2022 4:59 PM

**To:** PID Coordination <[PIDCoordination@health.gov.au](mailto:PIDCoordination@health.gov.au)>

**Cc:** § 22(1) - irrelevant <§ 22(1) - irrelevant [@Health.gov.au](mailto:@Health.gov.au)>

**Subject:** RE: § 22(1) - irrelevant FOR ADVICE: For Addressee Eyes Only – PID reference number  
§ 22(1) - irrelevant [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Good afternoon § 22(1) - irrelevant,

I'm just providing a quick email response to follow our brief conversation on Monday re the status of this matter.

As reported, there has been no change of this matters status. I also note that this matter has arisen from recommendations an external Investigator made in their Investigation report to the department.

We will advise you if there is any change to the status of this matter.

Kind regards,

§ 22(1) - irrelevant

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Investigator – Fraud Investigations Section

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**Sent:** Friday, 8 July 2022 4:55 PM

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**Cc:** PID Coordination <[PIDCoordination@health.gov.au](mailto:PIDCoordination@health.gov.au)>

**Subject:** RE: § 22(1) - irrelevant FOR ADVICE: For Addressee Eyes Only – PID reference number

s 22(1) - irrelevant [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Would you please advise whether this matter has progressed beyond the assessment queue and if so, would you please provide an update?

Regards,

s 22(1) - irrelevant

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**From:** PID Coordination <PIDCoordination@health.gov.au>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 8 June 2022 2:33 PM

**To:** fraud section <fraudsection@health.gov.au>; PID Coordination <PIDCoordination@health.gov.au>

**Subject:** RE: s 22(1) - irrelevant FOR ADVICE: For Addressee Eyes Only – PID reference number

s 22(1) - irrelevant [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your email.

s 22(1) - irrelevant did inform me of the situation yesterday afternoon and I appreciate your written email response for our records.

Due to reporting obligations, the PID Unit will check in with FIS in a couple of weeks to enquiry on whether there has been any movement.

Regards,

s 22(1) - irrelevant

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**From:** fraud section <fraudsection@health.gov.au>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 8 June 2022 12:20 PM

**To:** PID Coordination <PIDCoordination@health.gov.au>

**Subject:** RE: s 22(1) - irrelevant FOR ADVICE: For Addressee Eyes Only – PID reference number

s 22(1) - irrelevant [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Good Afternoon,

I refer to your email below and understand s 22(1) - irrelevant sent you an IM yesterday relating to this request. Unfortunately we don't have any assessors in FIS at the moment so this allegation is still awaiting allocation pending an available assessment officer.

I hope this is of some assistance.

Kind regards,

s 22(1) - irrelevant

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**From:** PID Coordination <PIDCoordination@health.gov.au>

**Sent:** Friday, 3 June 2022 5:57 PM

**To:** fraud section <fraudsection@health.gov.au>; PID Coordination

<PIDCoordination@health.gov.au>

**Subject:** RE: s 22(1) - irrelevant FOR ADVICE: For Addressee Eyes Only – PID reference number

s 22(1) - irrelevant [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Hello,

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I know the below email advises that you will let us know when this matter progresses, however we require an update for reporting purposes please. Has this matter progressed to assessment completion?

Regards,

s 22(1) - irrelevant

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**From:** fraud section <fraudsection@health.gov.au>

**Sent:** Monday, 16 May 2022 12:09 PM

**To:** PID Coordination <PIDCoordination@health.gov.au>

**Cc:** fraud section <fraudsection@health.gov.au>; s 22(1) - irrelevant

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**Subject:** RE: s 22(1) - irrelevant FOR ADVICE: For Addressee Eyes Only – PID reference number

s 22(1) - irrelevant [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Hi s 22(1) - irrelevant

Apologies for the delay in getting back to you on this.

This allegation is currently in our Pre-Assessment queue for review. We have not had the capacity to further any assessments for some weeks, but will let you know as soon as it progresses.

Kind regards,

s 22(1) - irrelevant

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 10 May 2022 4:39 PM

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**Cc:** PID Coordination <PIDCoordination@health.gov.au>

**Subject:** For Addressee Eyes Only – PID reference number s 22(1) - irrelevant  
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s 47G(1)(a); s 47F

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**From:** [PID Coordination](#)  
**To:** s 22(1) - irrelevant ; [PID Coordination](#); [fraud section](#)  
**Cc:** s 22(1) - irrelevant  
**Subject:** RE: NO FURTHER ACTION s 22(1) - irrelevant Conflict of Interest Allegation - s 47G(1)(a); [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]  
**Date:** Wednesday, 14 September 2022 8:41:09 AM  
**Attachments:** [image004.png](#)  
[image001.png](#)

Good morning, s 22(1) - irrelevant.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this assessment.

PID Unit will now cease reporting on this matter.

Regards,

s 22(1) - irrelevant

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**From:** s 22(1) - irrelevant

**Sent:** Tuesday, 13 September 2022 3:44 PM

**To:** PID Coordination ; fraud section

**Cc:** s 22(1) - irrelevant ; s 22(1) - irrelevant

**Subject:** NO FURTHER ACTION s 22(1) - irrelevant Conflict of Interest Allegation - s 47G(1)(a); s 47F  
 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Good afternoon.

Please find attached my enquiries and subsequent response to the request for an assessment PID reference s 22(1) - irrelevant which I hope will suffice in terms of satisfying the noted obligations under s59(4) of the PID Act which requires 'us' to *ensure that appropriate action is taken in response to recommendations in a report under section 51, or any other matters raised in such a report, that relate to the agency.*

**Issue:** s 22(1) - irrelevant Allegation of Conflict of Interest relating to grant recipient s 47G(1)(a); s 47F  
 TRIM E22-94519

**Background:** On 31 March 2022 the Fraud Investigation Section (FIS) received an allegation relating to a conflict of interest involving the s 47G(1)(a); s 47F . s 47E(d); s 47G(1)(a); s 47F

a \$65M announcement s 47E(d); s 47G(1)(a); s 47F

**Comment:** This matter was addressed by the program area in 2020 and does not require a comprehensive assessment. s 47E(d); s 47G(1)(a); s 47F

s 47E(d); s 47G(1)(a); s 47F

**Recommendation:** No further action required by FIS with regards to assessment or investigation of the allegation. The conflict of interest was identified and addressed in 2019 and the stakeholder approached to address the conflict of interest issues prior to the execution of the s 47G(1)(a); s 47F grant in June 2021. Variations to grant agreements have been implemented to ensure more stringent reporting obligations and the grant recipient is being closely monitored by the program area. Program areas are aware of the situation and are monitoring closely. A recommendation to have board members attached to s 47G(1)(a); s 47F to complete a conflict of interest declaration in relation to the execution of the various grants to which s 47G(1)(a); s 47F are recipients. Happy to discuss further if required.

Regards,

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