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Dear Commissioner Redlich QC

Further review of Human Source holdings

I write to advise that Victoria Police has recently reviewed its Human Source holdings, and identified six Human Source files that required reconstruction and assessment to determine if there had been any possible breaches of legal professional privilege.

After a review of each of the reconstructed files, only one has been identified as posing a risk of a breach of legal professional privilege or potential conflict of interest. That file identifies that source [REDACTED] was a solicitor at the time of their relationship with Victoria Police.

The only contact with source [REDACTED] was one face-to-face meeting on [REDACTED] April 2014, at which time, source [REDACTED] was an Australian Lawyer. The purpose of the meeting was to assess the viability of [REDACTED]. There was a discussion at this meeting about breaching confidentiality, conflict of interest and legal professional privilege, and that registration as a source would be problematic as a result of [REDACTED]'s profession. The handling team advised that they would have to seek further advice before they could get authorisation to register the source. No information or intelligence was obtained at this meeting. A file was created on [REDACTED] April 2014, listing [REDACTED] as a community contact. On [REDACTED] April 2014, there is a file note explaining the basis upon which registration of the source was not approved which states:

*"...initial appraisal by HSMU is that the level of intel/information and targets discussed so far by this potential (source) is outweighed by the risks posed by his profession".*

The file was formally deactivated on [REDACTED] May 2014. No information or intelligence was gathered from [REDACTED] in the intervening period.

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On the basis of the review of these reconstructed files, insofar as our Human Source holdings are concerned, Victoria Police has not identified any further concerns regarding our human sources and the potential for conflicts of interest or breaches of legal professional privilege.

However, I note that Victoria Police has determined that another lawyer, [REDACTED] had previously provided information to Victoria Police. I understand that IBAC has been notified of this matter separately by Assistant Commissioner Russell Barrett and that this matter is ongoing.

Should you have any further related queries, please contact Assistant Commissioner Neil Paterson on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

  
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