

Petra file inquiries:

16/5/11:

Emailed Jeff Pope to obtain an update as to the status of locating this file. He suggested I call Clive Rust at ESD.

1415 hours contacted Clive and was advised:

There was a Petra file maintained by the then A/C ESD Luke Cornelius and this included all agendas / minutes / notes from Petra meetings; however it was perceived that the processes were fairly loose and not too formal.

My question – Was this the official force (CRB) file or were these Luke's working copies of administrative papers? (Luke had previously advised me that he maintained for his own information a copy of working papers but that this was not an official file)

Reply from Clive - that this was believed to be the force file. This consisted of two big four-post binders full of plastic pocket sleeves and envelopes with papers within.

On 24/6/10, Doug Fryer collected these documents and took them to Peter Lardner at CLD and certain material from the files was extracted and copied to enable VGSO to provide legal advice on the matter. The contents of the file were replaced and the files were returned to ESD and locked in the A/C's safe.

Subsequent to this, ESD commenced a Petra related investigation and needed to access the Petra material. I went to the A/C's office and retrieved the files and provided them to the appointed investigator. It was then noted that various content was missing and the files appeared to be in a different format. (was now in a ESD file type format with shoe lace tie in top left corner.

Cannot account for how they got to be like this or where the missing portions now are. Appears to be a folder of papers missing. Emmett is specifically attending to inquiries about this.

Graeme Ashton has advised that if the files cannot be accounted for an investigation, most probably by the OPI, will be commenced.

I advised Clive of my interest in viewing such material for review purposes and that given the circumstances I would await further advice as the outcome of inquiries.

Conversation documented direct to type immediately following conclusion of phone call.