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From: [Communications](#)
To: [Prenc, Yolanda](#)
Subject: Fwd: Geason
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 3:31:00 PM

Thanks for the call Yolanda.
In case you haven't got them yet this is what DPFEM's media team have sent to us.
Cheers
Jen

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From: DPFEM Media & Public Comms <media@dpfem.tas.gov.au>
Date: 1 December 2023 at 3:07:38 pm AEDT
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Geason

Hi there

We are issuing the following lines shortly to the Mercury and also on media rounds.

Thanks Mel

A 62 year old Hobart man has today been arrested and charged with assault and emotional abuse.

The man has been charged with one count of common assault as well as one count of emotional abuse.

It's expected that the man will appear in an out of hours hearing of the Hobart Magistrates Court this evening.

Thanks Mel

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From: Killick, David <david.killick@news.com.au>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 1:49 PM
To: DPFEM Media & Public Comms <media@dpfem.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Geason

Good afternoon,

I have been told Justice Gregory Geason has been arrested and charged and is shortly to appear in the magistrates court. Is it possible to confirm if this is the case please?

Regards,

David.

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To: [Communications](#); [Ikedife, Penelope](#)
Cc: [Webster, Ginna](#)
Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 5:25:15 PM
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Thanks Jen - I'm waiting to hear from Yolanda as to whether Police provided the file in time for the matter to be heard this evening - if not it'll be tomorrow morning. Might be best to wait if possible.

I'll be in the air in about 20 if I go quiet!

Kristy

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From: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 5:21:41 PM
To: Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>; Ikedife, Penelope <Penelope.Ikedife@supremecourt.tas.gov.au>; Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Justice Geason - new inquiry

Thanks,

I have double checked with DPFEM that he has been charged. They said they have already spoken to Matt and a couple of other reporters and let them know that they are taking a risk naming someone before they appear in Court.

In that case is it better if we say as the matter will be before the Court rather than is? Or I can hold off on responding until after he appears.

Thanks

Jen

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Cc: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>

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Thanks all. Very happy with that approach.

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7.

Sorry, and I agree with the proposed wording below.

Regards,

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Supreme Court of Tasmania
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From: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
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8.

Hi,

In terms of this one, do we know definitely that the charges have been laid yet? If so we can just say as the matter is before the Magistrates Court it is not appropriate to make any comment.

Are you ok with that please?

Thanks

Jen

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Sent: Friday, 1 December 2023 4:48 PM
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

9.

Justice Geason has now been charged with criminal offences. Any comment from the Dept/court/chief justice? Thanks,

On Tue, 21 Nov 2023 at 16:14, Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

10.

Hi Matt.
We understand that Tasmania Police have provided you a response this afternoon, which answers your enquiry.
The Department of Justice will not be providing any further comment.
Thanks
James

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 21 November 2023 3:28 PM
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

11.

Thanks, James. I would like to ask the question of the chief justice/dept all the same, as the police will be constrained as to what they can say.

On Tue, 21 Nov 2023 at 15:08, Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

12.

Hi again Matt. I have just been advised that this enquiry should go to Tasmania Police for comment. As such can you please forward to media@dpfem.tas.gov.au and the team will be able to provide you with a response.
Thanks
James

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 21 November 2023 2:33 PM
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

13.

Thanks, James. I'll need to file before 5pm.

On Tue, 21 Nov 2023 at 14:29, Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

14.

Hi Matt.
We have sent this one over to the Supreme Court to see if they can provide comment. We will come back as soon as we have their response. Is there a deadline you're working towards?
Thanks
James

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To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Justice Geason - new inquiry

15.

Hi again comms team,

Due to information received, I need to ask: has Justice Geason been charged with a criminal

offence or has he or the chief justice been informed he is to be so charged?

Many thanks, Matt.

On Wed, 8 Nov 2023 at 12:18, Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

Hi Matt.

We have followed up with the Supreme Court. Their response is below.

Cheers

James

The Court needs to wait until more is known about the likely length of Justice Geason's leave. When more information is available about that aspect of the situation, the Chief Justice will be in a better position to determine appropriate action in relation to any reserved decisions.

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 8 November 2023 9:51 AM

To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: questions for the Supreme Court

Thanks for the below.

I am taking the latest response to mean that the chief justice may decide that Justice Geason should continue to be involved in these reserved decisions, if necessary to avoid unreasonable delays.

If this is not the case, pls respond urgently, as I intend to file a story this afternoon.

Cheers, Matt.

On Tue, 7 Nov 2023 at 15:46, Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

Hi Matt

The below response can be attributed to a Department of Justice spokesperson:

If it appears that an unreasonable delay may arise in the finalisation of matters before the Full Court and Court of Criminal Appeal, the Chief Justice will consider what action is appropriate.

Kind regards

Angela

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 7 November 2023 10:38 AM

To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>

Cc: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: questions for the Supreme Court

Thanks, Jennifer.

Keen to clarify what this means: *"Depending on developments, decisions will be made on a case by case basis about the disposition of Full Court and Court of Criminal Appeal matters with reserved decisions."*

Does it mean Justice Geason may work on some reserved judgements in these matters while on leave? Some but not others? How will that be determined?

Cheers, Matt.

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From: **Lee, Jennifer** <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>

Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2023 at 17:42

Subject: questions for the Supreme Court

To: matthew.denholm@news.com.au <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>

Cc: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Hi Matthew,

I understand you sent some questions to the Supreme Court earlier today regarding Justice Geason. A response to those, to be attributed to the Department of Justice, is as follows:

The Supreme Court is reviewing matters that have been listed before Justice Geason and will reallocate them as appropriate, and adjourn them if necessary. Depending on developments, decisions will be made on a case by case basis about the disposition of Full Court and Court of Criminal Appeal matters with reserved decisions.

How many matters are before Justice Geason currently?

There are a number of criminal matters listed over the next two weeks, as well as civil matters for the sittings commencing 20 November. Some are very short listings of 10 or 15 minutes, and others are more substantial.

Has Justice Geason accepted the request to take leave and what is his status?

Justice Geason is on leave at present.

Did the chief justice regard his meeting with the Attorney-General to discuss the situation as appropriate, given Mr Barnett is involved in a matter currently before a full bench including Justice Geason?

The Chief Justice and the Attorney-General meet from time to time to discuss matters relating to the administration of justice.

Kind regards

Jennifer

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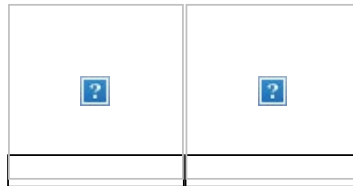
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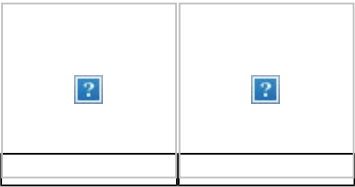
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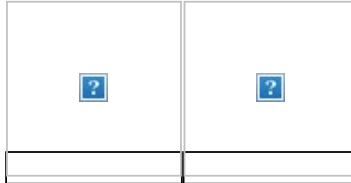
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Kind Regards,
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Sent: Friday, 1 December 2023 3:31 PM
To: Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Fwd: Geason

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From: DPFEM Media & Public Comms <media@dpfem.tas.gov.au>
Date: 1 December 2023 at 3:07:38 pm AEDT
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
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Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 6:30:00 PM

Hi Jen,

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Kind Regards,
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To: [Communications](#)
Cc: [Bourne, Kristy](#)
Subject: RE: Geason
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 6:31:00 PM

Apologies, I've just received this more detailed update on the outcomes:

Bail Granted – Adjourned to 6th Feb 2024 at 10am before MFD

Interim Order Granted in terms of the Application

Bail granted with the condition for the defendant to not breach the terms of the IFVO or any FVO

Application made pursuant to Section 32 of the FV Act to restrict the publication of the name of the affected person not be released

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To: [Communications](#)
Cc: [Bourne, Kristy](#)
Subject: Lack of media access (matter of Gregory Geason)
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 6:47:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

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Cc: [Bourne, Kristy](#)
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Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 6:50:32 PM
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Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 6:51:00 PM
Attachments: [image002.jpg](#)
[image004.png](#)
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We can have the audio ready on Monday. The transcript may take a little longer.

47.

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To: [Lee, Jennifer](#); [Webster, Ginna](#); [Prenc, Yolanda](#)
Subject: Re: suggested line for the media
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 7:05:18 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Thanks very much everyone - all good from me.
 Jen, have we had a specific enquiry yet re no access for media?

KB

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From: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 6:57:56 PM
To: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>; Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: RE: suggested line for the media

Thanks Ginna,
 On a separate email conversation with Yolanda we've agreed to add a line that an audio recording of tonight's proceedings can be made available to media early next week as well.
 I'll just run this past Amber and the GMO and then hopefully get it out soon.
 Thanks
 Jen

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Cc: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: suggested line for the media

Yes that is okay with me
Ginna Webster

On 1 Dec 2023, at 6:45 pm, Prenc, Yolanda
<Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au> wrote:

52.

Thanks so much for putting this together so quickly Jen, it looks perfectly suitable to me.

In my view the highlighted line is not necessary. I've made a very minor mark up in red and will defer to Kristy and Ginna's judgement for anything further.

Enjoy the weekend,
Yolanda.

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53.

Importance: High

Hi,

How about the following in terms of a response to media queries. It may need wordsmithing in terms of correct legal language sorry.

I'm not sure if the highlighted line is needed and/or needs expanding as I'm not sure what it means.

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From: [Bourne, Kristy](#)
To: [Communications](#); [Prenc, Yolanda](#)
Cc: [Webster, Ginna](#)
Subject: Re: Online reports tonight
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 10:06:19 PM

Thank you everyone - Mr Daly and I have just landed :)

You managed an unprecedented situation very well, Yolanda.

Talk soon,
KB

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From: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 9:49:53 PM
To: Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Online reports tonight

Thank you for all the information you've provided this evening too Yolanda with my 101 questions

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56.

On 1 Dec 2023, at 9:40 pm, Prenc, Yolanda
<Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au> wrote:

Thanks so much, and yes, confirming that the audio of the proceedings will be provided tomorrow morning (at least prior to midday).

Enjoy the rest of the evening everyone ☺

57.

From: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 1 December 2023 9:36 PM
To: Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>; Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Online reports tonight

I totally agree Yolanda and as Kristy and I discussed the fact that it was there was a suppression order is really pertinent. I think everyone did a great job under the circumstances.

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From: Webster, Ginna <[Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au](#)>

Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 9:34:08 PM

To: Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>; Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Online reports tonight

Not to mention the Chief and the Deputy Chief Magistrate being away on the day...I think being proactive about providing what we can in terms of a transcript (as I understand we are doing) and an explanation of the process as much as we can then I think that is fine.

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From: Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>

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Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 9:30:47 PM

To: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>; Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Online reports tonight

That's very kind Ginna. I'm more than happy for David Killick to know that there was absolutely no intended obstruction, but rather, a decision made by a reasonably new Administrator who had put security/safety before open justice, but has learned a valuable lesson as a result.

From: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>

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Sent: Friday, 1 December 2023 9:28 PM

To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>; Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Online reports tonight

Thanks Jen, it was always going to be a story with high media interest and we were dealing with an unprecedented situation.

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From: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

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Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 9:19:37 PM

To: Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>; Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>; Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Online reports tonight

Hi,

Just FYI the abc have a story up online and have chosen to include the details of the conversations I had with them when they asked for access and Jane Cook said she'd head down so I let them know someone was on the way and then Yolanda called back to say that the media don't get access to after hours courts so I then advised my earlier advice was wrong and they wouldn't be

able to attend so they report that we changed our mind. They also make reference to lack of security being the issue which I did say in my conversation was what I understood the issue was. None of that was provided as part of our response though.

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[Supreme Court judge faces court on assault charge,
media barred from court building
abc.net.au](http://www.abc.net.au/news/supreme-court-justice-gregory-geason-charged-with-assault-and-emotional-abuse/news-story/6301a02df299cf20e22ebaa7de118bfa)

I've also been in touch with David Killick about correcting a tweet of his which is incorrect in the details included about the way Justice Geason left court. He's put similar statements in his updated online story now too.

<https://www.themercury.com.au/news/tasmania/supreme-court-justice-gregory-geason-charged-with-assault-and-emotional-abuse/news-story/6301a02df299cf20e22ebaa7de118bfa>

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Yolanda I haven't included Magistrate Daley in this message but happy to forward it on to him if you like as I've had a couple of conversations about this with him tonight.

Thanks
Jen

Actually as I've typed this Killick has just responded with this:

Hey there. Thanks for the note. Could you suggest to the gentle folk at the Magistrates Court that one way of ensuring accurate coverage might be allowing journalists into the court complex to cover court cases. I accept that their embrace of the principles of open justice is rather shaky, but it might be worth a shot. I will correct the tweet.

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From: [Bourne, Kristy](#)
To: [Prenc, Yolanda](#); [Communications](#); [Webster, Ginna](#)
Subject: RE: Magistrates Court Geasson
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 10:23:00 AM
Attachments: [image002.jpg](#)

Thanks all. Mr Daley was keen to find out whether we could get the transcript out sooner – ie today – and I believe that Yolanda is onto that – provided that he was able to listen to it, ensure the quality was okay, and that media were reminded about bail and suppression order reporting considerations. The DCM was also keen to review lines re the decision – main issue for him was to reiterate the commitment to open justice as a priority, however, yesterday's decision was made based on the facts available at the time, an indication of suppression orders being sought etc. He was also keen to emphasise that the escorting of after-hours court attendees via Campbell Street is indeed normal practice.

I'm sure Yolanda will liaise with the DCM on the response she's preparing, so any input will be covered.

Cheers,
 KB

Kristy Bourne (she, her, hers)

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Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 10:15 AM

To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>; Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Magistrates Court Geasson

Morning everyone,

I will answer the below queries shortly and respond to you all further (just at an appointment for the next 1/2 hour).

Thanks,
 Yolanda.

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From: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

64.

Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 10:01:07 AM

To: Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>; Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>; Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Magistrates Court Geasson

Hi Josh,

The information provided to media who asked for updates last night is below for your information. It wasn't distributed as a media release just provided in response to queries on the matter.

I have forwarded your other questions to the court and will forward any further information they provide.

Regards

Jennifer

Justice Geason appeared in an out of hours sitting of the Hobart Magistrates Court Friday evening charged with one count of common assault and one count of emotional abuse.

He was granted bail with the condition to not breach the terms of the IFVO or any FVO.

The matter was adjourned to 6th February 2024 at 10am.

An application was made pursuant to Section 32 of the Family Violence Act to restrict the publication of the name of the affected person.

An audio recording of tonight's proceedings can be made available to media upon request early next week.

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On 2 Dec 2023, at 9:57 am, Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

65.

Hi,

I can provide Josh the lines we provided to those who asked for it last night.

But there are some other questions below that I don't think it covers.

Kristy I'm not sure if you and Mr Daley discussed what he was comfortable in providing on the issue of media access as I know he didn't want all of the information Yolanda had prepared past on.

Thanks

Jen

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Josh Duggan <Josh.Duggan@sca.com.au>

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Date: 2 December 2023 at 9:43:26 am AEDT

To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Cc: "Tilley, Patrick (DPaC)" <Patrick.Tilley@dpac.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Magistrates Court Geasson

Hi guys, Josh from 7 News here

We don't appear to have gotten the statement mentioned by other outlets regarding Justice Geasson's charges and the situation at the Magistrates Court last night. Can I please get a copy? Also I have these questions

- Why were media not allowed in?
- Who made the decision not to allow media in?
- Why were appropriate security arrangements to allow media in not in place?
- The hearing was held at 5:30 as opposed to 7 – why the change?
- Why was Geasson escorted to his car?
- Who was the magistrate?
- Does the magistrates court usually run protection rackets for high profile people or just judges?

Thanks! My deadline is 4pm

Josh Duggan
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Subject: FW: Information
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 1:41:00 PM
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Hi Yolanda,

I've spoken with Ginna further as to what the AG wants – just a brief BN outlining yesterday's events from the Court's perspective. Ie the Judge was charged and arrested at X with X, brought to the HRP, how the decision was made to hear the matter at 5.30pm, how he was escorted out of the Court at the conclusion of the proceedings, why media were not granted access at the time.

It doesn't need to be too detailed – the AG ideally needs it prior to 9am on Monday when Cabinet is sitting. His particular focus is on the matters that he has been charged with.

Please let me know if I can assist – I am very mindful that you've already lost a great deal of your weekend!

Don't hesitate to call if need be.

Thanks again,
 KB

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From: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 12:52 PM
To: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Information

Hi Ginna,

If it helps below is what Yolanda sent me last night in response to a request from media for a copy

of the charge sheet.
Thanks
Jen

The below is the information I'm able to provide from the system:

Charged: Gregory Peter Geason (DOB [REDACTED])
Residential suburb: Battery Point

Charge 1: Emotional Abuse or Intimidation
Relevant Act: Section 9, *Family Violence Act 2004*
Offence dates: 30/4/23 to 29/11/23
Offence location: Hobart

Charge 2: Common Assault
Relevant Act: Section 35(1) *Police Offences Act 1935*
Offence date: 31/10/23
Offence location: Battery Point

Sent from my iPhone

On 2 Dec 2023, at 12:49 pm, Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

69.

Hi Folks,

Could we please put together a brief for the AG in relation to the charges against Judge Geason? KB, I will give you a call about that shortly if that is okay.

Also, do we have the specific details of the charges – the AG is keen to understand what exactly the Judge has been charged with – Yolanda would you have this at hand?

Cheers,

Ginna

Ginna Webster (she, her, hers)

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From: [Bourne, Kristy](#)
To: ["Daly, Michael"](#); [Lee, Jennifer](#); [Prenc, Yolanda](#)
Cc: [Webster, Ginna](#)
Subject: RE: updated statement and secondary email text
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 2:29:00 PM
Attachments: [image004.jpg](#)
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Great, thanks everyone – makes very good sense.

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Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 2:27 PM
To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>; Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: RE: updated statement and secondary email text

Thank you very Jen. That looks really good.

For info:

The redrafted statement re access at the end of the release: Yolanda and I paused to reflect that we're happy to make the audio quickly available to those who were present but unable to access the building. That's a decision under the Justices Act s50A – because those persons have “a sufficient interest”. Beyond that, control of the record of proceedings will need to follow the procedures in the Justices Act s 17A and s50A (apply to the Administrator).

The danger in sending a link in the release is that it may be immediately be available to anyone at all, not only those who appear to have a sufficient interest .

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From: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 2:18 PM
To: Daly, Michael <Magistrate.Daly@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>; Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: updated statement and secondary email text

Hi,

After further discussion between Yolanda and Mr Daly and then Mr Daly and I, we have made a slight change to the approach.

An updated copy of the statement is attached, which incorporates your changes Mr Daly as well as the changes to the comments around the recording at the end. Once finalised a PDF version of this will go to our general media list via email.

I will then send a second email only to the 3 reporters who raised issues about not being able to get in last night (David Killick – Mercury, Adam Holmes – ABC and Ethan James – AAP) which will read as follows:

Further to the media statement issued from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court a few minutes ago, please see below a link to the audio proceedings from the matter of Gregory Peter Geason heard late yesterday.

Recipients of the audio should be aware that:

1. the Court made an order forbidding the publication of the name of the affected person, under the *Family Violence Act 2004*, s 32;
2. the *Justices Act 1959*, s37A governs and restricts the publication of an account of the proceedings.

Please do not forward this recording on to others. Anyone else who would like a copy of it can request access by email to the Administrator of Courts via communications@justice.tas.gov.au.

Can you just confirm you are comfortable with that approach Yolanda and Mr Daly and let me know of any last wording changes please?

Thanks

Jen

Jennifer Lee (she, her, hers)

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From: [Lee, Jennifer](#)
To: [Communications](#)
Subject: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:01:46 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Magistrates Court of Tasmania media statement 02122023.pdf](#)

74.

Good afternoon,
Please find attached a media statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court.
Kind regards
Jennifer

Jennifer Lee (she, her, hers)

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To: [Prenc, Yolanda](#)
Subject: RE: Briefing Note
Date: Sunday, 3 December 2023 5:37:00 PM
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[image002.png](#)

Thank you so much Yolanda – I really am sorry that you had to do this over the weekend. It's great.

I've made a few very minor edits, attached – pls sing out if you have any troubles with these. Otherwise I'll get a copy to Ginna for on-forwarding to the AG.

Sincere thanks again – see you tomorrow!
KB

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Sent: Sunday, 3 December 2023 5:21 PM

To: Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Briefing Note

Hi Kristy,

Draft briefing note attached. It's quite "wordy" and probably in far more detail than required, but thought best to add everything in & get your thoughts re what should stay in/come out.

Thanks so much,
Yolanda.

Yolanda Prenc (she, her, hers)

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Briefing Note for the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

Magistrates Court matter of Gregory Peter Geason/Denial of media access to the Court

Minister's notation:

PURPOSE: To inform you of the circumstances surrounding the [hearing of the matter of Gregory Peter Geason in the Magistrates Court, and the](#) decision to deny media access to the Magistrates Court ~~in the hearing of the matter of Gregory Peter Geason.~~

KEY ISSUES

- Shortly after 1pm on Friday 2 December 2023, Inspector Brenda Orr, Police Prosecution, spoke to the Administrator of Courts ("Administrator") to advise that it was likely that Gregory Peter Geason would be a custody matter later that day.
- [Mr Geason appeared on the following two charges:](#)
 - [Charge 1: Emotional Abuse or Intimidation](#)
 - [Relevant Act: Section 9, Family Violence Act 2004](#)
 - [Offence dates: 30/4/23 to 29/11/23](#)
 - [Offence location: Hobart](#)
 - [Charge 2: Common Assault](#)
 - [Relevant Act: Section 35\(1\) Police Offences Act 1935](#)
 - [Offence date: 31/10/23](#)
 - [Offence location: Battery Point](#)
- The Administrator advised the Inspector [that the](#) normal procedure would apply, specifically, if Court was still sitting, the defendant would appear before the Magistrate in Court 2 ("lock-up court"), or if late in the day, the matter would be listed in the after-hours court at 7pm before a Justice of the Peace.

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- The Acting Chief Magistrate was interstate, but was briefed about the matter and arranged for the most senior Magistrate, Magistrate Chris Webster, to sit to hear the matter if/when it progressed.
- At approximately 4.50pm Inspector Brenda Orr contacted the Administrator and advised that Police were in a position to progress the matter. At this time Magistrate Webster was concluding matters in Court 2. The only security remaining at the Court were the on-duty Security Supervisor and the Security Officer for Court 2.
- Shortly after 5pm, Magistrate Webster advised that he would hear the matter in Court 2 at 5.30pm. The two security staff who were still at the court, were assigned duties in relation to the 5.30pm listing in Court 2. A data entry officer and a court clerk also remained at the court to process the 5.30 listing.
- Police brought the defendant to court in the usual manner, via the custody corridor at 5.30pm and the matter commenced shortly thereafter.
- At around 5.50pm the Administrator was contacted by the Director, Communications advising that the media were trying to access the court for the proceedings. The Administrator denied entry on the following basis:
 - There were no security staff in the building to ensure safety and security of those entering the building. Additionally, there were no remaining court staff who could escort and assist. Further, as the matter was being heard in Court 2 and not in the confines of Court 9 where usual after-hours matters are heard, this created additional difficulty – ie access to the entire court building, as opposed to a small sectioned off court room. The matter was listed in Court 2 due to the fact that Magistrate Webster and his Court Clerk were still set up in that Court room and had only completed other “lock-up” matters around 5pm.
 - At the time of contact to the Administrator, the proceedings had been on foot for approximately 20 minutes and progressed to a bail hearing;
 - The Administrator was unaware that media do access after-hours court sittings as/when required¹;
 - A further, although not predominant consideration, was that the matter itself was an alleged family violence matter and one which the Inspector advised there would be an Application for at least one Suppression Order.
- The matter concluded at approximately 6.20pm. Police advised the Administrator that they were intending upon returning the defendant to his address and would leave through the custody corridor. The Administrator instructed that the defendant had been granted bail and needed to leave in the same way any person would leave the court. Given, the front doors were closed, the appropriate after-hours exit was Campbell Street. Police later advised that security escorted them out onto Liverpool Street, at Police request, as the police vehicle was waiting on Liverpool Street.

¹ This arrangement appears to be an ad-hoc arrangement that requires immediate consideration to ensure that any person entering the building after hours, is appropriately identified, scanned and searched to ensure safety and security for all.


- At the conclusion of the proceedings, all media outlets were advised (via DoJ Communications) of the outcome and also offered a copy of the audio of the proceedings upon request. The audio was provided on 2 December 2023. [The audio can be accessed via the following link - Magistrates Court Audio Recording 1 December 2023](#)
- It is accepted that the denial of media access to the court was an incorrect decision and accordingly a formal apology from the Administrator was communicated during the afternoon of 2 December 2023.

Yolanda Prenc
Administrator of Courts

Prepared by:	Yolanda Prenc	Cleared by:	Kristy Bourne
Position:	Administrator of Courts	Position:	Deputy Secretary, Justice and Reform
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From: [Bourne, Kristy](#)
To: [Webster, Ginna](#)
Cc: [Ministerial](#)
Subject: Briefing Note - Matter involving Gregory Geason in the Hobart Magistrates Court
Date: Sunday, 3 December 2023 5:46:00 PM
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Dear Ginna,

Please see attached Briefing Note re the hearing of the matter involving Gregory Geason in the Hobart Magistrates Court on Friday afternoon.

Pls don't hesitate to let me know if there is anything else you require this evening.

Ministerial, if you could pls save in CM, that would be fantastic (Ginna will share with the AGO this evening).

Kind regards,
KB

Kristy Bourne (she, her, hers)

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Critical Date: 4 December 2023

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Briefing Note for the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

Magistrates Court matter of Gregory Peter Geason / Denial of media access to the Court

Minister's notation:

PURPOSE: To inform you of the circumstances surrounding the hearing of the matter of Gregory Peter Geason in the Magistrates Court, and the decision to deny media access to the Magistrates Court.

KEY ISSUES

- Shortly after 1pm on Friday 2 December 2023, Inspector Brenda Orr, Police Prosecutions, spoke to the Administrator of Courts (Administrator) to advise that it was likely that Gregory Peter Geason would be a custody matter later that day.
- Mr Geason appeared on the following two charges:
 - Charge 1: Emotional Abuse or Intimidation
 - Relevant Act: Section 9, *Family Violence Act 2004*
 - Offence dates: 30/4/23 to 29/11/23
 - Offence location: Hobart
 - Charge 2: Common Assault
 - Relevant Act: Section 35(1) *Police Offences Act 1935*
 - Offence date: 31/10/23
 - Offence location: Battery Point
- The Administrator advised the Inspector that the normal procedure would apply, specifically, if Court was still sitting, the defendant would appear before the Magistrate in Court 2 ("lock-up court"), or if late in the day, the matter would be listed in the after-hours court at 7pm before a Justice of the Peace.

- The Acting Chief Magistrate was interstate, but was briefed about the matter and arranged for the most senior Magistrate, Magistrate Chris Webster, to sit to hear the matter if/when it progressed.
- At approximately 4.50pm Inspector Brenda Orr contacted the Administrator and advised that Police were in a position to progress the matter. At this time Magistrate Webster was concluding matters in Court 2. The only security remaining at the Court were the on-duty Security Supervisor and the Security Officer for Court 2.
- Shortly after 5pm, Magistrate Webster advised that he would hear the matter in Court 2 at 5.30pm. The two security staff who were still at the court, were assigned duties in relation to the 5.30pm listing in Court 2. A data entry officer and a court clerk also remained at the court to process the 5.30 listing.
- Police brought the defendant to court in the usual manner, via the custody corridor at 5.30pm and the matter commenced shortly thereafter.
- At around 5.50pm the Administrator was contacted by the Director, Communications advising that the media were trying to access the court for the proceedings. The Administrator denied entry on the following basis:
 - There were no security staff in the building to ensure safety and security of those entering the building. Additionally, there were no remaining court staff who could escort and assist. Further, as the matter was being heard in Court 2 and not in the confines of Court 9 where usual after-hours matters are heard, this created additional difficulty – ie access to the entire court building, as opposed to a small sectioned off court room. The matter was listed in Court 2 due to the fact that Magistrate Webster and his Court Clerk were still set up in that Court room and had only completed other “lock-up” matters around 5pm;
 - At the time of contact to the Administrator, the proceedings had been on foot for approximately 20 minutes and progressed to a bail hearing;
 - The Administrator was unaware that media do access after-hours court sittings as/when required¹;
 - A further, although not predominant consideration, was that the matter itself was an alleged family violence matter and one which the Inspector advised there would be an Application for at least one Suppression Order.
- The matter concluded at approximately 6.20pm. Police advised the Administrator that they were intending to return the defendant to his address and would leave through the custody corridor. The Administrator instructed that the defendant had been granted bail and needed to leave in the same way any person would leave the court. Given, the front doors were closed, the appropriate after-hours exit was Campbell Street. Police later advised that security escorted them out onto Liverpool Street, at Police request, as the police vehicle was waiting on Liverpool Street.

¹ This arrangement appears to be an ad-hoc arrangement that requires immediate consideration to ensure that any person entering the building after hours, is appropriately identified, scanned and searched to ensure safety and security for all.

- At the conclusion of the proceedings, all media outlets were advised (via DoJ Communications) of the outcome and also offered a copy of the audio of the proceedings upon request. The audio was provided on 2 December 2023. The audio can be accessed via the following link - [Magistrates Court Audio Recording 1 December 2023](#)
- It is accepted that the denial of media access to the court was an incorrect decision and accordingly a formal apology from the Administrator was communicated during the afternoon of 2 December 2023.

Yolanda Prenc
Administrator of Courts

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To: [Bourne, Kristy](#)
Subject: RE: Briefing Note
Date: Monday, 4 December 2023 7:47:08 AM
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Morning Kristy,

We'll get it sorted. Given it's a SC Judge, I'll see if I can get it arranged external to SC transcribers. I'm sure we have someone else that can do it. I'll keep you updated.

Thanks again for your support,
Yolanda.

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Subject: RE: Briefing Note

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Great, thanks Yolanda.

And again, no need to apologise – the decision made based on circumstances and I think the BN articulates that very well. And we would have been required to brief the AG regardless of the media access issue.

On another note, the AG has asked if he can get a transcript of the proceedings asap – I know this can take a little while ordinarily, but do you think we can expedite the process by seeking assistance from the team at the Supreme Court? I appreciate that this may in and of itself be difficult given the matter, but I'd appreciate your thoughts.

Thanks again,
Kristy

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Subject: Re: Briefing Note

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Thanks Kristy, very happy with it, you're great!

No issue at all working on the weekend, it goes with the job! But also, this was all my doing so I'm very sorry that so many other people have lost valuable weekend time as a result of my decision.

Thanks again for your support & input into this BN. See you tomorrow,
Yolanda.

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Subject: RE: Briefing Note

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Thank you so much Yolanda – I really am sorry that you had to do this over the weekend. It's great.

I've made a few very minor edits, attached – pls sing out if you have any troubles with these. Otherwise I'll get a copy to Ginna for on-forwarding to the AG.

Sincere thanks again – see you tomorrow!
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To: Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Briefing Note

Hi Kristy,

Draft briefing note attached. It's quite "wordy" and probably in far more detail than required, but thought best to add everything in & get your thoughts re what should stay in/come out.

Thanks so much,
Yolanda.



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Thanks all – very content with Yolanda's proposed lines; the AG has been briefed so good to go. I also think we can articulate that there was a miscommunication about the arrangements that were in place.

And happy to confirm that there will be no internal review (there is no need).

Cheers,
 KB

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Subject: RE: ABC News enquiry regarding Justice Geason's out-of-hours hearing

Thanks Yolanda,

The issue in question 5 was my fault. When I started getting calls and emails from reporters and couldn't get hold of Yolanda I spoke to Jane Cook who said she would head down to where the media were waiting so I let them know someone was on the way. Then Yolanda called me back and said that the media were not able to attend so I went back and said apologies my earlier advice was incorrect and the media are unable to enter and then it all kicked off.

Perhaps we can say it was a result of a miscommunication or misunderstanding between staff about the arrangements that were in place?

Thanks
 Jen

Jennifer Lee (she, her, hers)

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Subject: RE: ABC News enquiry regarding Justice Geason's out-of-hours hearing

Hi Kristy and James,

I also have an RTI request from ABC journalist Jano Gibson.

Kristy, I can answer most of the questions below (noted in red) as they are areas covered within the Briefing Note to the Attorney-General. My only query is about timing, given the briefing to the A-G – is it ok to provide a response prior to the A-G being briefed?

I would also like to raise the draft response below with the Chief Magistrate and Deputy Chief Magistrate. Additionally, I will need to check with Security re point 8. I'll endeavour to get the OK for release to you between 1-2pm.

Kind Regards,
Yolanda.

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Cc: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>; Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: FW: ABC News enquiry regarding Justice Geason's out-of-hours hearing

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Hi Kristy and Yolanda.

We have received the below media enquiry with a deadline of 3.00pm today.

You can see there are a number questions that have been raised relating to media's restriction to the Magistrate Court last Friday evening. There's some further questions about their access to charge sheets too.

Can we please get some advice on a response?

Kind regards,

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To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>; Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: ABC News enquiry regarding Justice Geason's out-of-hours hearing

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Hi,

I'm a journalist with ABC News.

I'm seeking further details about the decision not to allow media representatives to attend the out-of-hours court hearing at the Hobart Magistrates Court for Justice Gregory Geason on Friday evening.

I also have separate questions about why media representatives can no longer view charge sheets at court.

Can you please provide a response to the following questions as soon as possible today – preferably before 3pm if possible.

Justice Geason court hearing questions:

1. Who made the decision not to allow media into the court room? **The Administrator of Courts**
2. When was the decision made? **When the Administrator became aware that the media were seeking access, at approximately 5.50pm on Friday 1 December 2023.**
3. Why was the decision made? **The Administrator made the decision on the basis that there were no staff remaining at the court to ensure security and safety of late access to the court building and also that the proceedings were part heard at the time the issue of access was raised.**
4. In Saturday's media statement, the court administrator said it was due to "unusual and unprecedented circumstances". What were these circumstances? **The matter was heard at 5.30pm in Court 2 as a result of the Court still being operational from afternoon custody matters. This court room is not one isolated, such as the ordinary after hours court room, court 9.**
5. The ABC was told shortly after 530pm that media would be allowed inside, but then informed that no access would be allowed? Why did this happen? **The Administrator has no knowledge in respect of this information and was not aware that this had occurred.**
6. Why was Justice Geason given an out-of-hours court hearing? **Afternoon Police custody matters are routinely given out of hours hearings, at 7pm or in the afternoon custody court, if it's still convened.**
7. Why was the out-of-hours court hearing scheduled for 530pm, instead of 7pm, which is the normal practice? **See above**
8. Was Justice Geason given a security escort after his appearance? If so, why? **Yes. Bailed persons who appear after court closing time are escorted out of the building to ensure they exit safely.**
9. Is the department conducting an internal review about this matter?

Charge sheet access questions:

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1. Why are media representatives no longer allowed to view charge sheets in court? **Issues arose in respect of personal information disclosures and child complainant information**
2. Will this decision be reviewed? **The Administrator is seeking advice from the Office of the Solicitor-General.**

Thanks,

Jano

Jano Gibson
Reporter



ABC News Hobart

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I'm hoping it's not too late, but can I amend again. I would like to remove the whole part about my reasoning, amended below.

The decision to not allow media into the court building after hours, was the decision of the Administrator of Courts. As previously [stated](#), the Administrator has accepted that this was the wrong decision and has apologised accordingly. The Administrator made the decision when she learned that the media were seeking access. This occurred at 5.50pm on Friday 1 December 2023, at a time when the proceedings were underway. The Administrator had no knowledge of conflicting information being given to media about after-hours access, until after the proceedings had concluded. At the conclusion of the proceedings, the defendant was escorted by security as he was required to be let out of the building due to it being after hours.

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Sorry, can we hold again! Just on the phone, will call in a minute

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Hi Jen,

I have slightly amended the below (the underlined portion), however unfortunately I can't add anything further at this stage, but will, as soon as possible.

Thanks for all your help and patience today.

Yolanda

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Subject: Response to Media Queries

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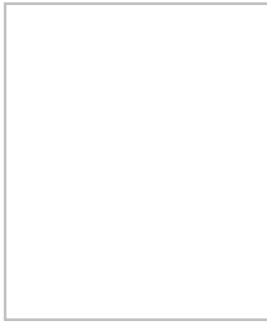
Further to our discussion, the below is my current draft response to the ABC (due at 3pm). Is there any possibility of seeking an extension, even until 5pm prior to the below being sent out?

In the short timeframe sought, the Court can provide the following response:

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Yolanda.



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Jane >

application has been received by the Court and has been referred to her for consideration

Cheers Janw

*Jane

Super thanks have a good night



You too

Fri, 1 Dec at 5:43 pm

Sorry I was on the phone to Yolanda I'll let them know they can't get in. Thanks for your help



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Yolanda >

Fri, 1 Dec at 5:37 pm

Hi Yolanda. Both police media and I are getting calls from media trying to access the court for the 5.30 matter. Can they get in? Jen

Hi Yolanda, just fyi there seems to be a view amongst the media that they routinely have access to out of hours courts so they're agitating online and premiers office

Hi Jen, I have spoken to Penny and she advised that it has occurred on occasion but not regularly and often if media arrive before court is shut. It doesn't really change my view given I've based my decision on the



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Yolanda >

Hi Jen, I have spoken to Penny and she advised that it has occurred on occasion but not regularly and often if media arrive before court is shut. It doesn't really change my view given I've based my decision on the following reasons:

No regular security to scan people and ensure that all protocols and procedures are met

Sensitivity of the matter (family violence) - police indicated they will be making a suppression order

Offered an update plus transcript and audio to follow the proceedings



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Yolanda >

I had flagged all of this with Kristy this afternoon around 3 and she was content with me view

Thanks Yolanda. Kristy hadn't passed any of that on to our team. Both the ABC and Mercury have flagged they will follow it up next week so I suspect we will have to provide some more formal advice in response. Thanks for all your help

All good Jen, the obligation was on me to have let you know all that. I'm writing something formally to you now in an email and I will put some suggested lines for a response in there too



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Thanks Yolanda. Hopefully we'll get to start the weekend soon!

❤️ to 'Thanks Yolanda. Hopefully we'll get to start the weekend soon!'

Bailed to appear 6/2 before Deputy Chief Magistrate Daly 945 am. Suppression order on complainants name.

Thanks for that. I'll put some



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Yolanda >

Thanks for that. I'll put some lines in an email and run them past you, Kristy and Ginna

Fri, 1 Dec at 7:57 pm



@DavidJKillick

The Mercury understands Supreme Court Justice Gregory Geason has appeared before a magistrate charged with criminal offences. The media was locked out of the court complex. We have no official confirmation of the charges, the plea, or any future court date. [#politas](#)

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David Killick @DavidJKillick · 26m

It is highly unusual for proceedings to be held in a locked court complex. It is also highly unusual for an accused person to be escorted out of a staff carpark by security offices.

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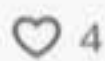
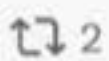
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David Killick @DavidJKillick · 26m



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Hi Jen, I'm not sure what time we got the outcome to the media, but hoping it was before Killicks tweet attached. Also, the second tweet is blatantly untrue - security were directed to take him out Campbell St, but he in fact went out the front entrance onto Liverpool St as Police were waiting there to collect him and drive him home



Text Message





Yolanda >

Hi, the email went out at 7.23 and I think his tweet was at 7.10 so just before our update. I notice he hasn't bothered to update either here or in his online story on the Mercury website.

Can we ask him to retract the car park statement as it's incorrect. He was escorted by Police and security out the front door onto Liverpool St to a waiting police car to transport him home

I'll check with the GMO if they are happy for me to raise it with him. Leave it with me

I realise it's a big ask given



Text Message





Yolanda >

I realise it's a big ask given the circumstances, but didn't think he would want something factually incorrect published

Also, confirming that we can make audio available tomorrow morning, prior to midday. The Deputy Chief Magistrate asked me to let you know

That's great thanks. Thanks for all your help today

And to you also, you do an amazing job in what is obviously very stressful circumstances

Fri, 1 Dec at 9:21 pm



Text Message



From: [Communications](#)
To: [DPFEM Media & Public Comms \(DPFEM\)](#)
Cc: [Communications](#)
Subject: RE: Geason
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 3:08:36 PM

Thanks for the heads up Mel.

Cheers
Ange

From: DPFEM Media & Public Comms <media@dpfem.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 1 December 2023 3:08 PM
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Geason

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Thanks Mel

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The man has been charged with one count of common assault as well as one count of emotional abuse.

It's expected that the man will appear in an out of hours hearing of the Hobart Magistrates Court this evening.

Thanks Mel

From: Killick, David <david.killick@news.com.au>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 1:49 PM
To: DPFEM Media & Public Comms <media@dpfem.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Geason

99.

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Regards,

David.

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From: [Lee, Jennifer](#)
To: [Communications](#)
Subject: Update from out of hours court sitting
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 7:23:28 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Good evening,

Please see below an update on the matter heard in the afterhours court this evening:

Justice Geason appeared in an out of hours sitting of the Hobart Magistrates Court this evening charged with one count of common assault and one count of emotional abuse. He was granted bail with the condition to not breach the terms of the IFVO or any FVO.

The matter was adjourned to 6th February 2024 at 10am.

An application was made pursuant to Section 32 of the Family Violence Act to restrict the publication of the name of the affected person.

An audio recording of tonight's proceedings can be made available to media upon request early next week.

Kind regards

Jennifer

Jennifer Lee (she, her, hers)

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From: [DPFEM Media & Public Comms](#)
To: [Communications](#)
Subject: RE: Geason
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 3:33:57 PM

Thanks Jen! Court should be tonight

Cheers M

102.

From: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 3:32 PM
To: DPFEM Media & Public Comms <media@dpfem.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Geason

Thanks Mel,
I'm on call this weekend if you need anything on this after 5.
It always happens in Friday doesn't it!!
Thanks
Jen

Sent from my iPhone

103.

On 1 Dec 2023, at 3:07 pm, DPFEM Media & Public Comms
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To: [Communications](#); [Lee, Jennifer](#); [Bourne, Kristy](#)
Subject: Geason J
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 3:58:40 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

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To: [Webster, Ginna](#)
Cc: [Communications](#)
Subject: FW: Geason J
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 4:02:15 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

106.

FYI

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To: [Communications](#)
Subject: RE: Geason J
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 4:07:02 PM
Attachments: [image003.jpg](#)
[image001.jpg](#)

108.

Thanks Jen, yes I agree with that.

Ginna Webster (she, her, hers)

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To: [Communications](#)
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 4:07:58 PM

Hi

Can you confirm the 62-year-old man charged with assault and intimidation is Justice Geason as the Mercury is reporting?

Thanks

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From: [Communications](#)
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Cc: [Communications](#)
Subject: FW:
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 4:11:11 PM

112.

Hi Ginna

We've just received our first query.

Normally we would respond that this is a matter for Tas Police. How would you like me to respond?

Thanks
Ange

From: Helen Kempton <helen.kempton@ austcommunitymedia.com.au>
Sent: Friday, 1 December 2023 4:08 PM
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Subject:

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From: [Communications](#)
To: [DPFEM Media & Public Comms \(DPFEM\)](#)
Cc: [Communications](#)
Subject: FW: Geason
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 4:16:57 PM

Hi team

A heads up that we will be responding to Helen that this is a matter for Tas Police.

Thanks

Ange

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From: [Communications](#)
To: [Helen Kempton](#)
Cc: [Communications](#)
Subject: RE:
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 4:17:08 PM

Hi Helen

This is a matter for Tas Police. They can be contacted at media@dpfem.tas.gov.au

Kind regards
 Angela

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Subject: RE: Geason
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 4:17:55 PM

Thanks – she has already come to us and we have provided advice that to name up a person before they have appeared in court is at their own risk

Cheers Mel

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Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 4:17 PM
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Cc: Communications (DoJ) <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
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To: [Ikedife, Penelope](#); [Communications](#); [Lee, Jennifer](#)
Subject: RE: Geason J
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 4:23:32 PM
Attachments: [image004.jpg](#)
[image001.jpg](#)

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Kristy

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Subject: RE: Mercury article
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Attachments: [image002.jpg](#)

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Ginna Webster (she, her, hers)

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Subject: Mercury article

Please see attached.

Kind regards

Ange

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Subject: Re: Geason J
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 4:25:14 PM
Attachments: [image004.jpg](#)
[image001.jpg](#)

125.

Hi Kristy,

Thanks, that's fine by me.

Regards,

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Sent: Friday, 1 December 2023 3:59 PM

To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>; Lee, Jennifer
<Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Geason J

Hi Jen,

Subject to the usual approvals, the Court's line on whether Justice Geason is still on leave is:

An arrangement was made several weeks ago that Geason J would not sit until further notice. That arrangement is still in force. The Court is awaiting developments.

Having spoken to the Chief Justice he is clear that we (the Court) should not be saying this is a matter for the Attorney-General because of the implications that may create.

Regards,

Penelope Ikedife

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To: [Communications](#)
Subject: RE:
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Thanks Ange, yes as discussed that is the appropriate response

Ginna Webster (she, her, hers)

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Subject: FW:

Hi Ginna

We've just received our first query.

Normally we would respond that this is a matter for Tas Police. How would you like me to respond?

Thanks

Ange

From: Helen Kempton <helen.kempton@austcommunitymedia.com.au>
Sent: Friday, 1 December 2023 4:08 PM
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject:

Hi

Can you confirm the 62-year-old man charged with assault and intimidation is Justice Geason as the Mercury is reporting?

Thanks

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Helen Kempton

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Hi Jen,

I have no firsthand information at all. I would think Yolanda would be the best person to confirm whether a complaint has been filed. Alternatively, obviously Police would know if he has been charged.

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To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

Thanks, James. I'll need to file before 5pm.

On Tue, 21 Nov 2023 at 14:29, Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

138.

Hi Matt.

We have sent this one over to the Supreme Court to see if they can provide comment. We will come back as soon as we have their response. Is there a deadline you're working towards?

Thanks

James

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Sent: Tuesday, 21 November 2023 2:13 PM

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Subject: Justice Geason - new inquiry

Hi again comms team,

Due to information received, I need to ask: has Justice Geason been charged with a criminal offence or has he or the chief justice been informed he is to be so charged?

Many thanks, Matt.

On Wed, 8 Nov 2023 at 12:18, Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

140.

Hi Matt.

We have followed up with the Supreme Court. Their response is below.

Cheers

James

The Court needs to wait until more is known about the likely length of Justice Geason's leave. When more information is available about that aspect of the situation, the Chief Justice will be in a better position to determine appropriate action in relation to any reserved decisions.

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>

141.

Sent: Wednesday, 8 November 2023 9:51 AM

To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: questions for the Supreme Court

Thanks for the below.

I am taking the latest response to mean that the chief justice may decide that Justice Geason should continue to be involved in these reserved decisions, if necessary to avoid unreasonable delays.

If this is not the case, pls respond urgently, as I intend to file a story this afternoon.

Cheers, Matt.

On Tue, 7 Nov 2023 at 15:46, Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

142.

Hi Matt

The below response can be attributed to a Department of Justice spokesperson:

If it appears that an unreasonable delay may arise in the finalisation of matters before the Full Court and Court of Criminal Appeal, the Chief Justice will consider what action is appropriate.

Kind regards

Angela

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 7 November 2023 10:38 AM
To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: questions for the Supreme Court

Thanks, Jennifer.

Keen to clarify what this means: *"Depending on developments, decisions will be made on a case by case basis about the disposition of Full Court and Court of Criminal Appeal matters with reserved decisions."*

Does it mean Justice Geason may work on some reserved judgements in these matters while on leave? Some but not others? How will that be determined?

Cheers, Matt.

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Cc: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Hi Matthew,

I understand you sent some questions to the Supreme Court earlier today regarding Justice Geason. A response to those, to be attributed to the Department of Justice, is as follows:

The Supreme Court is reviewing matters that have been listed before Justice Geason and will reallocate them as appropriate, and adjourn them if necessary. Depending on developments, decisions will be made on a case by case basis about the disposition of Full Court and Court of Criminal Appeal matters with reserved decisions.

How many matters are before Justice Geason currently?

There are a number of criminal matters listed over the next two weeks, as well as civil matters for the sittings commencing 20 November. Some are very short listings of 10 or 15 minutes, and others are more substantial.

Has Justice Geason accepted the request to take leave and what is his status?

Justice Geason is on leave at present.

Did the chief justice regard his meeting with the Attorney-General to discuss the situation as appropriate, given Mr Barnett is involved in a matter currently before a full bench including Justice Geason?

The Chief Justice and the Attorney-General meet from time to time to discuss matters relating to the administration of justice.


Kind regards
Jennifer

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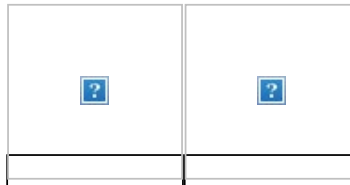
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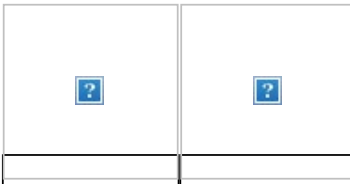
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145.

Hi again,

Matter is before the court at 5.30...

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Thanks,

I have double checked with DPFEM that he has been charged. They said they have already spoken to Matt and a couple of other reporters and let them know that they are taking a risk naming someone before they appear in Court.

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Sorry, and I agree with the proposed wording below.

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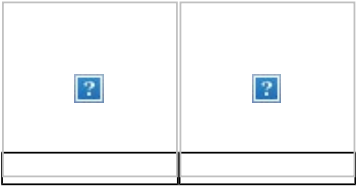
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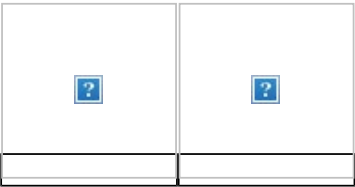
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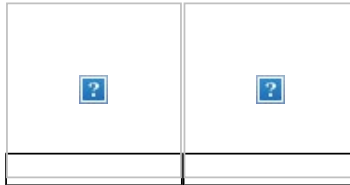
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To: [Communications](#)
Subject: URGENT - After hours court
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 5:36:08 PM

Hello,

We are waiting to be admitted to after hours court in Hobart for a matter that starts at 5.30pm

The door on Campbell St is locked

I request to be admitted as per Open Courts.

Adam

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To: [Communications](#); [Bourne, Kristy](#)
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Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 6:08:03 PM

163.

Thanks everyone.

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Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 5:34:48 PM
To: Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Ikedife, Penelope <Penelope.Ikedife@supremecourt.tas.gov.au>; Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>
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164.

Thanks Kristy, Yolanda is going to let me know the outcome so I'll pass it on to you all and hold off on any lines until after that.

Safe travels

J

Sent from my iPhone

On 1 Dec 2023, at 5:27 pm, Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

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Hi again,

Matter is before the court at 5.30...

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Regards,

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From: [Bourne, Kristy](#)
To: [Webster, Ginna](#); [Communications](#)
Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 6:29:51 PM

Hi again all.

I note that David Killick is tweeting about the media not being allowed into the court - this is normal practise for after hours courts. Yolanda is putting together some lines if needed.

Cheers,
 Kristy

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183.

From: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 6:08:00 PM
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Ikedife, Penelope <Penelope.Ikedife@supremecourt.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

Thanks everyone.

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From: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 5:34:48 PM
To: Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Ikedife, Penelope <Penelope.Ikedife@supremecourt.tas.gov.au>; Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

Thanks Kristy, Yolanda is going to let me know the outcome so I'll pass it on to you all and hold off on any lines until after that.

Safe travels
 J

Sent from my iPhone

185.

On 1 Dec 2023, at 5:27 pm, Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

Hi again,

Matter is before the court at 5.30...

KB

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186.

From: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 5:21:41 PM

To: Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>; Ikedife, Penelope <Penelope.Ikedife@supremecourt.tas.gov.au>; Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Justice Geason - new inquiry

Thanks,

I have double checked with DPFEM that he has been charged. They said they have already spoken to Matt and a couple of other reporters and let them know that they are taking a risk naming someone before they appear in Court.

In that case is it better if we say as the matter will be before the Court rather than is? Or I can hold off on responding until after he appears.

Thanks

Jen

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Sent: Friday, 1 December 2023 5:15 PM
To: Ikedife, Penelope <Penelope.Ikedife@supremecourt.tas.gov.au>; Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

187.

Thanks all. Very happy with that approach.

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Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 5:14:05 PM
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

188.

Sorry, and I agree with the proposed wording below.

Regards,

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From: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 5:06:38 PM
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Cc: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Justice Geason - new inquiry

189.

Hi,
In terms of this one, do we know definitely that the charges have been laid yet? If so we can just say as the matter is before the Magistrates Court it is not appropriate to make any comment.
Are you ok with that please?
Thanks
Jen

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From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>
Sent: Friday, 1 December 2023 4:48 PM
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

190.

Justice Geason has now been charged with criminal offences. Any comment from the Dept/court/chief justice? Thanks,

On Tue, 21 Nov 2023 at 16:14, Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

191.

Hi Matt.

We understand that Tasmania Police have provided you a response this afternoon,

which answers your enquiry.
The Department of Justice will not be providing any further comment.
Thanks
James

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 21 November 2023 3:28 PM
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

192.

Thanks, James. I would like to ask the question of the chief justice/dept all the same, as the police will be constrained as to what they can say.

On Tue, 21 Nov 2023 at 15:08, Communications
<Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

193.

Hi again Matt. I have just been advised that this enquiry should go to Tasmania Police for comment. As such can you please forward to media@dpfem.tas.gov.au and the team will be able to provide you with a response.
Thanks
James

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 21 November 2023 2:33 PM
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

194.

Thanks, James. I'll need to file before 5pm.

On Tue, 21 Nov 2023 at 14:29, Communications
<Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

195.

Hi Matt.
We have sent this one over to the Supreme Court to see if they can provide comment. We will come back as soon as we have their response. Is there a deadline you're working towards?
Thanks
James

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 21 November 2023 2:13 PM
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Justice Geason - new inquiry

196.

Hi again comms team,

Due to information received, I need to ask: has Justice Geason been charged with a criminal offence or has he or the chief justice been informed he is to be so charged?

Many thanks, Matt.

On Wed, 8 Nov 2023 at 12:18, Communications

197.

<Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

Hi Matt.

We have followed up with the Supreme Court. Their response is below.

Cheers

James

The Court needs to wait until more is known about the likely length of Justice Geason's leave. When more information is available about that aspect of the situation, the Chief Justice will be in a better position to determine appropriate action in relation to any reserved decisions.

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>

198.

Sent: Wednesday, 8 November 2023 9:51 AM

To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: questions for the Supreme Court

Thanks for the below.

I am taking the latest response to mean that the chief justice may decide that Justice Geason should continue to be involved in these reserved decisions, if necessary to avoid unreasonable delays.

If this is not the case, pls respond urgently, as I intend to file a story this afternoon.

Cheers, Matt.

On Tue, 7 Nov 2023 at 15:46, Communications

199.

<Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

Hi Matt

The below response can be attributed to a Department of Justice spokesperson:

If it appears that an unreasonable delay may arise in the finalisation of matters before the Full Court and Court of Criminal Appeal, the Chief Justice will consider what action is appropriate.

Kind regards

Angela

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>

200.

Sent: Tuesday, 7 November 2023 10:38 AM

To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>

Cc: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: questions for the Supreme Court

Thanks, Jennifer.

Keen to clarify what this means: *"Depending on developments, decisions will be made on a case by case basis about the*

disposition of Full Court and Court of Criminal Appeal matters with reserved decisions."

Does it mean Justice Geason may work on some reserved judgements in these matters while on leave? Some but not others? How will that be determined?

Cheers, Matt.

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From: **Lee, Jennifer** <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>

Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2023 at 17:42

Subject: questions for the Supreme Court

To: matthew.denholm@news.com.au <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>

Cc: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Hi Matthew,

I understand you sent some questions to the Supreme Court earlier today regarding Justice Geason. A response to those, to be attributed to the Department of Justice, is as follows:

The Supreme Court is reviewing matters that have been listed before Justice Geason and will reallocate them as appropriate, and adjourn them if necessary. Depending on developments, decisions will be made on a case by case basis about the disposition of Full Court and Court of Criminal Appeal matters with reserved decisions.

How many matters are before Justice Geason currently?

There are a number of criminal matters listed over the next two weeks, as well as civil matters for the sittings commencing 20 November. Some are very short listings of 10 or 15 minutes, and others are more substantial.

Has Justice Geason accepted the request to take leave and what is his status?

Justice Geason is on leave at present.

Did the chief justice regard his meeting with the Attorney-General to discuss the situation as appropriate, given Mr Barnett is involved in a matter currently before a full bench including Justice Geason?

The Chief Justice and the Attorney-General meet from time to time to discuss matters relating to the administration of justice.

Kind regards
Jennifer

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To: [Communications](#)
Subject: Sky News commentary request - Justice Gregory Geason charged
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 8:50:32 PM
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Evening,

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Thanks,

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Hi Jennifer,

Just confirming IFVO here refers to an interlocutory family violence order?

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Subject: RE: Sky News commentary request - Justice Gregory Geason charged

220.

Hello Heloise,

Please see below the statement that was provided to media on the matter earlier this evening:

Justice Geason appeared in an out of hours sitting of the Hobart Magistrates Court this evening charged with one count of common assault and one count of emotional abuse.

He was granted bail with the condition to not breach the terms of the IFVO or any FVO.

The matter was adjourned to 6th February 2024 at 10am.

An application was made pursuant to Section 32 of the Family Violence Act to restrict the publication of the name of the affected person.

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Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 9:27:58 PM
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Thanks Jen, it was always going to be a story with high media interest and we were dealing with an unprecedented situation.

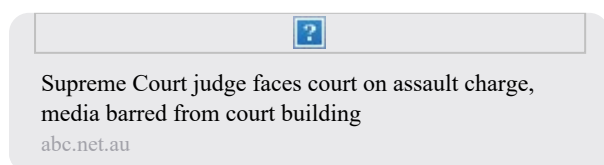
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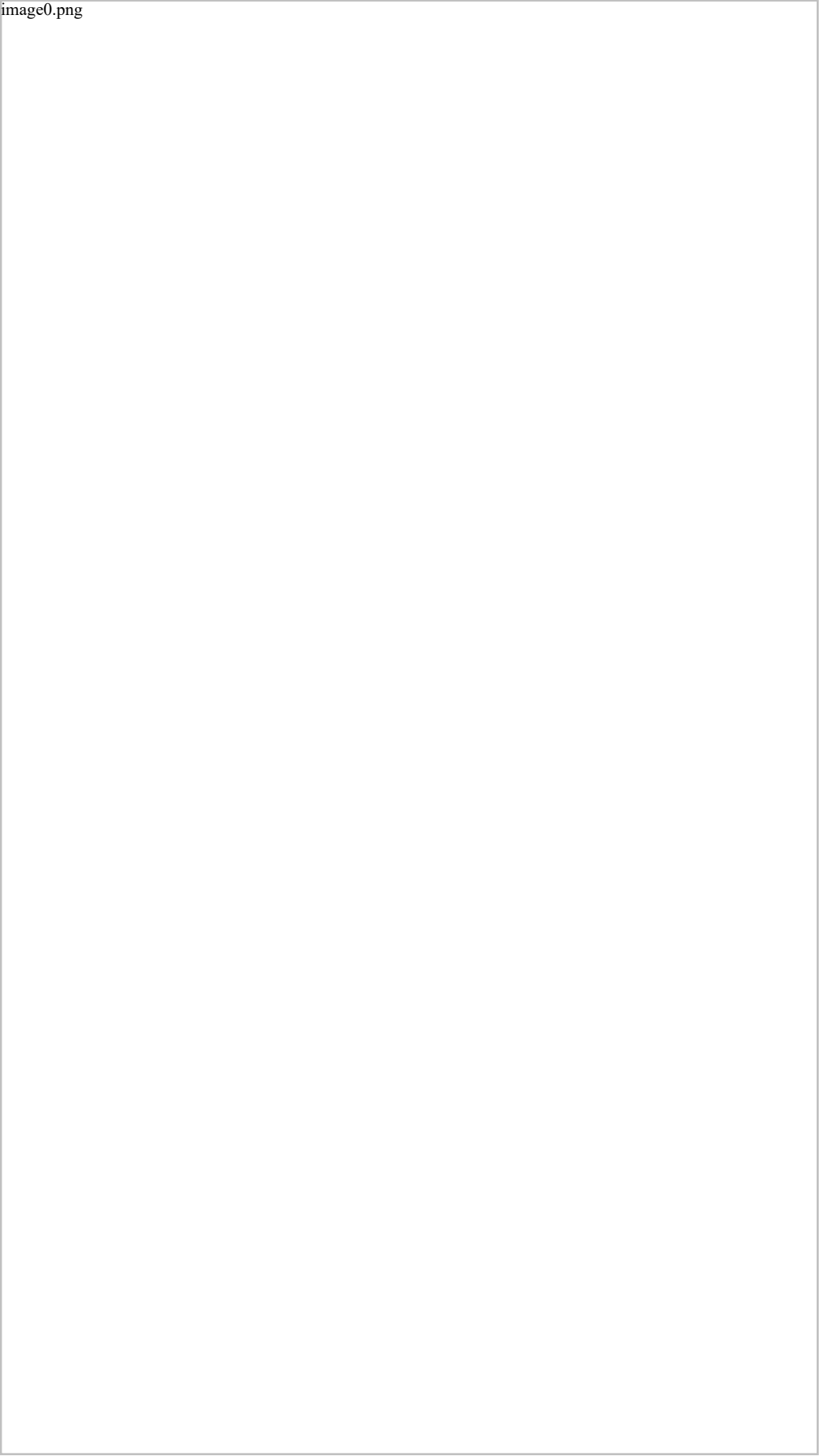


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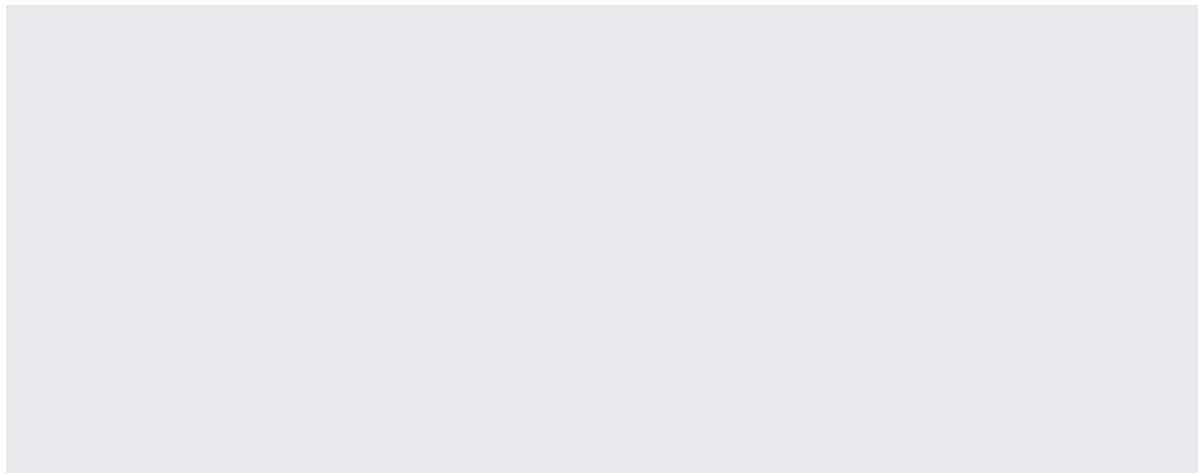
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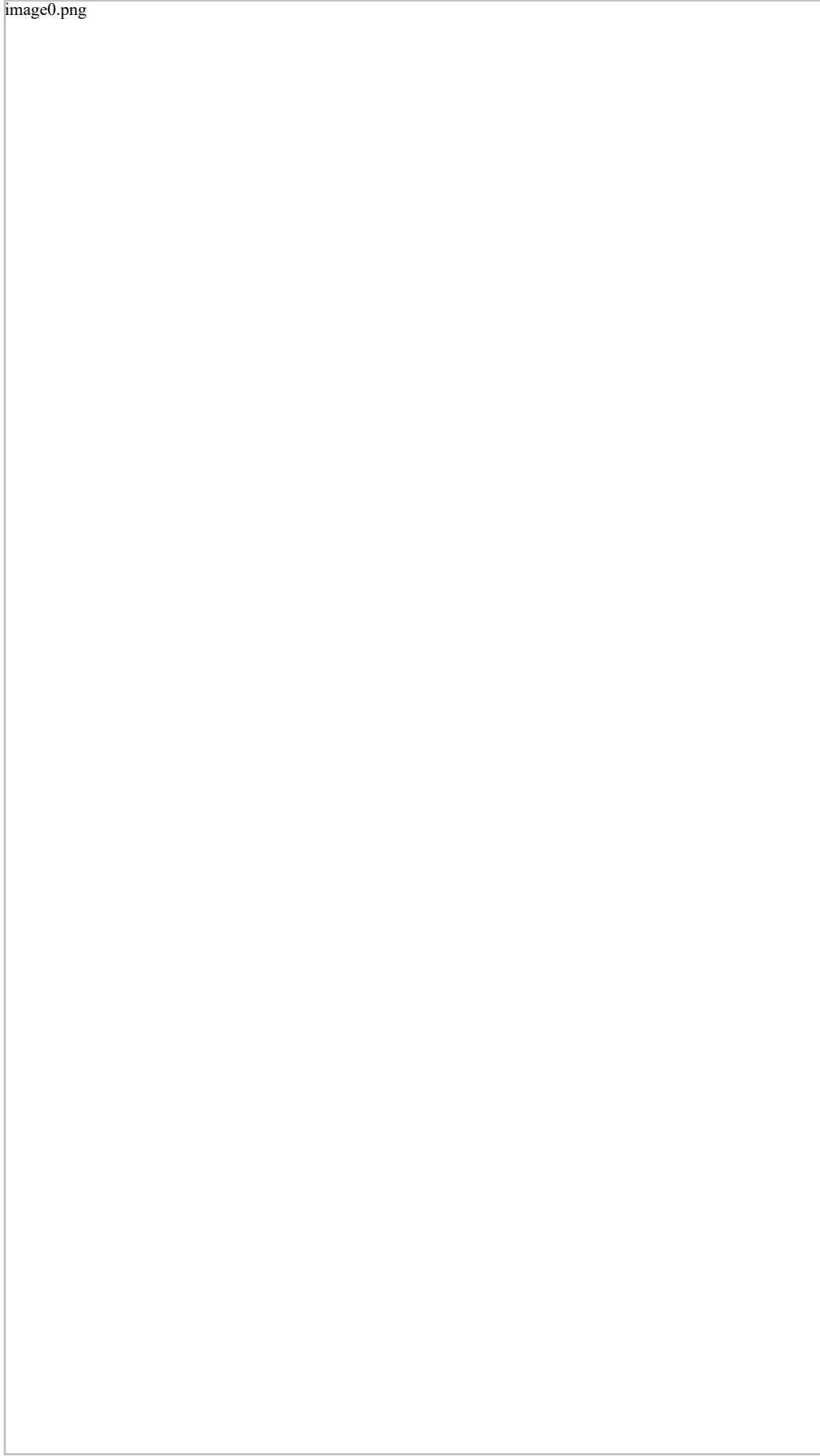
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239.

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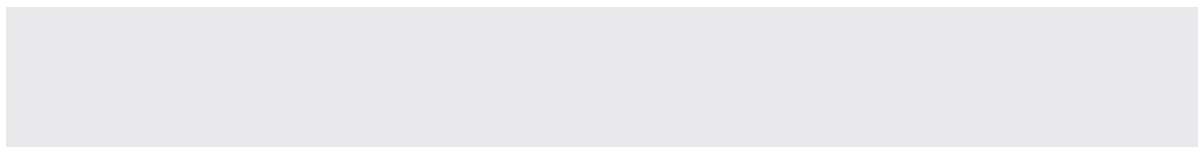
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To: [Communications](#)
Subject: NewsWire - Tasmanian Department of Justice statement regarding Arrest of Supreme Court Judge
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 7:52:03 AM

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Hi there,

I hope you are well.

In light of reports this morning regarding the arrest and subsequent charges laid for Justice Gregory Geason, I was wondering if the Tasmanian Department of Justice had a statement regarding the situation available for the media?

If I need to provide any further details in my inquiry let me know.

Kind regards

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To: [Communications](#); [Webster, Ginna](#)
Cc: [Lee, Jennifer](#); [Ikedife, Penelope](#)
Subject: RE: Justice Geason
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 9:21:56 AM
Attachments: [image003.jpg](#)

Morning all,

Yep, happy to leave as is thanks Jen.

Thanks again.

Cheers,

KB

Kristy Bourne (she, her, hers)

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Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 9:19 AM
To: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>; Ikedife, Penelope <Penelope.Ikedife@supremecourt.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Justice Geason

252.

Thanks Penny, happy to take your advice on that one.

We'll see what Kristy says.

Thanks

Jen

Sent from my iPhone

On 2 Dec 2023, at 9:12 am, Webster, Ginna
 <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

253.

Yes all good from me Jen
 Ginna Webster

On 2 Dec 2023, at 9:00 am, Lee, Jennifer
<Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

Morning,

We've had a media query already this morning. Are you ok if I send these lines from our end we may want to add something about it remaining in place until the matters are resolved? they've also contacted the gmo so they can deal with the ones for the AG.

Thanks

Jen

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From: "Bailey, Susan" <susan.bailey@news.com.au>
Date: 2 December 2023 at 8:54:12 am AEDT
To: "Lee, Jennifer" <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Justice Geason

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From: [Josh Duggan](#)
To: [Communications](#)
Cc: [Tilley, Patrick \(DPaC\)](#)
Subject: Magistrates Court Geasson
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 9:43:27 AM

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From: [Prenc, Yolanda](#)
To: [Communications](#); [Bourne, Kristy](#); [Webster, Ginna](#)
Subject: Re: Magistrates Court Geasson
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 10:15:30 AM

Morning everyone,

I will answer the below queries shortly and respond to you all further (just at an appointment for the next 1/2 hour).

Thanks,
Yolanda.

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From: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 10:01:07 AM
To: Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>; Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>; Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>
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Cc: [Prenc, Yolanda](#); [Communications](#)
Subject: Re: Magistrates Court Geasson
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 10:39:00 AM
Attachments: [image002.jpg](#)

Thanks everyone
 Ginna Webster

262.

On 2 Dec 2023, at 10:23 am, Bourne, Kristy
 <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

Thanks all. Mr Daley was keen to find out whether we could get the transcript out sooner – ie today – and I believe that Yolanda is onto that – provided that he was able to listen to it, ensure the quality was okay, and that media were reminded about bail and suppression order reporting considerations. The DCM was also keen to review lines re the decision – main issue for him was to reiterate the commitment to open justice as a priority, however, yesterday's decision was made based on the facts available at the time, an indication of suppression orders being sought etc. He was also keen to emphasise that the escorting of after-hours court attendees via Campbell Street is indeed normal practice.

I'm sure Yolanda will liaise with the DCM on the response she's preparing, so any input will be covered.

Cheers,
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From: [Bailey, Susan](#)
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Subject: Fwd: Justice Geason
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 10:53:20 AM

267.

Please see below in case Jen is not working - many thanks sue

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From: **Bailey, Susan** <susan.bailey@news.com.au>
Date: Sat, 2 Dec 2023 at 08:53
Subject: Justice Geason
To: Lee, Jennifer <jennifer.lee@justice.tas.gov.au>

268.

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From: [Lee, Jennifer](#)
To: [Bailey, Susan](#)
Cc: [Communications](#)
Subject: Re: Justice Geason
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 11:10:57 AM

Hi Sue,

A response to your questions that can be attributed to the Supreme Court is as follows:

An arrangement was made several weeks ago that Geason J would not sit until further notice. That arrangement is still in place.

I believe the Attorney's office are looking at the questions you sent to him.

Kind regards
Jennifer

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To: [Lee, Jennifer](#)
Cc: [Communications](#)
Subject: Playlist - Audio recording
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 1:07:43 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
Importance: High

Hi Jen

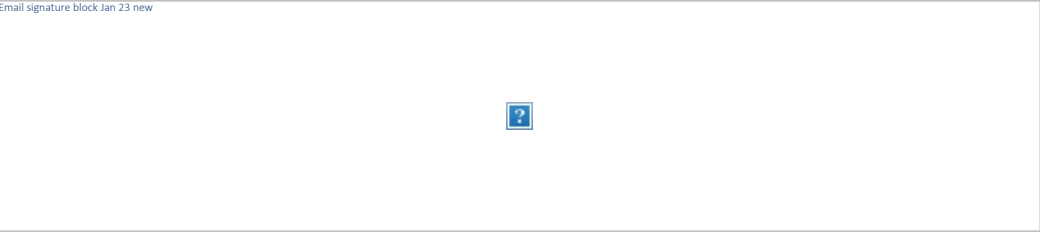
The link to the Soundcloud playlist is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I've set it to private so it can only be accessed from the above link. Let me know if you want this changed to public.

Cheers
Ange

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From: [Lee, Jennifer](#)
To: [Mignot, Amber \(DPaC\)](#); [Tilley, Patrick \(DPaC\)](#)
Cc: [Communications](#)
Subject: statement from the Court
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 2:37:25 PM
Attachments: [Magistrates Court of Tasmania media statement v2.docx](#)
[image001.jpg](#)

273.

Hi Amber and Pat,

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[REDACTED]

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Can you let me know of any issues from your end asap please?

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Subject: RE: statement from the Court
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 2:57:20 PM
Attachments: [image002.jpg](#)
[image003.jpg](#)
[image004.jpg](#)

Hi Jen,

All good from our end – thank you very much, okay to issue.

Will leave it in your hands.

Thanks

Pat

Patrick Tilley

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Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 2:37 PM
To: Mignot, Amber <Amber.Mignot@dpac.tas.gov.au>; Tilley, Patrick <Patrick.Tilley@dpac.tas.gov.au>
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To: [Tilley, Patrick \(DPaC\)](#); [Mignot, Amber \(DPaC\)](#)
Cc: [Communications](#)
Subject: RE: statement from the Court
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 2:59:22 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.jpg](#)
[image003.jpg](#)

Thanks Pat, I'll get it out now
Cheers
Jen

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From: Tilley, Patrick <Patrick.Tilley@dpac.tas.gov.au>
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To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>; Mignot, Amber (DPaC) <Amber.Mignot@dpac.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: RE: statement from the Court

Hi Jen,

All good from our end – thank you very much, okay to issue.

Will leave it in your hands.

Thanks
Pat

Patrick Tilley

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Cc: Communications (DoJ) <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: statement from the Court

278.

Hi Amber and Pat,
FYI attached is a copy of the statement from the court that I will send to media outlets shortly.

I will then send a second email only to the 3 reporters who raised issues about not being able to get in last night (David Killick – Mercury, Adam Holmes – ABC and Ethan James – AAP) which will read as follows:

Further to the media statement issued from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court a few minutes ago, please see below a link to the audio proceedings from the matter of Gregory Peter Geason heard late yesterday.

[REDACTED]

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The Court do not just want to broadcast the recording so would like to only provide it upon request rather than include a link in the media statement.

Can you let me know of any issues from your end asap please?

Thanks

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From: [Pulse Hobart](#)
To: [Lee, Jennifer](#); [Communications](#)
Subject: Re: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:04:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Outlook-bgbhyoog.png](#)

279.

Hi Jennifer,

Could we please receive a copy of the audio recording.

Regards,

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From: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: 02 December 2023 15:01
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court

280.

Good afternoon,

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Kind regards

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From: [Duncan Murray](#)
To: [Communications](#)
Subject: AAP
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:07:25 PM

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Hi,

Can I please get a copy of the recording of Justice Geason's hearing?

Thanks very much,

Duncan

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Duncan Murray | Journalist



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From: [Webster, Ginna](#)
To: [Lee, Jennifer](#); [Communications](#)
Subject: RE: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:09:45 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image004.jpg](#)

282.

Thanks for all your work on this Jen, much appreciated.

Ginna Webster (she, her, hers)

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From: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:02 PM
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court

283.

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From: [Augustine, Judy](#)
To: [Communications](#)
Subject: The Mercury: Magistrates court audio recording
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:13:09 PM

Good afternoon,

May we please have the audio recording of Justice Gregory Geason's court appearance in the Magistrates Court last night?

Thank you,

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JUDY AUGUSTINE

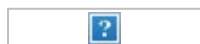
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From: [Josh Duggan](#)
To: [Communications](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Magistrates Court Geasson
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:24:50 PM
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 Josh

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From: Josh Duggan <Josh.Duggan@sca.com.au>
Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 9:43 AM
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

287.

Cc: Tilley, Patrick (DPaC) <Patrick.Tilley@dpac.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Magistrates Court Geasson

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Thanks! My deadline is 4pm

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From: [Helen Kempton](#)
To: [Communications](#)
Subject: Advocate newspaper enquiry
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:27:10 PM

Hi

Hoping to get a recording of Justice Geason's court appearance on Friday please.

Thanks

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Helen Kempton

Journalist

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From: [Isabella Podwinski](#)
To: [Communications](#)
Subject: Request for proceedings audio
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:35:23 PM

289.

Good afternoon,

my name is Isabella Podwinski, I'm a reporter with ABC News in Hobart.

I was wondering if I could please receive the audio recording of Justice Geason's proceedings from Friday afternoon, on behalf of the ABC.

Thanks,
Isabella



Isabella Podwinski
Multiplatform reporter
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From: [Josh Duggan](#)
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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Magistrates Court Geasson
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:44:17 PM
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290.

Hi Jennifer

John Hunt was there for us- apologies for missing the contact stuff, and thanks for sending that through Josh

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Hi Josh,

We didn't have any contact from any of your reporters last night. Who was there? I provided it to all those who had contacted us last night.

Apologies I thought I had sent you the lines from last night earlier this morning, but I can see now they haven't gone through. They are copied below now.

Justice Geason appeared in an out of hours sitting of the Hobart Magistrates Court this evening charged with one count of common assault and one count of emotional abuse.

He was granted bail with the condition to not breach the terms of the IFVO or any FVO.

The matter was adjourned to 6th February 2024 at 10am.

An application was made pursuant to Section 32 of the Family Violence Act to restrict the publication of the name of the affected person.

An audio recording of tonight's proceedings can be made available to media upon request early next week.

You should also have received the statement from the Court a few minutes ago.

Apologies for the delay in responding

Jennifer

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From: [Alex Johnston](#)
To: [Communications](#)
Subject: Re: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:45:41 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Good afternoon,

Can I please request a copy of the audio recording.

Kind regards, Alex

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From: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 3:01:31 PM
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court

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To: [Duncan Murray](#)
Cc: [Communications](#)
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Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 4:02:38 PM
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Good afternoon Duncan,

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To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: AAP

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Hi,

Can I please get a copy of the recording of Justice Geason's hearing?

Thanks very much,

Duncan

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To: [Pulse Hobart](#)
Cc: [Communications](#)
Subject: RE: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 4:02:23 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.png](#)

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Regards
Jennifer

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From: Pulse Hobart <hobart@pulsemg.com.au>
Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:04 PM
To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>; Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court

300.

Hi Jennifer,

Could we please receive a copy of the audio recording.

Regards,

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From: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: 02 December 2023 15:01
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court

301.

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From: [Communications](#)
To: [Helen Kempton](#)
Cc: [Communications](#)
Subject: RE: Advocate newspaper enquiry
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 4:03:11 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

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Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:27 PM
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Advocate newspaper enquiry

Hi

Hoping to get a recording of Justice Geason's court appearance on Friday please.

Thanks

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Helen Kempton

Journalist

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To: [Communications](#)
Subject: Re: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 4:21:01 PM
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305.

From: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 3:46:16 PM
To: Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court

And a 6th one

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From: Alex Johnston <johnstona@winnetwork.com.au>
Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:45 PM
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court

Good afternoon,

Can I please request a copy of the audio recording.

Kind regards, Alex

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Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 3:01:31 PM

To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court

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Kind regards

Jennifer

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To: [Josh Duggan](#)
Cc: [Communications](#)
Subject: RE: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 5:09:45 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Hi Josh,
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Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 4:27 PM

To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court

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Thanks

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To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court

310.

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Subject: Hi. Can you tell me who the magistrate was who heard Justice Geason's case? Thanks
Date: Sunday, 3 December 2023 9:50:04 AM

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To: [Communications](#)
Subject: Re: Hi. Can you tell me who the magistrate was who heard Justice Geason's case? Thanks
Date: Sunday, 3 December 2023 10:31:40 AM

312.

Hi
Thanks. I listened but it was just "your honour".
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Regards
Jennifer

Sent from my iPhone

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<helen.kempton@austcommunitymedia.com.au> wrote:

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To: [Helen Kempton](#)
Cc: [Communications](#)
Subject: RE: Hi. Can you tell me who the magistrate was who heard Justice Geason's case? Thanks
Date: Sunday, 3 December 2023 12:39:08 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Hi Helen,
 I've checked then notes I was provided and it was Magistrate Chris Webster.
 Thanks for your patience on this one
 Jen

Jennifer Lee (she, her, hers)

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Regards

Jennifer

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Date: Sunday, 3 December 2023 12:40:04 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

319.

Thanks heaps for helping out on your day off

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From: [Jano Gibson](#)
To: [Lee, Jennifer](#); [Communications](#)
Subject: ABC News enquiry regarding Justice Geason's out-of-hours hearing
Date: Monday, 4 December 2023 11:05:46 AM

Hi,

I'm a journalist with ABC News.

I'm seeking further details about the decision not to allow media representatives to attend the out-of-hours court hearing at the Hobart Magistrates Court for Justice Gregory Geason on Friday evening.

I also have separate questions about why media representatives can no longer view charge sheets at court.

Can you please provide a response to the following questions as soon as possible today – preferably before 3pm if possible.

Justice Geason court hearing questions:

1. Who made the decision not to allow media into the court room?
2. When was the decision made?
3. Why was the decision made?
4. In Saturday's media statement, the court administrator said it was due to "unusual and unprecedented circumstances". What were these circumstances?
5. The ABC was told shortly after 530pm that media would be allowed inside, but then informed that no access would be allowed? Why did this happen?
6. Why was Justice Geason given an out-of-hours court hearing?
7. Why was the out-of-hours court hearing scheduled for 530pm, instead of 7pm, which is the normal practice?
8. Was Justice Geason given a security escort after his appearance? If so, why?
9. Is the department conducting an internal review about this matter?

Charge sheet access questions:

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1. Why are media representatives no longer allowed to view charge sheets in court?
2. Will this decision be reviewed?

Thanks,

Jano

Jano Gibson
Reporter
ABC News Hobart
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Subject: FW: ABC News enquiry regarding Justice Geason's out-of-hours hearing
Date: Monday, 4 December 2023 11:15:26 AM
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Subject: FW: Geason case.
Date: Monday, 4 December 2023 11:15:02 AM
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Hi Yolanda,

We have received 2 requests from media this morning for further information around this one. I think James may have already sent you the ABC one but we also have this one from the Mercury below.

Can you take a look at it and let me know if there is anything else we can provide to address the questions please?

Thanks

Jen

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To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
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Statement from Ella Haddad Shadow Attorney General
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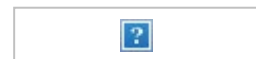
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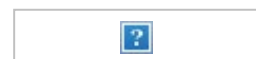
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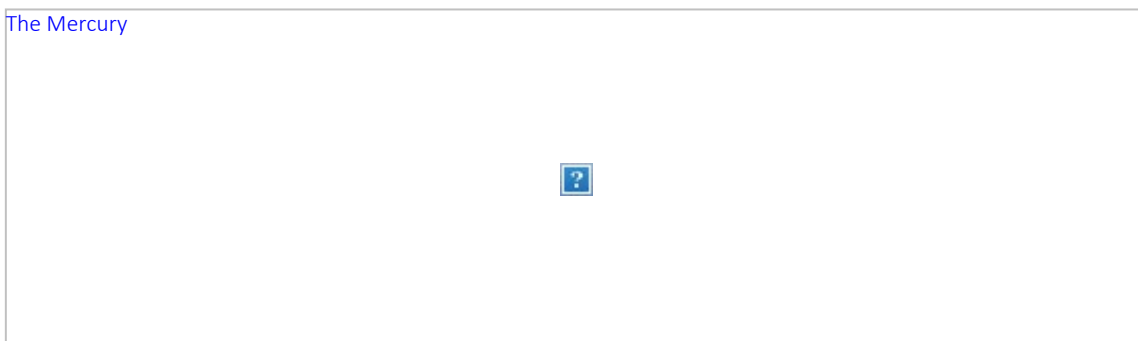
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From: [Emily Bryan](#)
To: [Lee, Jennifer](#); [Communications](#)
Subject: ABC News request for meeting with Administrator of Courts
Date: Monday, 4 December 2023 11:19:32 AM

Hi Jennifer,

I understand from the media statement released at the weekend that this is the contact email address for the Administrator of Courts.

As you know, we have been raising concerns for several weeks about a recent lack of access to what we call “charge sheets” listing the particulars of matters before the courts. It has never previously been the case that we could not view the particulars by visiting the court.

That issue remains unresolved and, as you know, we had another significant access issue on Friday night at the after hours court sitting for Gregory Geason.

We, along with other media organisations, are deeply concerned about the reduction in access to public information from the courts in recent months.

I would like to arrange a meeting with the Administrator to discuss these issues, and would like to invite the editors of other media outlets to attend if they wish.

Please let me know if this would be possible to arrange.

Regards,
Emily



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Thanks all – will defer to Yolanda but the detail provided in the BN to the AG on the weekend is really helpful, I think, in outlining the rationale...

Kristy Bourne (she, her, hers)

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Thanks Yolanda,

The issue in question 5 was my fault. When I started getting calls and emails from reporters and couldn't get hold of Yolanda I spoke to Jane Cook who said she would head down to where the media were waiting so I let them know someone was on the way. Then Yolanda called me back and said that the media were not able to attend so I went back and said apologies my earlier advice was incorrect and the media are unable to enter and then it all kicked off.

Perhaps we can say it was a result of a miscommunication or misunderstanding between staff about the arrangements that were in place?

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To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>; Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: ABC News enquiry regarding Justice Geason's out-of-hours hearing

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Subject: Re: ABC News request for meeting with Administrator of Courts
Date: Monday, 4 December 2023 12:10:43 PM
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Thanks very much Jennifer.

And thanks for your assistance on Friday night, it was greatly appreciated.

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Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 12:04:36 PM
To: Emily Bryan <Bryan.Emily@abc.net.au>
Subject: RE: ABC News request for meeting with Administrator of Courts

Hi Emily,
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 Jennifer

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Regards,
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345.

Thanks very much Kristy. I have added the lines in green to question 5 & 9.
Yolanda I note you were going to share this response with the Chief Magistrate and Deputy Chief Magistrate, so we will wait until we hear back from you that they are comfortable for us to progress the response.
Many thanks
James

From: Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 4 December 2023 1:27 PM
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>; Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: RE: ABC News enquiry regarding Justice Geason's out-of-hours hearing

346.

Thanks all – very content with Yolanda's proposed lines; the AG has been briefed so good to go.
I also think we can articulate that there was a miscommunication about the arrangements that were in place.
And happy to confirm that there will be no internal review (there is no need).

Cheers,
KB

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347.

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Thanks Yolanda,

The issue in question 5 was my fault. When I started getting calls and emails from reporters and couldn't get hold of Yolanda I spoke to Jane Cook who said she would head down to where the media were waiting so I let them know someone was on the way. Then Yolanda called me back and said that the media were not able to attend so I went back and said apologies my earlier advice was incorrect and the media are unable to enter and then it all kicked off.

Perhaps we can say it was a result of a miscommunication or misunderstanding between staff about the arrangements that were in place?

Thanks

Jen

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Hi Kristy and James,

I also have an RTI request from ABC journalist Jano Gibson.

Kristy, I can answer most of the questions below (noted in red) as they are areas covered within the Briefing Note to the Attorney-General. My only query is about timing, given the briefing to the A-G – is it ok to provide a response prior to the A-G being briefed?

I would also like to raise the draft response below with the Chief Magistrate and Deputy Chief Magistrate. Additionally, I will need to check with Security re point 8. I'll endeavour to get the OK for release to you between 1-2pm.

Kind Regards,
Yolanda.

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Subject: FW: ABC News enquiry regarding Justice Geason's out-of-hours hearing

349.

Hi Kristy and Yolanda.

We have received the below media enquiry with a deadline of 3.00pm today.

You can see there are a number questions that have been raised relating to media's restriction to the Magistrate Court last Friday evening. There's some further questions about their access to charge sheets too.

Can we please get some advice on a response?

Kind regards,

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351.

Thanks Jennifer, and sorry to hear that. I heard you were really helpful so apologies if that wasn't conveyed at the time.

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To: Emily Bryan <Bryan.Emily@abc.net.au>
Subject: RE: ABC News request for meeting with Administrator of Courts

352.

Thanks Emily,
I certainly didn't get that sense from the way most of the media I interacted with on the night spoke to me!
We'll be in touch asap re the meeting request.
Jennifer

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Thanks for the update.

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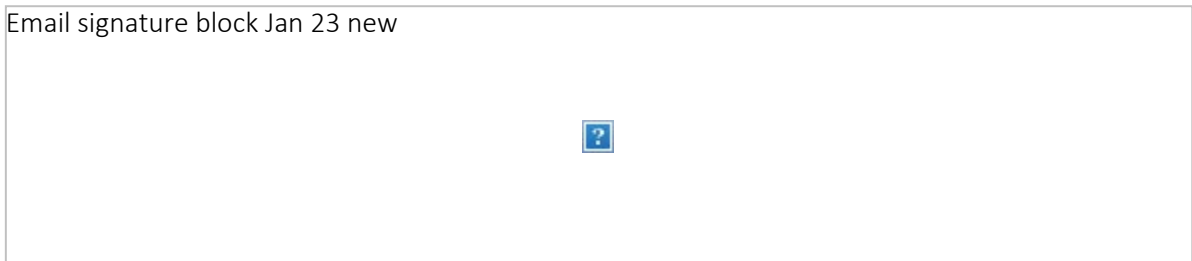
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Subject: RE: ABC News enquiry regarding Justice Geason's out-of-hours hearing
Date: Monday, 4 December 2023 8:11:36 PM
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Thanks for the update.

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Many thanks,

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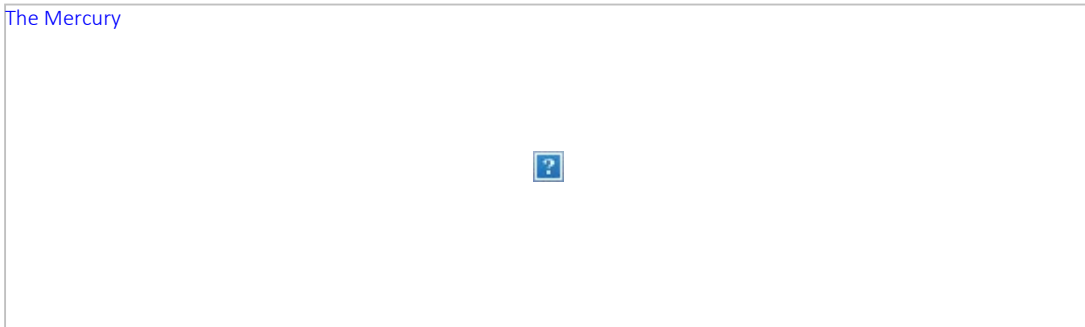
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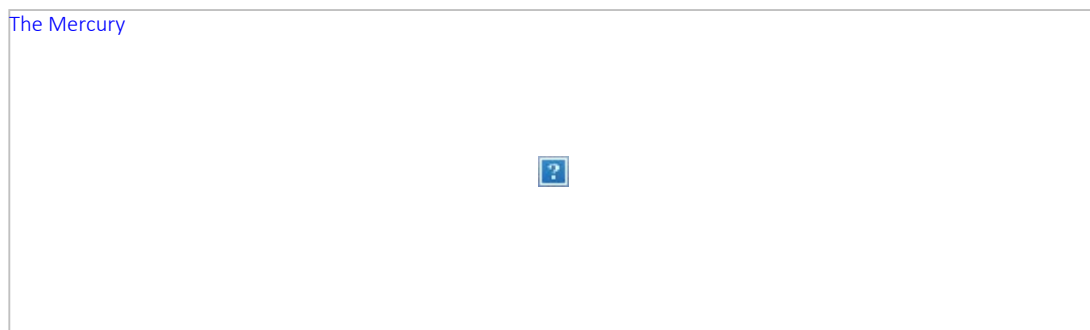
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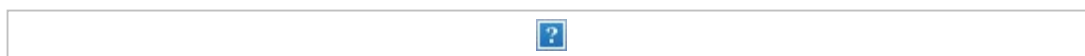


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To: [DPFEM Media & Public Comms](#)
Cc: [Communications](#)
Subject: RE: Geason
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 3:08:00 PM

Thanks for the heads up Mel.

Cheers
Ange

From: DPFEM Media & Public Comms <media@dpfem.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 1 December 2023 3:08 PM
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Geason

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Thanks Mel

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Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 1:49 PM
To: DPFEM Media & Public Comms <media@dpfem.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Geason

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Subject: FW: Geason
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 3:09:00 PM

Hi all

We have just received the below from Tas Police.

Kind regards
Ange

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From: [Communications](#)
To: [DPFEM Media & Public Comms \(DPFEM\)](#)
Subject: Re: Geason
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 3:31:46 PM

Thanks Mel,
I'm on call this weekend if you need anything on this after 5.
It always happens in Friday doesn't it!!
Thanks
Jen

Sent from my iPhone

On 1 Dec 2023, at 3:07 pm, DPFEM Media & Public Comms
<media@dpfem.tas.gov.au> wrote:

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To: [Webster, Ginna](#)
Cc: [Communications](#)
Subject: FW: Geason J
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 4:02:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

FYI

From: Ikedife, Penelope <Penelope.Ikedife@supremecourt.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 1 December 2023 3:59 PM
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>; Lee, Jennifer
 <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Geason J

391.

Hi Jen,

Subject to the usual approvals, the Court's line on whether Justice Geason is still on leave is:

An arrangement was made several weeks ago that Geason J would not sit until further notice. That arrangement is still in force. The Court is awaiting developments.

Having spoken to the Chief Justice he is clear that we (the Court) should not be saying this is a matter for the Attorney-General because of the implications that may create.

Regards,

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To: [Webster, Ginna](#); [Bourne, Kristy](#)
Cc: [Ikedife, Penelope](#)
Subject: Mercury article
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 4:19:00 PM
Attachments: [Supreme Court Justice Gregory Geason ch...pdf](#) 393.

Please see attached.

Kind regards
Ange

From: [Communications](#)
To: [Bourne, Kristy](#)
Cc: [Ikedife, Penelope](#); [Webster, Ginna](#)
Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 5:34:49 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.jpg](#)
[image003.jpg](#)
[image004.jpg](#)
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394.

Thanks Kristy, Yolanda is going to let me know the outcome so I'll pass it on to you all and hold off on any lines until after that.

Safe travels

J

Sent from my iPhone

On 1 Dec 2023, at 5:27 pm, Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

395.

Hi again,

Matter is before the court at 5.30...

KB

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396.

From: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 5:21:41 PM
To: Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>; Ikedife, Penelope <Penelope.Ikedife@supremecourt.tas.gov.au>; Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Justice Geason - new inquiry

Thanks,

I have double checked with DPFEM that he has been charged. They said they have already spoken to Matt and a couple of other reporters and let them know that they are taking a risk naming someone before they appear in Court.

In that case is it better if we say as the matter will be before the Court rather than is? Or I can hold off on responding until after he appears.

Thanks

Jen

Jennifer Lee (she, her, hers)

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Sent: Friday, 1 December 2023 5:15 PM
To: Ikedife, Penelope <Penelope.Ikedife@supremecourt.tas.gov.au>; Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

Thanks all. Very happy with that approach.

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From: Ikedife, Penelope <Penelope.Ikedife@supremecourt.tas.gov.au> 398.
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 5:14:05 PM
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Cc: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

Sorry, and I agree with the proposed wording below.

Regards,

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Cc: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Justice Geason - new inquiry

Hi,

In terms of this one, do we know definitely that the charges have been laid yet? If so we can just say as the matter is before the Magistrates Court it is not appropriate to make any comment.

Are you ok with that please?

Thanks
Jen

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From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>

Sent: Friday, 1 December 2023 4:48 PM

To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

400.

Justice Geason has now been charged with criminal offences. Any comment from the Dept/court/chief justice? Thanks,

On Tue, 21 Nov 2023 at 16:14, Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

401.

Hi Matt.

We understand that Tasmania Police have provided you a response this afternoon, which answers your enquiry.

The Department of Justice will not be providing any further comment.

Thanks

James

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 21 November 2023 3:28 PM

To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

402.

Thanks, James. I would like to ask the question of the chief justice/dept all the same, as the police will be constrained as to what they can say.

On Tue, 21 Nov 2023 at 15:08, Communications

403.

<Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

Hi again Matt. I have just been advised that this enquiry should go to Tasmania Police for comment. As such can you please forward to media@dpfem.tas.gov.au and the team will be able to provide you with a response.

Thanks

James

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>

404.

Sent: Tuesday, 21 November 2023 2:33 PM
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

Thanks, James. I'll need to file before 5pm.

On Tue, 21 Nov 2023 at 14:29, Communications
<Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

405.

Hi Matt.

We have sent this one over to the Supreme Court to see if they can provide comment. We will come back as soon as we have their response. Is there a deadline you're working towards?

Thanks
James

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 21 November 2023 2:13 PM
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Justice Geason - new inquiry

406.

Hi again comms team,

Due to information received, I need to ask: has Justice Geason been charged with a criminal offence or has he or the chief justice been informed he is to be so charged?

Many thanks, Matt.

On Wed, 8 Nov 2023 at 12:18, Communications
<Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

407.

Hi Matt.

We have followed up with the Supreme Court. Their response is below.
Cheers
James

The Court needs to wait until more is known about the likely length of Justice Geason's leave. When more information is available about that aspect of the situation, the Chief Justice will be in a better position to determine appropriate action in relation to any reserved decisions.

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 8 November 2023 9:51 AM
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: questions for the Supreme Court

408.

Thanks for the below.

I am taking the latest response to mean that the chief justice may decide that Justice Geason should continue to be involved in these reserved decisions, if necessary to avoid unreasonable delays. If this is not the case, pls respond urgently, as I intend to file a story this afternoon.

Cheers, Matt.

On Tue, 7 Nov 2023 at 15:46, Communications
<Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

409.

Hi Matt

The below response can be attributed to a Department of Justice
spokesperson:

If it appears that an unreasonable delay may arise in the finalisation of
matters before the Full Court and Court of Criminal Appeal, the Chief
Justice will consider what action is appropriate.

Kind regards
Angela

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 7 November 2023 10:38 AM
To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: questions for the Supreme Court

410.

Thanks, Jennifer.

Keen to clarify what this means: *"Depending on developments,
decisions will be made on a case by case basis about the
disposition of Full Court and Court of Criminal Appeal matters with
reserved decisions."*

Does it mean Justice Geason may work on some reserved
judgements in these matters while on leave? Some but not others?
How will that be determined?

Cheers, Matt.

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From: **Lee, Jennifer** <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2023 at 17:42
Subject: questions for the Supreme Court
To: matthew.denholm@news.com.au <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>
Cc: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

411.

Hi Matthew,
I understand you sent some questions to the Supreme Court earlier today
regarding Justice Geason. A response to those, to be attributed to the

Department of Justice, is as follows:

The Supreme Court is reviewing matters that have been listed before Justice Geason and will reallocate them as appropriate, and adjourn them if necessary. Depending on developments, decisions will be made on a case by case basis about the disposition of Full Court and Court of Criminal Appeal matters with reserved decisions.

How many matters are before Justice Geason currently?

There are a number of criminal matters listed over the next two weeks, as well as civil matters for the sittings commencing 20 November. Some are very short listings of 10 or 15 minutes, and others are more substantial.

Has Justice Geason accepted the request to take leave and what is his status?

Justice Geason is on leave at present.

Did the chief justice regard his meeting with the Attorney-General to discuss the situation as appropriate, given Mr Barnett is involved in a matter currently before a full bench including Justice Geason?

The Chief Justice and the Attorney-General meet from time to time to discuss matters relating to the administration of justice.

Kind regards

Jennifer

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From: [Communications](#)
To: [Adam Holmes](#)
Subject: Re: URGENT - After hours court
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 5:40:46 PM

Hi Adam,
I've just called someone to come and let media in so hopefully they'll be with you soon.
Jennifer

Sent from my iPhone

On 1 Dec 2023, at 5:36 pm, Adam Holmes <Holmes.Adam@abc.net.au>
wrote:

413.

Hello,

We are waiting to be admitted to after hours court in Hobart for a matter that starts at 5.30pm

The door on Campbell St is locked

I request to be admitted as per Open Courts.

Adam

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From: [Communications](#)
To: [Bourne, Kristy](#)
Cc: [Webster, Ginna](#)
Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 6:32:14 PM

414.

Thanks Kristy,
I've copped a spray from him on the phone and also a cranky call from an ABC producer who insisted they routinely attend out of hours matters and that they'll be wanting a discussion about it next week.
Yolanda has just text me the outcome so I'll put a line together and run it past you all.
Thanks
Jen

Sent from my iPhone

On 1 Dec 2023, at 6:29 pm, Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

415.

Hi again all.
I note that David Killick is tweeting about the media not being allowed into the court - this is normal practise for after hours courts. Yolanda is putting together some lines if needed.

Cheers,
Kristy

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From: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 6:08:00 PM
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Ikedife, Penelope <Penelope.Ikedife@supremecourt.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

416.

Thanks everyone.

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From: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 5:34:48 PM
To: Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Ikedife, Penelope <Penelope.Ikedife@supremecourt.tas.gov.au>; Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

417.

Thanks Kristy, Yolanda is going to let me know the outcome so I'll pass it on to you all and hold off on any lines until after that.
Safe travels
J

Sent from my iPhone

418.

On 1 Dec 2023, at 5:27 pm, Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

Hi again,

Matter is before the court at 5.30...

KB

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From: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 5:21:41 PM
To: Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>; Ikedife, Penelope <Penelope.Ikedife@supremecourt.tas.gov.au>; Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Justice Geason - new inquiry

419.

Thanks,
I have double checked with DPFEM that he has been charged. They said they have already spoken to Matt and a couple of other reporters and let them know that they are taking a risk naming someone before they appear in Court.
In that case is it better if we say as the matter will be before the Court rather than is? Or I can hold off on responding until after he appears.
Thanks
Jen

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Sent: Friday, 1 December 2023 5:15 PM
To: Ikedife, Penelope <Penelope.Ikedife@supremecourt.tas.gov.au>; Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

420.

Thanks all. Very happy with that approach.

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From: Ikedife, Penelope <Penelope.Ikedife@supremecourt.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 5:14:05 PM
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy

421.

<Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>

Cc: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

Sorry, and I agree with the proposed wording below.

Regards,

Penelope Ikedife
Registrar
Supreme Court of Tasmania
Phone: [\(03\) 6165 7451](tel:(03)61657451)

Email: penelope.ikedife@supremecourt.tas.gov.au

From: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

422.

Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 5:06:38 PM

To: Ikedife, Penelope <Penelope.Ikedife@supremecourt.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>

Cc: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: FW: Justice Geason - new inquiry

Hi,

In terms of this one, do we know definitely that the charges have been laid yet? If so we can just say as the matter is before the Magistrates Court it is not appropriate to make any comment.

Are you ok with that please?

Thanks

Jen

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From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>

423.

Sent: Friday, 1 December 2023 4:48 PM

To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

Justice Geason has now been charged with criminal offences. Any comment from the Dept/court/chief justice? Thanks,

On Tue, 21 Nov 2023 at 16:14, Communications

424.

<Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

Hi Matt.

We understand that Tasmania Police have provided you a response this afternoon, which answers your enquiry.

The Department of Justice will not be providing any further comment.

Thanks

James

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>

425.

Sent: Tuesday, 21 November 2023 3:28 PM

To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

Thanks, James. I would like to ask the question of the chief justice/dept all the same, as the police will be constrained as to what they can say.

On Tue, 21 Nov 2023 at 15:08, Communications

426.

<Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

Hi again Matt. I have just been advised that this enquiry should go to Tasmania Police for comment. As such can you please forward to media@dpfem.tas.gov.au and the team will be able to provide you with a response.

Thanks

James

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>

427.

Sent: Tuesday, 21 November 2023 2:33 PM

To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

Thanks, James. I'll need to file before 5pm.

On Tue, 21 Nov 2023 at 14:29, Communications

428.

<Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

Hi Matt.

We have sent this one over to the Supreme Court to see if they can provide comment. We will come back as soon as we have their response. Is there a deadline you're working towards?

Thanks

James

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>

429.

Sent: Tuesday, 21 November 2023 2:13 PM

To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Justice Geason - new inquiry

Hi again comms team,

Due to information received, I need to ask: has Justice Geason been charged with a criminal offence or has he or the chief justice been informed he is to be so charged?

Many thanks, Matt.

On Wed, 8 Nov 2023 at 12:18, Communications

430.

<Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

Hi Matt.

We have followed up with the Supreme Court. Their response is below.

Cheers

James

The Court needs to wait until more is known about the likely length of Justice Geason's leave. When more information is available about that aspect of the situation, the Chief Justice will be in a better position to determine appropriate action in relation to any reserved decisions.

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>

431.

Sent: Wednesday, 8 November 2023 9:51 AM

To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: questions for the Supreme Court

Thanks for the below.

I am taking the latest response to mean that the chief justice may decide that Justice Geason should continue to be involved in these reserved decisions, if necessary to avoid unreasonable delays.

If this is not the case, pls respond urgently, as I intend to file a story this afternoon.

Cheers, Matt.

On Tue, 7 Nov 2023 at 15:46, Communications

432.

<Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

Hi Matt

The below response can be attributed to a Department of Justice spokesperson:

If it appears that an unreasonable delay may arise in the finalisation of matters before the Full Court and Court of Criminal Appeal, the Chief Justice will consider what action is appropriate.

Kind regards

Angela

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>

433.

Sent: Tuesday, 7 November 2023 10:38 AM

To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>

Cc: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: questions for the Supreme Court

Thanks, Jennifer.

Keen to clarify what this means: *"Depending on*

developments, decisions will be made on a case by case basis about the disposition of Full Court and Court of Criminal Appeal matters with reserved decisions."

Does it mean Justice Geason may work on some reserved judgements in these matters while on leave? Some but not others? How will that be determined?

Cheers, Matt.

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From: **Lee, Jennifer** <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>

Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2023 at 17:42

Subject: questions for the Supreme Court

To: matthew.denholm@news.com.au

<matthew.denholm@news.com.au>

Cc: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Hi Matthew,

I understand you sent some questions to the Supreme Court earlier today regarding Justice Geason. A response to those, to be attributed to the Department of Justice, is as follows:

The Supreme Court is reviewing matters that have been listed before Justice Geason and will reallocate them as appropriate, and adjourn them if necessary. Depending on developments, decisions will be made on a case by case basis about the disposition of Full Court and Court of Criminal Appeal matters with reserved decisions.

How many matters are before Justice Geason currently?

There are a number of criminal matters listed over the next two weeks, as well as civil matters for the sittings commencing 20 November. Some are very short listings of 10 or 15 minutes, and others are more substantial.

Has Justice Geason accepted the request to take leave and what is his status?

Justice Geason is on leave at present.

Did the chief justice regard his meeting with the Attorney-General to discuss the situation as appropriate, given Mr Barnett is involved in a matter currently before a full bench including Justice Geason?

The Chief Justice and the Attorney-General meet from time to time to discuss matters relating to the administration of justice.

Kind regards

Jennifer

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To: [Heloise Vyas](#)
Subject: Re: Sky News commentary request - Justice Gregory Geason charged
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 9:25:35 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.jpg](#)

436.

Hi Heloise,
It refers to an interim family violence order.
Kind regards
Jennifer

Sent from my iPhone

On 1 Dec 2023, at 9:17 pm, Heloise Vyas <Heloise.Vyas@skynews.com.au> wrote:

437.

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Hi Jennifer,

Just confirming IFVO here refers to an interlocutory family violence order?

Thanks,

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Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 9:02 PM

438.

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Jennifer Lee (she, her, hers)

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In recognition of the deep history and culture of this Island, I acknowledge and pay my respects to all
Tasmanian Aboriginal people; the past and present custodians of the Land.

From: Heloise Vyas <Heloise.Vyas@skynews.com.au>

Sent: Friday, 1 December 2023 8:50 PM

To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Sky News commentary request - Justice Gregory Geason charged

439.

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Evening,

I'm seeking comment on Justice Gregory Geason being charged with common assault and emotional abuse this evening for a story we are running on our website shortly.

Thanks,

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Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 9:29:55 PM
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440.

Thanks Ginna, appreciate your support

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<Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

441.

Thanks Jen, it was always going to be a story with high media interest and we were dealing with an unprecedented situation.

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From: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
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Thank you for all the information you've provided this evening too Yolanda with my 101 questions

Sent from my iPhone

On 1 Dec 2023, at 9:40 pm, Prenc, Yolanda
 <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au> wrote:

444.

Thanks so much, and yes, confirming that the audio of the proceedings will be provided tomorrow morning (at least prior to midday).

Enjoy the rest of the evening everyone ☺

From: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 1 December 2023 9:36 PM
To: Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>;
 Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy
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Subject: Re: Online reports tonight

445.

I totally agree Yolanda and as Kristy and I discussed the fact that it was there was a suppression order is really pertinent. I think everyone did a great job under the circumstances.

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446.

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Not to mention the Chief and the Deputy Chief Magistrate being away on the day...I think being proactive about providing what we can in terms of a transcript (as I understand we are doing) and an explanation of the process as much as we can then I think that is fine.

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From: Prenc, Yolanda <[Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au](#)>

447.

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That's very kind Ginna. I'm more than happy for David Killick to know that there was absolutely no intended obstruction, but rather, a decision made by a reasonably new Administrator who had put security/safety before open justice, but has learned a valuable lesson as a result.

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Subject: Fwd: Magistrates Court Geasson
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450.

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From: Josh Duggan <Josh.Duggan@sca.com.au>
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From: [Communications](#)
To: [Ellis, Fergus](#)
Subject: Re: NewsWire - Tasmanian Department of Justice statement regarding Arrest of Supreme Court Judge
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 8:15:12 AM

452.

Hi Fergus,

Please see below the update that was provided to local media last night:

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Kind regards

Jennifer

Sent from my iPhone

On 2 Dec 2023, at 7:52 am, Ellis, Fergus <fergus.ellis@news.com.au> wrote:

453.

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Hi there,

I hope you are well.

In light of reports this morning regarding the arrest and subsequent charges laid for Justice Gregory Geason, I was wondering if the Tasmanian Department of Justice had a statement regarding the situation available for the media?

If I need to provide any further details in my inquiry let me know.

Kind regards

--

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Cc: [Lee, Jennifer](#); [Ikedife, Penelope](#); [Bourne, Kristy](#)
Subject: Re: Justice Geason
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 9:19:04 AM

454.

Thanks Penny, happy to take your advice on that one.
We'll see what Kristy says.
Thanks
Jen

Sent from my iPhone

On 2 Dec 2023, at 9:12 am, Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

455.

Yes all good from me Jen
Ginna Webster

On 2 Dec 2023, at 9:00 am, Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

456.

Morning,
We've had a media query already this morning. Are you ok if I send these lines from our end we may want to add something about it remaining in place until the matters are resolved?
they've also contacted the gmo so they can deal with the ones for the AG.
Thanks
Jen

An arrangement was made several weeks ago that Geason J would not sit until further notice. That arrangement is still in force

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457.

From: "Bailey, Susan" <susan.bailey@news.com.au>
Date: 2 December 2023 at 8:54:12 am AEDT
To: "Lee, Jennifer" <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Justice Geason

Hi Jen
Brad has asked me to check and see whether Justice Blow wants to say anything about Justice Geason's appearance last night.
Has Justice Geason been replaced albeit temporarily on the bench.
I also have sent the following questions to the Government Media Office if you want to answer these:
As discussed is Justice Geason still stood down?
Has the A-G got any views on the closing of the court to the media for his appearance last night?
Was he aware of the charges pending and did he know the court would be closed to the media?
Does it set a precedent for other people?

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Subject: Re: Magistrates Court Geasson
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 10:01:09 AM

458.

Hi Josh,
The information provided to media who asked for updates last night is below for your information. It wasn't distributed as a media release just provided in response to queries on the matter.
I have forwarded your other questions to the court and will forward any further information they provide.
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Cc: [Sealy, David \(DPaC\)](#); [Cameron, Natalie \(DPaC\)](#); [Jonathan Talbot](#)
Subject: Fwd: Magistrates Court Geasson
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 10:02:28 AM

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Date: Monday, 4 December 2023 11:15:00 AM
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Can we please get some advice on a response?

Kind regards,

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To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>; Communications@justice.tas.gov.au
Subject: ABC News enquiry regarding Justice Geason's out-of-hours hearing

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Charge sheet access questions:

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Thanks,

Jano



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Subject: RE: ABC News enquiry regarding Justice Geason's out-of-hours hearing
Date: Monday, 4 December 2023 11:18:00 AM
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466.

Hi Jano.
Acknowledging receipt of your enquiry.
We will follow up and come back to you with a response.
Kind regards,
James

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To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>; Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
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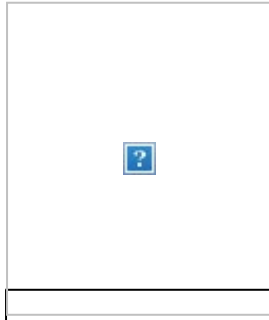
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Subject: FW: ABC News enquiry regarding Justice Geason's out-of-hours hearing
Date: Monday, 4 December 2023 11:55:00 AM
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Hi.

FYI- we have received the below enquiry. We will come back with our proposed response.

Thanks

James

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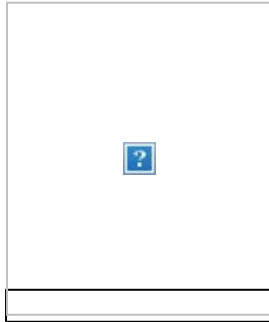
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To: [Bourne, Kristy](#); [Prenc, Yolanda](#)
Cc: [Lee, Jennifer](#); [Communications](#)
Subject: RE: ABC News enquiry regarding Justice Geason's out-of-hours hearing
Date: Monday, 4 December 2023 1:36:00 PM
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[image005.jpg](#)
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Thanks very much Kristy. I have added the lines in green to question 5 & 9.

Yolanda I note you were going to share this response with the Chief Magistrate and Deputy Chief Magistrate, so we will wait until we hear back from you that they are comfortable for us to progress the response.

Many thanks

James

From: Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 4 December 2023 1:27 PM
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>; Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: RE: ABC News enquiry regarding Justice Geason's out-of-hours hearing

471.

Thanks all – very content with Yolanda's proposed lines; the AG has been briefed so good to go.

I also think we can articulate that there was a miscommunication about the arrangements that were in place.

And happy to confirm that there will be no internal review (there is no need).

Cheers,

KB

Kristy Bourne (she, her, hers)

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Sent: Monday, 4 December 2023 12:10 PM
To: Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>; Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>

472.

Cc: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: RE: ABC News enquiry regarding Justice Geason's out-of-hours hearing

Thanks Yolanda,

The issue in question 5 was my fault. When I started getting calls and emails from reporters and couldn't get hold of Yolanda I spoke to Jane Cook who said she would head down to where the media were waiting so I let them know someone was on the way. Then Yolanda called me back and said that the media were not able to attend so I went back and said apologies my earlier advice was incorrect and the media are unable to enter and then it all kicked off.

Perhaps we can say it was a result of a miscommunication or misunderstanding between staff about the arrangements that were in place?

Thanks

Jen

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473.

Sent: Monday, 4 December 2023 12:04 PM

To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>

Cc: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: RE: ABC News enquiry regarding Justice Geason's out-of-hours hearing

Hi Kristy and James,

I also have an RTI request from ABC journalist Jano Gibson.

Kristy, I can answer most of the questions below (noted in red) as they are areas covered within the Briefing Note to the Attorney-General. My only query is about timing, given the briefing to the A-G – is it ok to provide a response prior to the A-G being briefed?

I would also like to raise the draft response below with the Chief Magistrate and Deputy Chief Magistrate. Additionally, I will need to check with Security re point 8. I'll endeavour to get the OK for release to you between 1-2pm.

Kind Regards,
Yolanda.

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Sent: Monday, 4 December 2023 11:06 AM

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Justice Geason court hearing questions:

1. Who made the decision not to allow media into the court room? **The Administrator of Courts**
2. When was the decision made? **When the Administrator became aware that the media were seeking access, at approximately 5.50pm on Friday 1 December 2023.**
3. Why was the decision made? **The Administrator made the decision on the basis that there were no staff remaining at the court to ensure security and safety of late access to the court building and also that the proceedings were part heard at the time the issue of access was raised.**
4. In Saturday's media statement, the court administrator said it was due to "unusual and unprecedented circumstances". What were these circumstances? **The matter was heard at 5.30pm in Court 2 as a result of the Court still being operational from afternoon custody matters. This court room is not one isolated, such as the ordinary after hours court room, court 9.**
5. The ABC was told shortly after 530pm that media would be allowed inside, but then informed that no access would be allowed? Why did this happen?
This was the result of miscommunication between staff about the arrangements that were in place at the court.
6. Why was Justice Geason given an out-of-hours court hearing? **Afternoon Police custody matters are routinely given out of hours hearings, at 7pm or in the afternoon custody court, if it's still convened.**
7. Why was the out-of-hours court hearing scheduled for 530pm, instead of 7pm, which is the normal practice? **See above**
8. Was Justice Geason given a security escort after his appearance? If so, why? **Yes. Bailed persons who appear after court closing time are escorted out of the building to ensure they exit safely.**
9. Is the department conducting an internal review about this matter? **No.**

Charge sheet access questions:

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1. Why are media representatives no longer allowed to view charge sheets in court? **Issues arose in respect of personal information disclosures and child complainant information**
2. Will this decision be reviewed? **The Administrator is seeking advice from the Office of the Solicitor-General.**

Thanks,

Jano



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From: [Ikedife, Penelope](#)
To: [Lee, Jennifer](#)
Subject: Geason J
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 3:46:33 PM
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476.

Hi Jen,

This is what went in the BN to the AG:

- Other judges are sentencing defendants who pleaded guilty before Justice Geason.
- In first instance cases where his Honour did not receive oral evidence it will be possible, provided the parties consent, for other judges to read transcripts and the relevant papers, invite oral submissions if desired, and decide the cases.
- There are now three Full Court appeals and two Court of Criminal Appeal matters in respect of which decisions were reserved and Geason J was a member of the Court. In some or all of those matters, the parties may be asked whether (a) they would be content with a decision made by two judges if the two judges agree; or (b) they would be content for a fourth judge to write a judgment in place of Geason J after being provided with appeal books and a transcript of the appeal hearing.

Regards,

Penelope Ikedife

Registrar

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From: [Prenc, Yolanda](#)
To: [Lee, Jennifer](#); [Bourne, Kristy](#); [Webster, Ginna](#)
Subject: RE: suggested line for the media
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 6:45:26 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image001.png](#)
[image002.jpg](#)

477.

Thanks so much for putting this together so quickly Jen, it looks perfectly suitable to me.

In my view the highlighted line is not necessary. I've made a very minor mark up in red and will defer to Kristy and Ginna's judgement for anything further.

Enjoy the weekend,
Yolanda.

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Subject: suggested line for the media
Importance: High

478.

Hi,
How about the following in terms of a response to media queries. It may need wordsmithing in terms of correct legal language sorry.
I'm not sure if the highlighted line is needed and/or needs expanding as I'm not sure what it means.
Thanks

Jen

Justice Geason appeared in an our of hours sitting of the Hobart Magistrates Court this evening charged with one count of common assault ~~as well as~~ and one count of emotional abuse.

He was granted bail with the condition to not breach the terms of the IFVO or any FVO.

The matter was adjourned to 6th February 2024 at 10am.

Interim Order Granted in terms of the Application

An application was made pursuant to Section 32 of the FV Act to restrict the publication of the name of the affected person.

As the matter is now before the Court no further comment can be provided.

Jennifer Lee (she, her, hers)

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Cc: [Sealy, David \(DPaC\)](#); [Cameron, Natalie \(DPaC\)](#); [Talbot, Jonathan](#)
Subject: RE: lines for media re Geason matter tonight
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Thanks Jen – can we lose the last line? Agreed by both myself and Amber so good to go

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Subject: lines for media re Geason matter tonight
Importance: High

480.

Hi Amber and Jess,
 I've had ABC, Mercury, ABC and Australian after a comment on this one so suggested lines provided by the Mag Court and cleared by Ginna are below.
 Can you let me know of any issues from your respective perspectives asap please?
 Thanks
 Jen

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 He was granted bail with the condition to not breach the terms of the IFVO or any FVO.
 The matter was adjourned to 6th February 2024 at 10am.
 An application was made pursuant to Section 32 of the Family Violence Act to restrict the publication of the name of the affected person.
 An audio recording of tonight's proceedings can be made available to media upon request early next week.

~~As the matter is now before the Court no further comment can be provided.~~

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From: [Ethan James](#)
To: [Lee, Jennifer](#)
Subject: Re: Update from out of hours court sitting
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 7:33:35 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Thanks Jennifer,

Should have asked earlier, but as a matter of process and for accuracy, is it possible to obtain the charge sheet?

Thanks,
Ethan

On Fri, 1 Dec 2023 at 7:23 pm, Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

482.

Good evening,

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Kind regards

Jennifer

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To: [Lee, Jennifer](#)
Cc: [Prenc, Yolanda](#); [Bourne, Kristy](#)
Subject: Re: suggested line for the media
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 7:40:07 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

483.

Thanks Jen
Ginna Webster

On 1 Dec 2023, at 6:57 pm, Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

484.

Thanks Ginna,
On a separate email conversation with Yolanda we've agreed to add a line that an audio recording of tonight's proceedings can be made available to media early next week as well.
I'll just run this past Amber and the GMO and then hopefully get it out soon.
Thanks
Jen

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Sent: Friday, 1 December 2023 6:56 PM
To: Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: suggested line for the media

485.

Yes that is okay with me
Ginna Webster

On 1 Dec 2023, at 6:45 pm, Prenc, Yolanda
<Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au> wrote:

Thanks so much for putting this together so quickly Jen, it looks perfectly suitable to me.

In my view the highlighted line is not necessary. I've made a very minor mark up in red and will defer to Kristy and Ginna's judgement for anything further.

Enjoy the weekend,
Yolanda.

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Sent: Friday, 1 December 2023 6:39 PM
To: Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>; Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>; Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: suggested line for the media
Importance: High

Hi,
How about the following in terms of a response to media queries. It

may need wordsmithing in terms of correct legal language sorry.
I'm not sure if the highlighted line is needed and/or needs expanding
as I'm not sure what it means.

Thanks

Jen

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Interim Order Granted in terms of the Application

An application was made pursuant to Section 32 of the FV Act to restrict the publication of the name of the affected person.
As the matter is now before the Court no further comment can be provided.

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From: [Ethan James](#)
To: [Lee, Jennifer](#)
Subject: Re: Update from out of hours court sitting
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 7:45:23 PM

488.

Many thanks.

- Ethan

On Fri, 1 Dec 2023 at 7:36 pm, Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

489.

Hi Ethan,
We can't provide copies but I'll see what other details are available and come back to you.
Jennifer

Sent from my iPhone

On 1 Dec 2023, at 7:33 pm, Ethan James <ejames@aap.com.au> wrote:

490.

Thanks Jennifer,

Should have asked earlier, but as a matter of process and for accuracy, is it possible to obtain the charge sheet?

Thanks,
Ethan

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To: [Lee, Jennifer](#)
Subject: RE: Update from out of hours court sitting
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 8:24:16 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Shall I send details back to you Jen or straight to Ethan James?

From: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 1 December 2023 7:37 PM
To: Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Fwd: Update from out of hours court sitting

493.

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Thanks
Jen

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

494.

From: Ethan James <ejames@aap.com.au>
Date: 1 December 2023 at 7:33:34 pm AEDT
To: "Lee, Jennifer" <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Update from out of hours court sitting

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To: [Lee, Jennifer](#)
Subject: RE: Update from out of hours court sitting
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 8:46:46 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

Hi Jen,

The below is the information I'm able to provide from the system:

Charged: Gregory Peter Geason (DOB [REDACTED])
Residential suburb: Battery Point

Charge 1: Emotional Abuse or Intimidation
Relevant Act: Section 9, *Family Violence Act 2004*
Offence dates: 30/4/23 to 29/11/23
Offence location: Hobart

Charge 2: Common Assault
Relevant Act: Section 35(1) *Police Offences Act 1935*
Offence date: 31/10/23
Offence location: Battery Point

I hope this assists.

Kind Regards,
Yolanda.

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To: [Lee, Jennifer](#)
Subject: Re: Update from out of hours court sitting
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 8:38:15 PM
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Thanks Jen. Hopefully quiet from now.

Regards,

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From: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 7:25:38 PM
To: Ikedife, Penelope <Penelope.Ikedife@supremecourt.tas.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Update from out of hours court sitting

501.

Hi Penny,
Just FYI this is what I have sent the media tonight.
Have a good weekend.
Jen

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To: [Lee, Jennifer](#); [Bourne, Kristy](#)
Cc: [Communications](#); [Webster, Ginna](#)
Subject: Re: Justice Geason
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 9:08:53 AM

503.

Hi Jen,

I think I would prefer to leave it as is. While I can see that saying something additional would limit future enquiries, we don't actually know what else might happen, and what other decisions might need to be made. It may be that if it drags on for too long, the attorney steps in and does something before the charges are determined. I appreciate that is probably a bit pedantic, so happy to take advice and discuss.

Regards,

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From: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 9:00:18 AM
To: Ikedife, Penelope <Penelope.Ikedife@supremecourt.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>; Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Fwd: Justice Geason

504.

Morning,

We've had a media query already this morning. Are you ok if I send these lines from our end we may want to add something about it remaining in place until the matters are resolved? they've also contacted the gmo so they can deal with the ones for the AG.

Thanks

Jen

An arrangement was made several weeks ago that Geason J would not sit until further notice. That arrangement is still in force

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From: "Bailey, Susan" <susan.bailey@news.com.au>
Date: 2 December 2023 at 8:54:12 am AEDT
To: "Lee, Jennifer" <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Justice Geason

Hi Jen

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Cc: [Sealy, David \(DPaC\)](#); [Cameron, Natalie \(DPaC\)](#); [Talbot, Jonathan](#)
Subject: RE: Justice Geason
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 10:28:50 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.jpg](#)

Hi all,

I'm working through q's for the AG currently just wanted to pass on something – I'm cautious that Geason can't be forced to do anything so if we could please use 'in place' instead of 'in force' that would be a more accurate and appropriate statement.

Thanks
 Pat

Patrick Tilley

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From: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 9:42 AM
To: Mignot, Amber <Amber.Mignot@dpac.tas.gov.au>; Media <media@dpac.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Sealy, David <David.Sealy@dpac.tas.gov.au>; Cameron, Natalie <Natalie.Cameron@dpac.tas.gov.au>; Talbot, Jonathan <Jonathan.Talbot@dpac.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Justice Geason

507.

Apologies I hit send too soon on the email.

The courts response to this one is as follows:

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I'll send that shortly from the Supreme Court if no one has any objections.

I understand they've also sent you some questions for the Attorney

Thanks
 Jen
 Sent from my iPhone

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508.

Hi,
We've received the query below from Sue Bailey at the Mercury.

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Thanks Jen, esp. re the availability of the audio.

I'll get back to you ASAP.

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Kristy

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SIMTC is considering a paper this week re a new audio solution for the courts and I am VERY supportive!

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I understand the Acting Chief is about to forward through some jointly agreed mark-ups to the Statement, which can be released under my name as Administrator of Courts.

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Yolanda.

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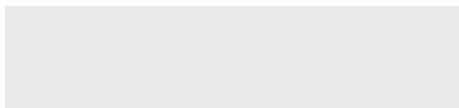
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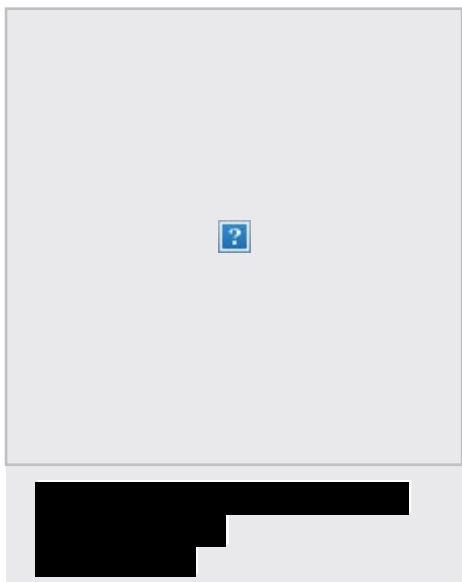
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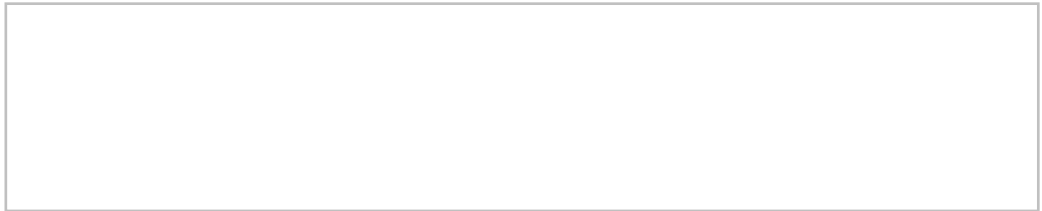
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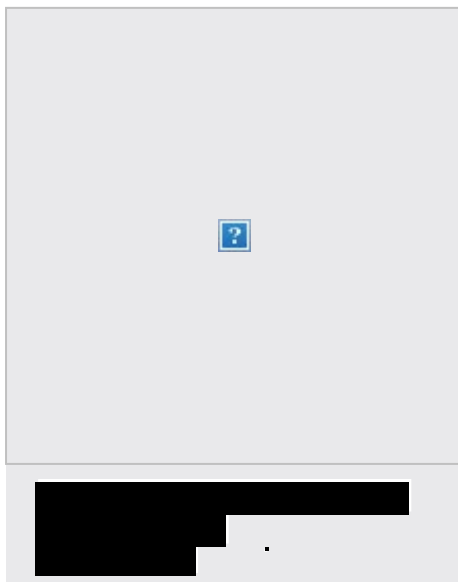
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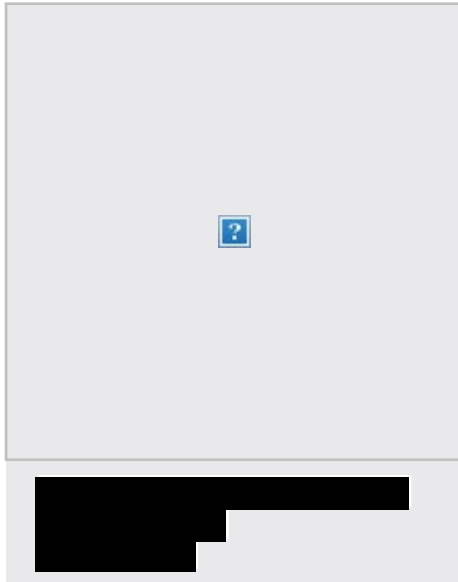
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KB

Kristy Bourne (she, her, hers)

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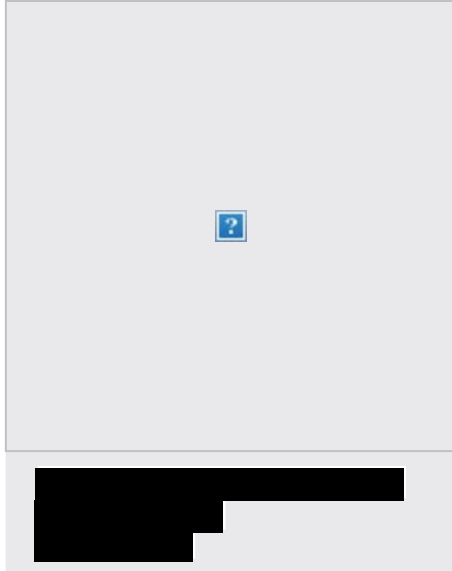
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To: [Lee, Jennifer](#)
Subject: RE: Justice Geason
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 2:16:58 PM

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Pat

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574.

Thanks Pat, happy to make that change before I send.
Thanks
Jen

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On 2 Dec 2023, at 10:28 am, Tilley, Patrick <Patrick.Tilley@dpac.tas.gov.au> wrote:

575.

Hi all,

I'm working through q's for the AG currently just wanted to pass on something – I'm cautious that Geason can't be forced to do anything so if we could please use 'in place' instead of 'in force' that would be a more accurate and appropriate statement.

Thanks
Pat

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Apologies I hit send too soon on the email.

The courts response to this one is as follows:

*An arrangement was made several weeks ago that Geason J would not sit until further notice. That arrangement is still **in place**.*

I'll send that shortly from the Supreme Court if no one has any objections.

I understand they've also sent you some questions for the Attorney

Thanks

Jen

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577.

Hi,

We've received the query below from Sue Bailey at the Mercury.

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From: "Bailey, Susan" <susan.bailey@news.com.au>
Date: 2 December 2023 at 8:54:12 am AEDT
To: "Lee, Jennifer" <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Justice Geason

Hi Jen

Brad has asked me to check and see whether Justice Blow wants to say anything about Justice Geason's appearance last night.

Has Justice Geason been replaced albeit temporarily on the bench.

I also have sent the following questions to the Government Media Office if you want to answer these:

As discussed is Justice Geason still stood down?

Has the A-G got any views on the closing of the court to the media for his appearance last night?

Was he aware of the charges pending and did he know the court would be closed to the media?

Does it set a precedent for other people?

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To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Justice Geason

581.

Hey Jen,

Amber mentioned to me that the courts would be preparing and presenting their own statement on this – are you able to please provide me with that if you have it?

Thanks

Pat

From: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 10:34 AM
To: Tilley, Patrick <Patrick.Tilley@dpac.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Mignot, Amber <Amber.Mignot@dpac.tas.gov.au>; Media <media@dpac.tas.gov.au>; Sealy, David <David.Sealy@dpac.tas.gov.au>; Cameron, Natalie <Natalie.Cameron@dpac.tas.gov.au>; Talbot, Jonathan <Jonathan.Talbot@dpac.tas.gov.au>

582

Subject: Re: Justice Geason

Thanks Pat, happy to make that change before I send.

Thanks

Jen

Sent from my iPhone

583.

On 2 Dec 2023, at 10:28 am, Tilley, Patrick <Patrick.Tilley@dpac.tas.gov.au> wrote:

Hi all,

I'm working through q's for the AG currently just wanted to pass on something – I'm cautious that Geason can't be forced to do anything so if we could please use 'in place' instead of 'in force' that would be a more accurate and appropriate statement.

Thanks

Pat

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From: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>

Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 9:42 AM

To: Mignot, Amber <Amber.Mignot@dpac.tas.gov.au>; Media <media@dpac.tas.gov.au>

Cc: Sealy, David <David.Sealy@dpac.tas.gov.au>; Cameron, Natalie

<Natalie.Cameron@dpac.tas.gov.au>; Talbot, Jonathan <Jonathan.Talbot@dpac.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Justice Geason

584.

Apologies I hit send too soon on the email.

The courts response to this one is as follows:

*An arrangement was made several weeks ago that Geason J would not sit until further notice. That arrangement is still **in place**.*

I'll send that shortly from the Supreme Court if no one has any objections.

I understand they've also sent you some questions for the Attorney

Thanks

Jen

Sent from my iPhone

On 2 Dec 2023, at 9:36 am, Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

585.

Hi,
We've received the query below from Sue Bailey at the Mercury.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bailey, Susan" <susan.bailey@news.com.au>
Date: 2 December 2023 at 8:54:12 am AEDT
To: "Lee, Jennifer" <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Justice Geason

586.

Hi Jen
Brad has asked me to check and see whether Justice Blow wants to say anything about Justice Geason's appearance last night.
Has Justice Geason been replaced albeit temporarily on the bench.
I also have sent the following questions to the Government Media Office if you want to answer these:
As discussed is Justice Geason still stood down?
Has the A-G got any views on the closing of the court to the media for his appearance last night?
Was he aware of the charges pending and did he know the court would be closed to the media?
Does it set a precedent for other people?

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From: [Daly, Michael](#)
To: [Lee, Jennifer](#); [Prenc, Yolanda](#)
Cc: [Webster, Ginna](#); [Bourne, Kristy](#)
Subject: RE: updated statement and secondary email text
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 2:27:03 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Thank you very Jen. That looks really good.

For info:

The redrafted statement re access at the end of the release: Yolanda and I paused to reflect that we're happy to make the audio quickly available to those who were present but unable to access the building. That's a decision under the Justices Act s50A – because those persons have “a sufficient interest”. Beyond that, control of the record of proceedings will need to follow the procedures in the Justices Act s 17A and s50A (apply to the Administrator).

The danger in sending a link in the release is that it may be immediately be available to anyone at all, not only those who appear to have a sufficient interest .

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From: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 2:18 PM
To: Daly, Michael <Magistrate.Daly@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>; Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
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Thanks
Jen

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To: [Lee, Jennifer](#); [Daly, Michael](#)
Cc: [Webster, Ginna](#); [Bourne, Kristy](#)
Subject: Re: updated statement and secondary email text
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 2:29:47 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Hello,

Confirming that I agree that the amended version and approach is appropriate in the circumstances.

Yolanda.

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From: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 2:18:11 PM
To: Daly, Michael <Magistrate.Daly@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>; Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
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From: [Tilley, Patrick](#)
To: [Lee, Jennifer](#); [Mignot, Amber \(DPaC\)](#)
Cc: [Communications](#)
Subject: RE: statement from the Court
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 2:57:20 PM
Attachments: [image002.jpg](#)
[image003.jpg](#)
[image004.jpg](#)

Hi Jen,

All good from our end – thank you very much, okay to issue.

Will leave it in your hands.

Thanks

Pat

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Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 2:37 PM
To: Mignot, Amber <Amber.Mignot@dpac.tas.gov.au>; Tilley, Patrick <Patrick.Tilley@dpac.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Communications (DoJ) <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: statement from the Court

Hi Amber and Pat,

FYI attached is a copy of the statement from the court that I will send to media outlets shortly.

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[REDACTED]

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The Court do not just want to broadcast the recording so would like to only provide it upon request rather than include a link in the media statement.

Can you let me know of any issues from your end asap please?

Thanks
Jen

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From: [Bailey, Susan](#)
To: [Lee, Jennifer](#)
Subject: Re: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:03:44 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Thanks Jennifer - who is the administrator of the courts please?

On Sat, 2 Dec 2023 at 15:01, Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

594.

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a media statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court.

Kind regards

Jennifer

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To: [Lee, Jennifer](#)
Subject: Re: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:05:40 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

595.

Thank you.

On Sat, 2 Dec 2023 at 15:04, Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

596.

Hi Sue,

It is Yolanda Prenc.

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To: [Lee, Jennifer](#)
Subject: Re: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:08:13 PM
Attachments: [~WRD1277.jpg](#)
[image001.jpg](#)

599.

All good - I had written the story but will change it now.
Hope the party was fun! That's politics eh?

On Sat, 2 Dec 2023 at 15:06, Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

600.

Did you get the other line I sent you earlier too?

Sorry I was working off my phone from a birthday party in the park this morning so it was all a bit clunky

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Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:05 PM
To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court

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From: [Webster, Ginna](#)
To: [Daly, Michael](#); [Lee, Jennifer](#); [Prenc, Yolanda](#)
Cc: [Bourne, Kristy](#)
Subject: RE: updated statement and secondary email text
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:10:48 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image004.jpg](#)

Thanks for that acting Chief, appreciate the clarification.

Ginna Webster (she, her, hers)

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Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 2:27 PM
To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>; Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
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606.

Thank you very Jen. That looks really good.

For info:

The redrafted statement re access at the end of the release: Yolanda and I paused to reflect that we're happy to make the audio quickly available to those who were present but unable to access the building. That's a decision under the Justices Act s50A – because those persons have “a sufficient interest”. Beyond that, control of the record of proceedings will need to follow the procedures in the Justices Act s 17A and s50A (apply to the Administrator).

The danger in sending a link in the release is that it may be immediately be available to anyone at all, not only those who appear to have a sufficient interest .

M

From: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>

607.

Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 2:18 PM

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Cc: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: updated statement and secondary email text

Hi,

After further discussion between Yolanda and Mr Daly and then Mr Daly and I, we have made a slight change to the approach.

An updated copy of the statement is attached, which incorporates your changes Mr Daly as well as the changes to the comments around the recording at the end. Once finalised a PDF version of this will go to our general media list via email.

I will then send a second email only to the 3 reporters who raised issues about not being able to get in last night (David Killick – Mercury, Adam Holmes – ABC and Ethan James – AAP) which will read as follows:

Further to the media statement issued from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court a few minutes ago, please see below a link to the audio proceedings from the matter of Gregory Peter Geason heard late yesterday.

Recipients of the audio should be aware that:

1. the Court made an order forbidding the publication of the name of the affected person, under the *Family Violence Act 2004*, s 32;
2. the *Justices Act 1959*, s37A governs and restricts the publication of an account of the proceedings.

Please do not forward this recording on to others. Anyone else who would like a copy of it can request access by email to the Administrator of Courts via communications@justice.tas.gov.au.

Can you just confirm you are comfortable with that approach Yolanda and Mr Daly and let me know of any last wording changes please?

Thanks

Jen

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Cc: [Bourne, Kristy](#)
Subject: RE: Magistrates Court of Tasmania media statement.docx
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 1:13:36 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.jpg](#)
[image006.jpg](#)

Hello Everyone,

Entirely comfortable that the response is from me as Administrator. This has all resulted from my initial decision, so more than happy and content that the apology ought to come from me.

Thanks to all,
Yolanda.

From: Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 12:41 PM
To: Daly, Michael <Magistrate.Daly@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>; Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>; Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Magistrates Court of Tasmania media statement.docx

609.

Dear Deputy Chief,

I understand the predicament – if Yolanda feels comfortable about it then we could go with just ‘Administrator of Courts’ as the sign off. Alternatively I don’t have a problem releasing as Secretary, DOJ if that would make it easier. I don’t want to tread on the court’s jurisdiction but ultimately matters relating to employees are my responsibility.

Cheers
Ginna

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This is difficult. Transparency would require disclosure that the decision was administrative not judicial: there is no judicial component to any of this. But if the statement is from me, it has to say "... decision by the Court administration". This is because "the Court" here is actually the magistrate who heard the matter. And that judicial officer would have a thing or two to say to me if the press release said it was his decision that caused media not to be able to view proceedings.

So, I would anticipate you may not want the ACM to be apologising for the Administrator? I am extremely squeamish about defenestrating the Administrator. But if the Administrator is the author, these issues disappear.

M

From: Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>

611.

Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 12:06 PM

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Subject: RE: Magistrates Court of Tasmania media statement.docx

Hi Jen,

Thank you so much for preparing the Statement. His Honour will correct me if I'm wrong, but his current title is Acting Chief Magistrate (until Monday). Other than resolution to that query, I expect the Acting Chief will comment further. I personally don't seek to make any amendments or changes to the current draft.

Thanks again,
Yolanda.

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Subject: Magistrates Court of Tasmania media statement.docx

Hi,

Please see attached a draft of a media statement form the Court for your review and feedback. We are just uploading the audio to a platform to enable us to share them as a link as the files are too large to send outside the Department but as soon as that is done I will send that to the outlets who have been in touch with us to date.

Thanks

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From: [Bailey, Susan](#)
To: [Lee, Jennifer](#)
Subject: Re: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:16:04 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.jpg](#)

oh wow - popular!

On Sat, 2 Dec 2023 at 15:09, Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

614.

One party down, 2 more for the weekend to go!

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From: Bailey, Susan <susan.bailey@news.com.au>
Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:08 PM
To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court

All good - I had written the story but will change it now.

Hope the party was fun! That's politics eh?

On Sat, 2 Dec 2023 at 15:06, Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

616.

Did you get the other line I sent you earlier too?

Sorry I was working off my phone from a birthday party in the park this morning so it was all a

bit clunky

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Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:05 PM

To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court

617.

Thank you.

On Sat, 2 Dec 2023 at 15:04, Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

618.

Hi Sue,

It is Yolanda Prenc.

J

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To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court

619.

Thanks Jennifer - who is the administrator of the courts please?

On Sat, 2 Dec 2023 at 15:01, Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

620.

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a media statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court.

Kind regards

Jennifer

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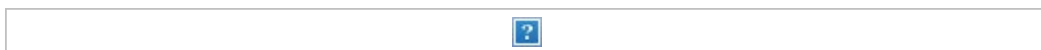
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Subject: Re: additional requests for audio
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:53:40 PM
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Given the formal request, I am content Jen with the previous accompanying statement re legal advice and not on-forwarding.

Thanks,
Yolanda.

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622.

And the advocate are also seeking a copy so 5 in total so far and I expect 7 news will also request it

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623.

I've now had another ABC reporter request it as well thanks
 My understanding was that these requests needed you to ok them Yolanda but if you would

prefer me to just provide the information and keep a record so I stop annoying you then just let me know.

J

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Cc: Magistrate.Daly@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au

Subject: additional requests for audio

624.

Hi,

In response to the statement we have received requests for the audio from Pulse Media Group, Australian Associated Press and the Mercury – the last 2 have already had it supplied to staff of their organisation who were at the court last night but I suspect those people are not working today.

Are you comfortable for the link and the accompanying advice to be provided to them please?

Thanks

Jen

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To: [Lee, Jennifer](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 5:10:36 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

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Hi Josh,
 Sorry for the delay I've been driving.

Please see below a link to the audio proceedings from the matter of Gregory Peter Geason heard late yesterday.



Recipients of the audio should be aware that:

1. the Court made an order forbidding the publication of the name of the affected person, under the *Family Violence Act 2004*, s 32;
2. the *Justices Act 1959*, s37A governs and restricts the publication of an account of the proceedings.

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Regards
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Hi there,

Thanks for that, my apologies, I didn't know about the shared mailbox - would you be able to send me the adrewwss please? I am working towards a 4pm deadline,

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Jennifer

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To: [Lee, Jennifer](#)
Cc: [Bourne, Kristy](#)
Subject: RE: ABC News request for meeting with Administrator of Courts
Date: Monday, 4 December 2023 12:10:32 PM
Attachments: [image002.jpg](#)

Hi Jen,

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Kind Regards,
 Yolanda.

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Sent: Monday, 4 December 2023 12:00 PM
To: Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>
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Subject: FW: ABC News request for meeting with Administrator of Courts

Hi Yolanda,

We have also received this one from the ABC's news editor.

Let me know if you would like us to respond on your behalf or if you reply directly can you just cc me in please so we can be consistent in the advice we give?

I know Emily raised concerns about the charge sheets in a meeting with my counterpart at DPFEM around a month ago.

Happy to chat about this if you like

Thanks

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From: Emily Bryan <Bryan.Emily@abc.net.au>

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To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>; Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: ABC News request for meeting with Administrator of Courts

Hi Jennifer,

I understand from the media statement released at the weekend that this is the contact email address for the Administrator of Courts.

As you know, we have been raising concerns for several weeks about a recent lack of access to what we call “charge sheets” listing the particulars of matters before the courts. It has never previously been the case that we could not view the particulars by visiting the court.

That issue remains unresolved and, as you know, we had another significant access issue on Friday night at the after hours court sitting for Gregory Geason.

We, along with other media organisations, are deeply concerned about the reduction in access to public information from the courts in recent months.

I would like to arrange a meeting with the Administrator to discuss these issues, and would like to invite the editors of other media outlets to attend if they wish.

Please let me know if this would be possible to arrange.

Regards,
Emily

ABC



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To: [Lee, Jennifer](#)
Subject: RE: Geason case.
Date: Monday, 4 December 2023 12:18:17 PM
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Hi Jen,

I'm no longer doing media for Minister Barnett, please pass onto Martin Gilmour.

Best,
 Jonny

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Sent: Monday, 4 December 2023 12:16 PM
To: Sealy, David <David.Sealy@dpac.tas.gov.au>; Cameron, Natalie <Natalie.Cameron@dpac.tas.gov.au>; Talbot, Jonathan <Jonathan.Talbot@dpac.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Mignot, Amber <Amber.Mignot@dpac.tas.gov.au>
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637.

Hi,
 Just FYI we have received this one from David Killick and are seeking some lines from the Court to respond.
 We'll run the lines past you once we have a draft response.
 Thanks
 Jen

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[image006.jpg](#)

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Yep, very happy with that approach, and to be involved. I think talking through the real issues that exist would be helpful.

Kristy Bourne (she, her, hers)

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To: [Bourne, Kristy](#); [Lee, Jennifer](#)
Subject: RE: ABC News request for meeting with Administrator of Courts
Date: Monday, 4 December 2023 12:28:46 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.jpg](#)

Thank you to both of you. Should I communicate directly to set up a time, or will you do that Jen?

I am free Thursday and Friday afternoon this week, or preferably Mon-Wed next week (at various times), whatever suits you both best?

Thanks,
Yolanda.

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To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>; Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>
Subject: RE: ABC News request for meeting with Administrator of Courts

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Yep, very happy with that approach, and to be involved. I think talking through the real issues that exist would be helpful.

Kristy Bourne (she, her, hers)

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Thanks

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Thanks
Jen

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Cc: [Bourne, Kristy](#)
Subject: RE: Response to Media Queries
Date: Monday, 4 December 2023 2:48:41 PM
Attachments: [image004.png](#)
[image002.jpg](#)
[image003.png](#)

Great, thanks Jen.

Yes two RTI's, one from ABC and one from The Mercury.

I'll keep you updated as the afternoon continues.

Thanks,
Yolanda.

From: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 4 December 2023 2:47 PM
To: Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Response to Media Queries

651.

Thanks Yolanda,
I can certainly let them know we will be later than 3 but will endeavour to come back by COB tonight.
I think we can use the same lines for the Mercury query too which had a 4pm deadline.
Did you say you now had 2 RTIs in relation to this one as well?
Thanks
Jen

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To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Response to Media Queries

652.

Good Afternoon Jen,

Further to our discussion, the below is my current draft response to the ABC (due at 3pm). Is there any possibility of seeking an extension, even until 5pm prior to the below being sent out?

In the short timeframe sought, the Court can provide the following response:

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Subject: RE: ABC News request for meeting with Administrator of Courts
Date: Monday, 4 December 2023 3:17:27 PM
Attachments: [image003.jpg](#)
[image004.jpg](#)
[image001.jpg](#)

Hi Jen,

I don't think I've responded to the below!

I'm free on the following days/times:

1. Monday 11 December – from 12 noon onwards
2. Tuesday 12 December – between 11.30-1pm or after 4pm
3. Wednesday 13 December – mostly all day, with the exception of a meeting between 11-12pm.

Thanks,
Yolanda.

From: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
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To: Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
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Thanks Yolanda,
Next week is better for me if we can make that work.
What times do you have available?
J

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From: [Webster, Ginna](#)
To: [Lee, Jennifer](#); [Bourne, Kristy](#)
Cc: [Davies, Angela](#)
Subject: RE: transcript
Date: Monday, 4 December 2023 5:26:47 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image004.jpg](#)

Fantastic, thanks so much Ange, I really appreciate it.

Ginna Webster (she, her, hers)

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To: Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>; Webster, Ginna <Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Davies, Angela <Angela.Davies@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: transcript

662.

Hi,

Ange is going to run the transcript of the Geason audio tonight and get it to you both as soon as she can.

If we are sharing with the AG we'll just need to note that it was produced via software and is provided for information while we await the official transcript and that it may not be 100% accurate so should be checked against the audio.

Thanks

Jen

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To: [Lee, Jennifer](#)
Subject: Lines we sent to ABC from AG
Date: Monday, 4 December 2023 6:34:13 PM

From Guy Barnett, Attorney General:

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Cc: [Cameron, Natalie \(DPaC\)](#); [Sealy, David \(DPaC\)](#); [Whiteley, Jessica \(DPaC\)](#)
Subject: RE: Response from the Magistrates Court to queries today
Date: Monday, 4 December 2023 6:38:17 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

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Thanks Jennifer – I also think the lines are consistent – but will wait for others to comment given you now have the lines we sent to ABC below

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Cc: Cameron, Natalie <Natalie.Cameron@dpac.tas.gov.au>; Sealy, David <David.Sealy@dpac.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Response from the Magistrates Court to queries today
Importance: High

665.

Hi Amber and Martin,
The Court has provided the lines below to respond to the 2 queries we've received today.
Can you let me know asap of any issues from either of your perspectives please?
ABC are running the story tonight so are chasing a response still and just called me.
Thanks
Jen

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[image004.jpg](#)
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Yes, thanks again Ange !

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667.

Fantastic, thanks so much Ange, I really appreciate it.

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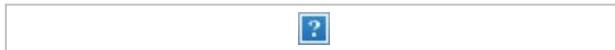
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Date: Monday, 4 December 2023 7:52:21 PM
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669.

No issues from us – this is the court's statement

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670.

Hi Amber and Martin,
The Court has provided the lines below to respond to the 2 queries we've received today.
Can you let me know asap of any issues from either of your perspectives please?
ABC are running the story tonight so are chasing a response still and just called me.
Thanks
Jen

The decision to not allow media into the court building after hours, was the decision of the Administrator of Courts. As previously stated, the Administrator has accepted that this was the wrong decision and has apologised accordingly. The Administrator made the decision when she learned that the media were seeking access. This occurred at 5.50pm on Friday 1 December 2023, at a time when the proceedings were underway. The Administrator had no knowledge of conflicting information being given to media about after-hours access, until after the proceedings had concluded. At the conclusion of the proceedings, the defendant

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My apologies for the late email.

Attached is the transcript.

Kind regards

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675.

Hi Matt,
I'm just checking with the relevant people on this one and will be back in touch as soon as I am able.
Regards
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Sent: Friday, 1 December 2023 4:48 PM

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Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

676.

Justice Geason has now been charged with criminal offences. Any comment from the Dept/court/chief justice? Thanks,

On Tue, 21 Nov 2023 at 16:14, Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

677.

Hi Matt.

We understand that Tasmania Police have provided you a response this afternoon, which answers your enquiry.

The Department of Justice will not be providing any further comment.

Thanks

James

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 21 November 2023 3:28 PM

To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

678.

Thanks, James. I would like to ask the question of the chief justice/dept all the same, as the police will be constrained as to what they can say.

On Tue, 21 Nov 2023 at 15:08, Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

679.

Hi again Matt. I have just been advised that this enquiry should go to Tasmania Police for comment. As such can you please forward to media@dpfem.tas.gov.au and the team will be able to provide you with a response.

Thanks

James

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>

680.

Sent: Tuesday, 21 November 2023 2:33 PM

To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

Thanks, James. I'll need to file before 5pm.

681.

On Tue, 21 Nov 2023 at 14:29, Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

Hi Matt.

We have sent this one over to the Supreme Court to see if they can provide comment. We will come back as soon as we have their response. Is there a deadline you're working towards?

Thanks

James

682.

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 21 November 2023 2:13 PM

To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Justice Geason - new inquiry

Hi again comms team,

Due to information received, I need to ask: has Justice Geason been charged with a criminal offence or has he or the chief justice been informed he is to be so charged?

Many thanks, Matt.

On Wed, 8 Nov 2023 at 12:18, Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

683.

Hi Matt.

We have followed up with the Supreme Court. Their response is below.

Cheers

James

The Court needs to wait until more is known about the likely length of Justice Geason's leave. When more information is available about that aspect of the situation, the Chief Justice will be in a better position to determine appropriate action in relation to any reserved decisions.

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>

684.

Sent: Wednesday, 8 November 2023 9:51 AM

To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: questions for the Supreme Court

Thanks for the below.

I am taking the latest response to mean that the chief justice may decide that Justice Geason should continue to be involved in these reserved decisions, if necessary to avoid unreasonable delays.

If this is not the case, pls respond urgently, as I intend to file a story this afternoon.

Cheers, Matt.

On Tue, 7 Nov 2023 at 15:46, Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

685.

Hi Matt

The below response can be attributed to a Department of Justice spokesperson:

If it appears that an unreasonable delay may arise in the finalisation of matters before the Full Court and Court of Criminal Appeal, the Chief Justice will consider what action is appropriate.

Kind regards
Angela

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 7 November 2023 10:38 AM
To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: questions for the Supreme Court

686.

Thanks, Jennifer.

Keen to clarify what this means: *"Depending on developments, decisions will be made on a case by case basis about the disposition of Full Court and Court of Criminal Appeal matters with reserved decisions."*

Does it mean Justice Geason may work on some reserved judgements in these matters while on leave? Some but not others? How will that be determined?

Cheers, Matt.

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Cc: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

687.

Hi Matthew,

I understand you sent some questions to the Supreme Court earlier today regarding Justice Geason. A response to those, to be attributed to the Department of Justice, is as follows:

The Supreme Court is reviewing matters that have been listed before Justice Geason and will reallocate them as appropriate, and adjourn them if necessary. Depending on developments, decisions will be made on a case by case basis about the disposition of Full Court and Court of Criminal Appeal matters with reserved decisions.

How many matters are before Justice Geason currently?

There are a number of criminal matters listed over the next two weeks, as well as civil matters for the sittings commencing 20 November. Some are very short listings of 10 or 15 minutes, and others are more substantial.

Has Justice Geason accepted the request to take leave and what is his status?

Justice Geason is on leave at present.

Did the chief justice regard his meeting with the Attorney-General to discuss the situation as appropriate, given Mr Barnett is involved in a matter currently before a full bench including Justice Geason?

The Chief Justice and the Attorney-General meet from time to time to discuss matters relating to the administration of justice.

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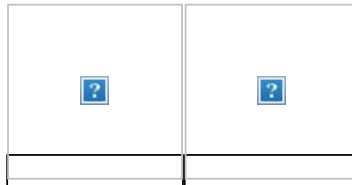
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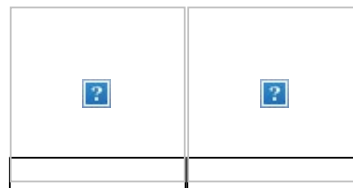
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Just FYI for now, I'm just checking with the Court to confirm but expect this will be a 'as this matter is currently before the Court it is not appropriate to make any comment' response.

Thanks

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From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>

Sent: Friday, 1 December 2023 4:48 PM

To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

689.

Justice Geason has now been charged with criminal offences. Any comment from the Dept/court/chief justice? Thanks,

On Tue, 21 Nov 2023 at 16:14, Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

690.

Hi Matt.

We understand that Tasmania Police have provided you a response this afternoon, which answers your enquiry.

The Department of Justice will not be providing any further comment.

Thanks

James

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 21 November 2023 3:28 PM

To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

691.

Thanks, James. I would like to ask the question of the chief justice/dept all the same, as the police will be constrained as to what they can say.

On Tue, 21 Nov 2023 at 15:08, Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

692.

Hi again Matt. I have just been advised that this enquiry should go to Tasmania Police for comment. As such can you please forward to media@dpfem.tas.gov.au and the team will be able to provide you with a response.

Thanks

James

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>

693.

Sent: Tuesday, 21 November 2023 2:33 PM

To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Justice Geason - new inquiry

Thanks, James. I'll need to file before 5pm.

On Tue, 21 Nov 2023 at 14:29, Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

694.

Hi Matt.

We have sent this one over to the Supreme Court to see if they can provide comment. We will come back as soon as we have their response. Is there a deadline you're working towards?

Thanks

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Sent: Tuesday, 21 November 2023 2:13 PM

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Subject: Justice Geason - new inquiry

Hi again comms team,

Due to information received, I need to ask: has Justice Geason been charged with a criminal offence or has he or the chief justice been informed he is to be so charged?

Many thanks, Matt.

On Wed, 8 Nov 2023 at 12:18, Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

696.

Hi Matt.

We have followed up with the Supreme Court. Their response is below.

Cheers

James

The Court needs to wait until more is known about the likely length of Justice Geason's leave. When more information is available about that aspect of the situation, the Chief Justice will be in a better position to determine appropriate action in relation to any reserved decisions.

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>

697.

Sent: Wednesday, 8 November 2023 9:51 AM

To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: questions for the Supreme Court

Thanks for the below.

I am taking the latest response to mean that the chief justice may decide that Justice Geason should continue to be involved in these reserved decisions, if necessary to avoid unreasonable delays.

If this is not the case, pls respond urgently, as I intend to file a story this afternoon.

Cheers, Matt.

On Tue, 7 Nov 2023 at 15:46, Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote: 698.

Hi Matt

The below response can be attributed to a Department of Justice spokesperson:

If it appears that an unreasonable delay may arise in the finalisation of matters before the Full Court and Court of Criminal Appeal, the Chief Justice will consider what action is appropriate.

Kind regards
Angela

From: Denholm, Matthew <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 7 November 2023 10:38 AM
To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: questions for the Supreme Court

699.

Thanks, Jennifer.

Keen to clarify what this means: *"Depending on developments, decisions will be made on a case by case basis about the disposition of Full Court and Court of Criminal Appeal matters with reserved decisions."*

Does it mean Justice Geason may work on some reserved judgements in these matters while on leave? Some but not others? How will that be determined?

Cheers, Matt.

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From: **Lee, Jennifer** <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2023 at 17:42
Subject: questions for the Supreme Court
To: matthew.denholm@news.com.au <matthew.denholm@news.com.au>
Cc: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

700.

Hi Matthew,
I understand you sent some questions to the Supreme Court earlier today regarding Justice Geason. A response to those, to be attributed to the Department of Justice, is as follows:

The Supreme Court is reviewing matters that have been listed before Justice Geason and will reallocate them as appropriate, and adjourn them if necessary. Depending on developments, decisions will be made on a case by case basis about the disposition of Full Court and Court of Criminal Appeal matters with reserved decisions.

How many matters are before Justice Geason currently?

There are a number of criminal matters listed over the next two weeks, as well as civil matters for the sittings commencing 20 November. Some are very short listings of 10 or 15 minutes, and others are more substantial.

Has Justice Geason accepted the request to take leave and what is his status?

Justice Geason is on leave at present.

Did the chief justice regard his meeting with the Attorney-General to discuss the situation as appropriate, given Mr Barnett is involved in a matter currently before a full bench including Justice Geason?

The Chief Justice and the Attorney-General meet from time to time to discuss matters relating to the administration of justice.

Kind regards

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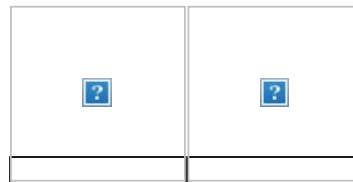
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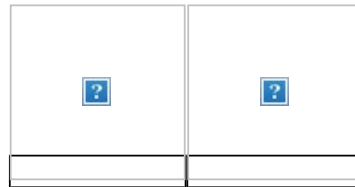
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To: [Adam Holmes](#); david.killick@news.com.au
Subject: Access to the court
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 5:47:22 PM

Hi,

Contrary to my earlier advice, the court has just advised that there is no media access to out of hours matters but they will provide an update after the hearing is complete.

Apologies

Jennifer

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lee, Jennifer](#)
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Perfect thanks Yolanda, I'll await feedback from Kristy or Ginna and get this out.
AAP, Mercury, ABC and the Australian are all after a comment.
Thanks
Jen

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Yes that is okay with me
Ginna Webster

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Thanks Ginna,

On a separate email conversation with Yolanda we've agreed to add a line that an audio recording of tonight's proceedings can be made available to media early next week as well.

I'll just run this past Amber and the GMO and then hopefully get it out soon.

Thanks

Jen

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Cc: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: suggested line for the media

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Cc: [Sealy, David \(DPaC\)](#); [Cameron, Natalie \(DPaC\)](#); [Talbot, Jonathan](#)
Subject: lines for media re Geason matter tonight
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 7:02:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
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Thanks Jess,

That was more to try and head off follow up questions that we can't answer. Can take it out for now but noting it will likely be our response to any further queries on the matter.

Thanks

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Subject: RE: lines for media re Geason matter tonight

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Thanks Jen – can we lose the last line? Agreed by both myself and Amber so good to go

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Bcc: ["Ethan James"](#); [Denholm, Matthew](#); [Killick, David](#); [Adam Holmes \(Holmes.Adam@abc.net.au\)](#)
Subject: Update from out of hours court sitting
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Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

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Subject: RE: suggested line for the media
Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 7:24:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Just FYI Amber and the GMO cleared this with the final line deleted so I've just sent that on and at this stage that should be everything for now.

Hopefully I can leave you all in peace for the weekend now.

Thanks

Jen

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Thanks very much everyone - all good from me.

Jen, have we had a specific enquiry yet re no access for media?

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Thanks Ginna,

On a separate email conversation with Yolanda we've agreed to add a line that an audio recording of tonight's proceedings can be made available to media early next week as well.

I'll just run this past Amber and the GMO and then hopefully get it out soon.

Thanks

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Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 8:40:09 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Send them to me and I can forward it on
 Thanks
 Jen

Sent from my iPhone

On 1 Dec 2023, at 8:24 pm, Prenc, Yolanda
 <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au> wrote:

725.

Shall I send details back to you Jen or straight to Ethan James?

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Subject: Fwd: Update from out of hours court sitting

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Hi Yolanda,
 I know we don't supply charge sheets any more but are we able to provide any
 of the details to the reporter as requested below please?
 Thanks
 Jen

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ethan James <ejames@aap.com.au>
Date: 1 December 2023 at 7:33:34 pm AEDT
To: "Lee, Jennifer" <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Update from out of hours court sitting

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Date: Friday, 1 December 2023 9:01:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Hi Ethan,
Details of the charges are as follows:
Charged: Gregory Peter Geason (DOB [REDACTED])
Residential suburb: Battery Point

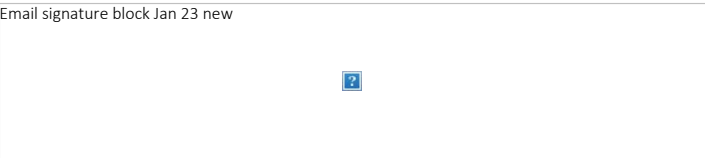
Charge 1: Emotional Abuse or Intimidation
Relevant Act: Section 9, *Family Violence Act 2004*
Offence dates: 30/4/23 to 29/11/23
Offence location: Hobart

Charge 2: Common Assault
Relevant Act: Section 35(1) *Police Offences Act 1935*
Offence date: 31/10/23
Offence location: Battery Point

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From: [Bailey, Susan](#)
To: [Lee, Jennifer](#)
Subject: Justice Geason
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 8:54:13 AM

Hi Jen

Brad has asked me to check and see whether Justice Blow wants to say anything about Justice Geason's appearance last night.

Has Justice Geason been replaced albeit temporarily on the bench.

I also have sent the following questions to the Government Media Office if you want to answer these:

As discussed is Justice Geason still stood down?

Has the A-G got any views on the closing of the court to the media for his appearance last night?

Was he aware of the charges pending and did he know the court would be closed to the media?

Does it set a precedent for other people?

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Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 9:36:52 AM

Hi,
We've received the query below from Sue Bailey at the Mercury.

Sent from my iPhone

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Date: 2 December 2023 at 8:54:12 am AEDT
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Cc: [Sealy, David \(DPaC\)](#); [Cameron, Natalie \(DPaC\)](#); [Jonathan Talbot](#)
Subject: Re: Justice Geason
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 9:42:30 AM

735.

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736.

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Cc: [Mignot, Amber \(DPaC\)](#); [Media](#); [Sealy, David \(DPaC\)](#); [Cameron, Natalie \(DPaC\)](#); [Talbot, Jonathan](#)
Subject: Re: Justice Geason
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 10:33:53 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.jpg](#)

738.

Thanks Pat, happy to make that change before I send.

Thanks

Jen

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On 2 Dec 2023, at 10:28 am, Tilley, Patrick <Patrick.Tilley@dpac.tas.gov.au> wrote:

739.

Hi all,

I'm working through q's for the AG currently just wanted to pass on something – I'm cautious that Geason can't be forced to do anything so if we could please use 'in place' instead of 'in force' that would be a more accurate and appropriate statement.

Thanks

Pat

Patrick Tilley

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740.

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Cc: [Webster, Ginna](#); [Bourne, Kristy](#)
Subject: Magistrates Court of Tasmania media statement.docx
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 11:48:00 AM
Attachments: [Magistrates Court of Tasmania media statement.docx](#)
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Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 11:56:00 AM
Attachments: [image003.jpg](#)
[image004.jpg](#)
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Subject: RE: Magistrates Court of Tasmania media statement.docx
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 12:01:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.jpg](#)
[image003.jpg](#)
[image004.jpg](#)
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748.

Thanks Ginna,
That was the plan and happy to be guided by Yolanda and Mr Daly as to the correct form of words to use .
J

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Subject: RE: Magistrates Court of Tasmania media statement.docx

749.

Thanks Jen, that all sounds appropriate, subject to the views of the Deputy Chief and Administrator.

I am assuming that when media ask for a copy of the proceedings they will be provided with advice re: the suppression order, etc.

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From: [Lee, Jennifer](#)
To: [Davies, Angela](#)
Subject: Re: Playlist - Audio recording
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 1:08:32 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Thank you so much. Private setting is perfect too thanks
J

Sent from my iPhone

On 2 Dec 2023, at 1:07 pm, Davies, Angela <Angela.Davies@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

Hi Jen

The link to the Soundcloud playlist is 



I've set it to private so it can only be accessed from the above link. Let me know if you want this changed to public.

Cheers
Ange

Angela Davies (she, her, hers)

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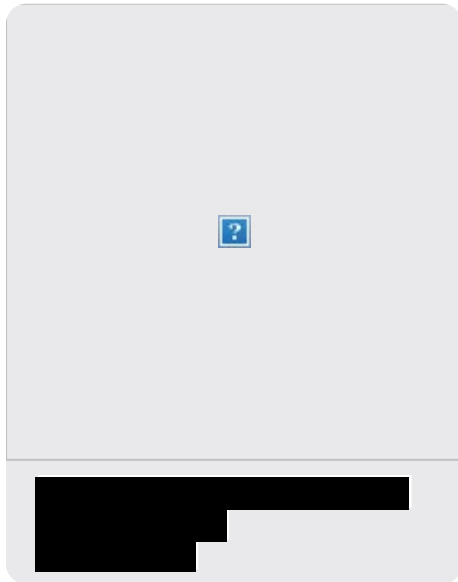
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So once we resolve who the statement is going from I can send both out together



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On 2 Dec 2023, at 12:41 pm, Webster, Ginna
<Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

756.

Dear Deputy Chief,

I understand the predicament – if Yolanda feels comfortable about it then we could go with just ‘Administrator of Courts’ as the sign off. Alternatively I don’t have a problem releasing as Secretary, DOJ if that would make it easier. I don’t want to tread on the court’s jurisdiction but ultimately matters relating to employees are my responsibility.

Cheers
Ginna

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This is difficult. Transparency would require disclosure that the decision was administrative not judicial: there is no judicial component to any of this. But if the statement is from me, it has to say "... decision by the Court administration". This is because "the Court" here is actually the magistrate who heard the matter. And that judicial officer would have a thing or two to say to me if the press release said it was his decision that caused media not to be able to view proceedings.

So, I would anticipate you may not want the ACM to be apologising for the Administrator? I am extremely squeamish about defenestrating the Administrator. But if the Administrator is the author, these issues disappear.

M

From: Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>

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Hi Jen,

Thank you so much for preparing the Statement. His Honour will correct me if I'm wrong, but his current title is Acting Chief Magistrate (until Monday). Other than resolution to that query, I expect the Acting Chief will comment further. I personally don't seek to make any amendments or changes to the current draft.

Thanks again,
Yolanda.

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Subject: Re: Magistrates Court of Tasmania media statement.docx
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 1:20:19 PM
Attachments: [image004.png](#)
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Thank you all. Are you comfortable if I change the last line to note that the audio is attached and include the link rather than require them to request it?

And is the line I suggested earlier re getting legal advice on publication of any of it the only caveat we need to include?

Sent from my iPhone

On 2 Dec 2023, at 1:15 pm, Prenc, Yolanda
 <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au> wrote:

Hello again,

I understand the Acting Chief is about to forward through some jointly agreed mark-ups to the Statement, which can be released under my name as Administrator of Courts.

Thanks again to everyone for your support and assistance. I am extremely grateful for your kindness, patience and work in assisting me through this decision.

Yolanda.

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<!--[endif]--> **Yolanda Prenc** (she, her, hers)

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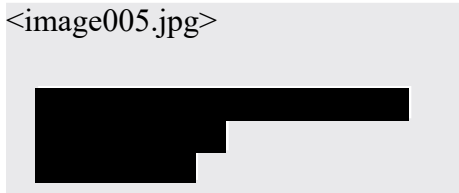
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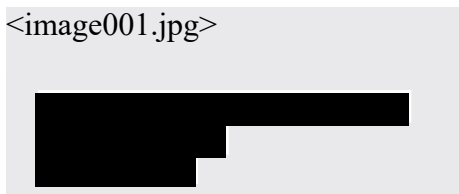
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Further to the media statement issued from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court a few minutes ago, please see below a link to the audio proceedings from the matter of Gregory Peter Geason heard late yesterday.

Recipients of the audio should be aware that:

1. the Court made an order forbidding the publication of the name of the affected person, under the *Family Violence Act 2004*, s 32;
2. the *Justices Act 1959*, s37A governs and restricts the publication of an account of the proceedings.

Please do not forward this recording on to others. Anyone else who would like a copy of it can request access by email to the Administrator of Courts via communications@justice.tas.gov.au.

Can you just confirm you are comfortable with that approach Yolanda and Mr Daly and let me know of any last wording changes please?

Thanks

Jen

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Hi Pat,

I've just sent what is hopefully the final draft back to the Acting Chief Magistrate to sign off on and then I'll flick you a copy.

We are only providing the recording at this stage to those who were there last night (Killick, Adam Holmes and Ethan James of AAP) and noting that others can request a copy. The Court can't just send it out generally as there are some limits on publication we'll put some notes in the email about.

Thanks

Jen

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To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Justice Geason

777.

Hey Jen,

Amber mentioned to me that the courts would be preparing and presenting their own statement on this – are you able to please provide me with that if you have it?

Thanks

Pat

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778.

Thanks Pat, happy to make that change before I send.

Thanks

Jen

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On 2 Dec 2023, at 10:28 am, Tilley, Patrick <Patrick.Tilley@dpac.tas.gov.au> wrote:

779.

Hi all,

I'm working through q's for the AG currently just wanted to pass on something – I'm cautious that Geason can't be forced to do anything so if we could please use 'in place' instead of 'in force' that would be a more accurate and appropriate statement.

Thanks
Pat

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Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 9:42 AM

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Cc: Sealy, David <David.Sealy@dpac.tas.gov.au>; Cameron, Natalie

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Subject: Re: Justice Geason

Apologies I hit send too soon on the email.

The courts response to this one is as follows:

*An arrangement was made several weeks ago that Geason J would not sit until further notice. That arrangement is still **in place**.*

I'll send that shortly from the Supreme Court if no one has any objections.

I understand they've also sent you some questions for the Attorney

Thanks

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On 2 Dec 2023, at 9:36 am, Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

781.

Hi,

We've received the query below from Sue Bailey at the Mercury.

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Begin forwarded message:

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From: "Bailey, Susan" <susan.bailey@news.com.au>
Date: 2 December 2023 at 8:54:12 am AEDT
To: "Lee, Jennifer" <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Justice Geason

Hi Jen

Brad has asked me to check and see whether Justice Blow wants to say anything about Justice Geason's appearance last night.

Has Justice Geason been replaced albeit temporarily on the bench.

I also have sent the following questions to the Government Media Office if you want to answer these:

As discussed is Justice Geason still stood down?

Has the A-G got any views on the closing of the court to the media for his appearance last night?

Was he aware of the charges pending and did he know the court would be closed to the media?

Does it set a precedent for other people?

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Hello,

Confirming that I agree that the amended version and approach is appropriate in the circumstances.

Yolanda.

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Cc: [Webster, Ginna](#)
Subject: RE: updated statement and secondary email text
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 2:33:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.jpg](#)
[image003.jpg](#)

Thank you all, I'll get this on to the AGO and the GMO as a heads up now and then send it out.
 Thank you all for your help with this and hopefully I can leave you in peace for the rest of the weekend
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Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 2:30 PM
To: Daly, Michael <Magistrate.Daly@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>; Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>; Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>
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Great, thanks everyone – makes very good sense.

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Thank you very Jen. That looks really good.

For info:

The redrafted statement re access at the end of the release: Yolanda and I paused to reflect that we're happy to make the audio quickly available to those who were present but unable to access the building. That's a decision under the Justices Act s50A – because those persons have “a sufficient interest”. Beyond that, control of the record of proceedings will need to follow the procedures in the Justices Act s 17A and s50A (apply to the Administrator).

The danger in sending a link in the release is that it may be immediately be available to anyone at all, not only those who appear to have a sufficient interest .

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From: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 2:18 PM
To: Daly, Michael <Magistrate.Daly@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>; Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>
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Subject: audio of last night's Mag Crt proceedings
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:01:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Hi Adam,

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To: [Josh Duggan](#)
Cc: [Tilley, Patrick \(DPaC\)](#)
Subject: RE: Magistrates Court Geasson
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:03:00 PM
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Hi Josh,
You should have just received a copy of the statement from the Court in relation to this matter.
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Subject: Magistrates Court Geasson

795.

Hi guys, Josh from 7 News here
We don't appear to have gotten the statement mentioned by other outlets regarding Justice Geasson's charges and the situation at the Magistrates Court last night. Can I please get a copy?
Also I have these questions

- Why were media not allowed in?
- Who made the decision not to allow media in?
- Why were appropriate security arrangements to allow media in not in place?
- The hearing was held at 5:30 as opposed to 7 – why the change?
- Why was Geasson escorted to his car?
- Who was the magistrate?
- Does the magistrates court usually run protection rackets for high profile people or just judges?

Thanks! My deadline is 4pm

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To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court

803.

Good afternoon,

Can I please request a copy of the audio recording.

Kind regards, Alex

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Cc: Daly, Michael <Magistrate.Daly@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: additional requests for audio

806.

Given the formal request, I am content Jen with the previous accompanying statement re legal advice and not on-forwarding.

Thanks,
Yolanda.

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From: Lee, Jennifer

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Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:27 PM

To: Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>

Cc: 'Magistrate.Daly@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au'

<Magistrate.Daly@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>

Subject: RE: additional requests for audio

I've now had another ABC reporter request it as well thanks

My understanding was that these requests needed you to ok them Yolanda but if you would prefer me to just provide the information and keep a record so I stop annoying you then just let me know.

J

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To: Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Magistrate.Daly@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au
Subject: additional requests for audio

Hi,

In response to the statement we have received requests for the audio from Pulse Media Group, Australian Associated Press and the Mercury – the last 2 have already had it supplied to staff of their organisation who were at the court last night but I suspect those people are not working today.

Are you comfortable for the link and the accompanying advice to be provided to them please?

Thanks

Jen

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From: [Communications](#)
To: [Augustine, Judy](#)
Subject: RE: The Mercury: Magistrates court audio recording
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 4:02:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

810.

Good afternoon,

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Regards

Jennifer

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From: Augustine, Judy <judy.augustine@news.com.au>
Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:13 PM
To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: The Mercury: Magistrates court audio recording

811.

Good afternoon,

May we please have the audio recording of Justice Gregory Geason's court appearance in the Magistrates Court last night?

Thank you,

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JUDY AUGUSTINE

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From: [Communications](#)
To: [Isabella Podwinski](#)
Subject: RE: Request for proceedings audio
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 4:03:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Good afternoon Isabella,
Thanks for forwarding the request via email.

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[REDACTED]

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From: Isabella Podwinski <Podwinski.Isabella@abc.net.au>
Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:35 PM

To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Request for proceedings audio

Good afternoon,

my name is Isabella Podwinski, I'm a reporter with ABC News in Hobart.

I was wondering if I could please receive the audio recording of Justice Geason's proceedings from Friday afternoon, on behalf of the ABC.

Thanks,
Isabella

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From: [Communications](#)
To: [Alex Johnston](#)
Subject: RE: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 4:05:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Hi Alex,

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Regards
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From: Alex Johnston <johnstona@winnetwork.com.au>

Sent: Saturday, 2 December 2023 3:45 PM

To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court

Good afternoon,

Can I please request a copy of the audio recording.

Kind regards, Alex

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From: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>

Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 3:01:31 PM

816.

To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a media statement from the Administrator of the Magistrates Court.

Kind regards

Jennifer

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From: [Lee, Jennifer](#)
To: [Webster, Ginna](#)
Cc: [Prenc, Yolanda](#); [Bourne, Kristy](#)
Subject: Re: Information
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 12:52:27 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Hi Ginna,

If it helps below is what Yolanda sent me last night in response to a request from media for a copy of the charge sheet.

Thanks

Jen

The below is the information I'm able to provide from the system:

Charged: Gregory Peter Geason (DOB [REDACTED])
Residential suburb: Battery Point

Charge 1: Emotional Abuse or Intimidation
Relevant Act: Section 9, *Family Violence Act 2004*
Offence dates: 30/4/23 to 29/11/23
Offence location: Hobart

Charge 2: Common Assault
Relevant Act: Section 35(1) *Police Offences Act 1935*
Offence date: 31/10/23
Offence location: Battery Point

Sent from my iPhone

818.

On 2 Dec 2023, at 12:49 pm, Webster, Ginna
<Ginna.Webster@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

Hi Folks,

Could we please put together a brief for the AG in relation to the charges against Judge Geason? KB, I will give you a call about that shortly if that is okay.

Also, do we have the specific details of the charges – the AG is keen to understand what exactly the Judge has been charged with – Yolanda would you have this at hand?

Cheers,

Ginna

Ginna Webster (she, her, hers)

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To: [Prenc, Yolanda](#)
Cc: [Bourne, Kristy](#)
Subject: FW: ABC News request for meeting with Administrator of Courts
Date: Monday, 4 December 2023 11:59:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Hi Yolanda,

We have also received this one from the ABC's news editor.

Let me know if you would like us to respond on your behalf or if you reply directly can you just cc me in please so we can be consistent in the advice we give?

I know Emily raised concerns about the charge sheets in a meeting with my counterpart at DPFEM around a month ago.

Happy to chat about this if you like

Thanks

Jen

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From: Emily Bryan <Bryan.Emily@abc.net.au>
Sent: Monday, 4 December 2023 11:19 AM
To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>; Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: ABC News request for meeting with Administrator of Courts

Hi Jennifer,

I understand from the media statement released at the weekend that this is the contact email address for the Administrator of Courts.

As you know, we have been raising concerns for several weeks about a recent lack of access to what we call “charge sheets” listing the particulars of matters before the courts. It has never previously been the case that we could not view the particulars by visiting the court.

That issue remains unresolved and, as you know, we had another significant access issue on

Friday night at the after hours court sitting for Gregory Geason.

We, along with other media organisations, are deeply concerned about the reduction in access to public information from the courts in recent months.

I would like to arrange a meeting with the Administrator to discuss these issues, and would like to invite the editors of other media outlets to attend if they wish.

Please let me know if this would be possible to arrange.

Regards,
Emily

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From: [Lee, Jennifer](#)
To: [Killick, David](#)
Subject: RE: Geason case.
Date: Monday, 4 December 2023 12:01:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

The address is communications@justice.tas.gov.au

That account is monitored 7 days/wk and I work part time so you are more likely to get a response by emailing that one on the days I'm not in

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From: Killick, David <david.killick@news.com.au>
Sent: Monday, 4 December 2023 11:24 AM
To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Geason case.

822.

Hi there,

Thanks for that, my apologies, I didn't know about the shared mailbox - would you be able to send me the adrewsss please? I am working towards a 4pm deadline,

regards,

David.

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On Mon, 4 Dec 2023 at 11:16, Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

Hi David,
When is your deadline for this?
And can you send these requests to our shared mailbox copied in above rather than me directly please?
Thanks
Jennifer

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From: Killick, David <david.killick@news.com.au>

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Sent: Monday, 4 December 2023 11:03 AM

To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Geason case.

Good morning,

Further to Friday's court appearance, Labor has raised some questions and I was keen to hear

back from you for a story I am writing for tomorrow's paper. The Shadow Attorney-General Ella Haddad has asked what was "unusual and unprecedented" about the circumstances" and who decided to bar media from the courtroom and when. I have included the text of her statement below. I would be grateful for a response to the concerns Ms Haddad raises.

regards,

David.

**Statement from Ella Haddad Shadow Attorney General
4 December 2023**

Justice Geason Case

The apology from the Magistrates Court for media being barred from the court appearance of Supreme Court judge Greg Geason doesn't explain why the decision was made, how the decision was made and by whom.

The Administrator of the Court said there were "unusual and unprecedented" circumstances. However, there is nothing "unusual and unprecedented" about family violence offending and the hearing should have been treated the same way as any other person facing family violence charges.

What is unusual and unprecedented is barring the media from a hearing seemingly because of the defendant's high profile.

This looks like a case of one rule for this defendant and another rule for everyone else and adds further to the culture of secrecy and lack of transparency that has become a hallmark of this government.

Justice Geason was best man at former Liberal premier Will Hodgman's wedding.

When the case is heard on February 6 it must be heard by someone from interstate with no connection to Justice Geason.

This is not doubting the abilities of Tasmania's court system, but considering our small legal profession here, it is essential that in the interests of justice that the court brings someone from interstate to hear the case on February 6 and beyond.

DAVID KILLICK

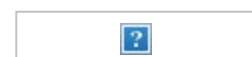
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Date: Monday, 4 December 2023 12:11:00 PM
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[image002.jpg](#)

Thanks Yolanda,
 Subject to Kristy's views if the meeting goes ahead I'm happy to sit in so we all have the same information.
 Thanks
 J

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From: Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 4 December 2023 12:10 PM
To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: RE: ABC News request for meeting with Administrator of Courts

Hi Jen,

I'm more than content to meet with the media if Kristy agrees it's appropriate? I think at the very least, I could assure them that in no way am I attempting to be obstructive and perhaps an explanation of the issues is appropriate.

I intend to speak to the Office of the Solicitor-General today to see if we can get some urgent advice around the issue of charge sheet disclosure before the end of the week, so any meeting could occur next week sometime and hopefully the charge sheet issue can be resolved by that time.

Interested in some advice re meeting, but otherwise I am more than happy to respond and

cc. you both.

Kind Regards,
Yolanda.

From: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 4 December 2023 12:00 PM
To: Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
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827.

Hi Yolanda,
We have also received this one from the ABC's news editor.
Let me know if you would like us to respond on your behalf or if you reply directly can you just cc me in please so we can be consistent in the advice we give?
I know Emily raised concerns about the charge sheets in a meeting with my counterpart at DPFEM around a month ago.
Happy to chat about this if you like
Thanks
Jen

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Sent: Monday, 4 December 2023 11:19 AM
To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>; Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: ABC News request for meeting with Administrator of Courts

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Please let me know if this would be possible to arrange.

Regards,
Emily



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Date: Monday, 4 December 2023 12:13:00 PM
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Thanks Emily,
I certainly didn't get that sense from the way most of the media I interacted with on the night spoke to me!
We'll be in touch asap re the meeting request.
Jennifer

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To: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: ABC News request for meeting with Administrator of Courts

830.

You don't often get email from bryan.emily@abc.net.au. [Learn why this is important](#)

Thanks very much Jennifer.

And thanks for your assistance on Friday night, it was greatly appreciated.

From: Communications <Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 12:04:36 PM
To: Emily Bryan <Bryan.Emily@abc.net.au>
Subject: RE: ABC News request for meeting with Administrator of Courts

831.

Hi Emily,
I have forwarded your email on to the Administrator of the Magistrates Court and either her or I will come back to you with a response.
Regards

Jennifer

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To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>; Communications

<Communications@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: ABC News request for meeting with Administrator of Courts

Hi Jennifer,

I understand from the media statement released at the weekend that this is the contact email address for the Administrator of Courts.

As you know, we have been raising concerns for several weeks about a recent lack of access to what we call “charge sheets” listing the particulars of matters before the courts. It has never previously been the case that we could not view the particulars by visiting the court.

That issue remains unresolved and, as you know, we had another significant access issue on Friday night at the after hours court sitting for Gregory Geason.

We, along with other media organisations, are deeply concerned about the reduction in access to public information from the courts in recent months.

I would like to arrange a meeting with the Administrator to discuss these issues, and would like to invite the editors of other media outlets to attend if they wish.

Please let me know if this would be possible to arrange.

Regards,
Emily

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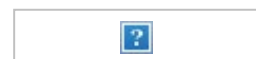
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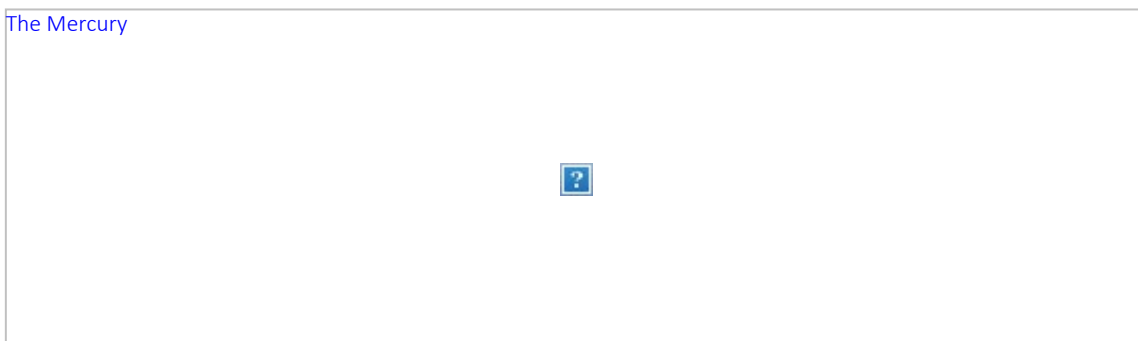
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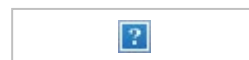
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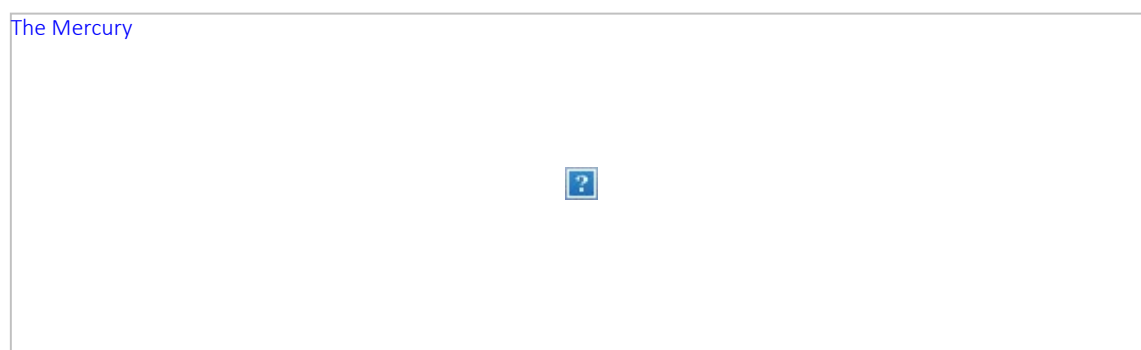
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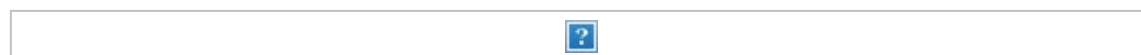


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Thanks, I'll let the team here know about the change

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840.

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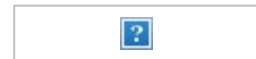
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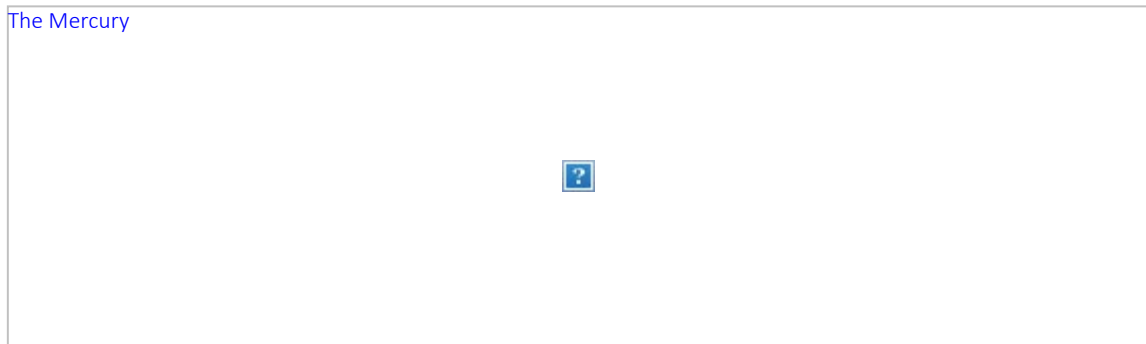
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Cc: Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Response to Media Queries

846.

Great, thanks Jen.

Yes two RTI's, one from ABC and one from The Mercury.

I'll keep you updated as the afternoon continues.

Thanks,

Yolanda.

847.

From: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
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Thanks Yolanda,

I can certainly let them know we will be later than 3 but will endeavour to come back by COB tonight.

I think we can use the same lines for the Mercury query too which had a 4pm deadline.

Did you say you now had 2 RTIs in relation to this one as well?

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Cc: Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Response to Media Queries

Good Afternoon Jen,

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In the short timeframe sought, the Court can provide the following response:

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Yolanda.

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Cc: [Davies, Angela](#)
Subject: transcript
Date: Monday, 4 December 2023 5:03:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Hi,

Ange is going to run the transcript of the Geason audio tonight and get it to you both as soon as she can.

If we are sharing with the AG we'll just need to note that it was produced via software and is provided for information while we await the official transcript and that it may not be 100% accurate so should be checked against the audio.

Thanks

Jen

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Cc: [Cameron, Natalie \(DPaC\)](#); [Sealy, David \(DPaC\)](#)
Subject: Response from the Magistrates Court to queries today
Date: Monday, 4 December 2023 6:00:00 PM
Attachments: [Geason case..msg](#)
[ABC News enquiry regarding Justice Geason's out-of-hours hearing.msg](#)
[image001.jpg](#)
Importance: High

850.

Hi Amber and Martin,

The Court has provided the lines below to respond to the 2 queries we've received today.

Can you let me know asap of any issues from either of your perspectives please?

ABC are running the story tonight so are chasing a response still and just called me.

Thanks

Jen

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To: [Gilmour, Martin](#)
Subject: RE: Lines we sent to ABC from AG
Date: Monday, 4 December 2023 6:35:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Thanks Martin,

I think the Court lines (below) are consistent with that so are you ok for me to send those to ABC and Killick from the Court please?

J

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Sent: Monday, 4 December 2023 6:34 PM
To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Lines we sent to ABC from AG

From Guy Barnett, Attorney General:

“Open justice and transparency are important principles of our justice system,

however, any restrictions on public or media access to court proceedings is an operational matter for the Courts.

“The Court has acknowledged it was a wrong decision and has apologised, which I believe was appropriate.”

Martin Gilmour

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To: [Bourne, Kristy](#)
Subject: Re: Response to Media Queries
Date: Monday, 4 December 2023 8:34:32 PM
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[image005.jpg](#)

Finally got the all clear just before 8 so sent it off shortly after.
Have a good night
Sent from my iPhone

On 4 Dec 2023, at 18:56, Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au> wrote:

Yes, thanks Jen – we can only try!

Kristy Bourne (she, her, hers)

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Sent: Monday, 4 December 2023 6:53 PM
To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>; Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Response to Media Queries

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All good Jen, thanks for letting me know.

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Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 6:49:14 PM
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Subject: RE: Response to Media Queries

855.

Just FYI I'm struggling to get this cleared by the AGO. I sent it to them at 6.00 and have sent Amber a text as well but have had no response.
GMO are ok but want to wait for the Minister's office sign off so it won't make the ABC news tonight now unfortunately

I'll let you know when I get the ok
Thanks
Jen

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Sent: Monday, 4 December 2023 5:52 PM

To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>; Prenc, Yolanda
<Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Response to Media Queries

Thank you both, all good from me.
KB

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From: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>

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Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 5:45:11 PM

To: Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>

Cc: Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Response to Media Queries

Thanks Yolanda. I'm happy with that. Ok for you Kristy?

Sent from my iPhone

On 4 Dec 2023, at 5:20 pm, Prenc, Yolanda

858.

<Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au> wrote:

I'm hoping it's not too late, but can I amend again. I would like to
remove the whole part about my reasoning, amended below.

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Cc: Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Response to Media Queries

859.

Sorry, can we hold again! Just on the phone, will call in a minute

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Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 5:04:58 PM
To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>
Cc: Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Response to Media Queries

860.

Hi Jen,

I have slightly amended the below (the underlined portion), however unfortunately I can't add anything further at this stage, but will, as soon as possible.

Thanks for all your help and patience today.

Yolanda

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From: Prenc, Yolanda <Yolanda.Prenc@magistratescourt.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 2:44:00 pm
To: Lee, Jennifer <Jennifer.Lee@justice.tas.gov.au>

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Cc: Bourne, Kristy <Kristy.Bourne@justice.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Response to Media Queries

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Subject: RE: Magistrates Court Geasson
Date: Saturday, 2 December 2023 11:29:21 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Hi Everyone,

I have added some comments in red, however, the Acting Chief Magistrate will review and may provide further instruction prior to any release.

Additionally, I have also attached the relevant audio recordings (Part 3 to come in a separate email), which the Acting Chief Magistrate will also review.

Kind Regards,
Yolanda.

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Jen

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Cc: "Tilley, Patrick (DPaC)" <Patrick.Tilley@dpac.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Magistrates Court Geasson

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- Who made the decision not to allow media in? The Administrator of Courts
- Why were appropriate security arrangements to allow media in not in place? See above
- The hearing was held at 5:30 as opposed to 7 – why the change? The relevant Magistrate and Clerk were sitting in Court 2 and agreed to sit until 5.30pm to deal with the matter
- Why was Geasson escorted to his car? The Court were advised that Police were transporting the defendant to his address. Instructions were for the defendant to depart the court in the usual manner.
- Who was the magistrate? Magistrate Chris Webster
- Does the magistrates court usually run protection rackets for high profile people or just judges?

Thanks! My deadline is 4pm

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Part 3 of the audio attached.

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Date: Tuesday, 5 December 2023 1:25:44 PM
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[image002.png](#)

Dear Ginna and Kristy,

Attached is a copy of the transcript, as requested by the Attorney-General.

It is important to note that there are at least two legislative provisions that may have application upon the publication of material (ie the transcript and/or audio), although I defer to the advice of the Solicitor-General in this regard. In my view, the following possibly have application:

1. S37A *Justices Act* 1959 (re publication of bail proceedings);
2. S32 *Family Violence Act* 2004 (re suppression of complainants name);
3. Possibly S11(6)(b) Court Security Act (re publication of proceedings).

The following details are the particulars of the complaint, which were not read in court:

Charge 1 Emotional abuse or intimidation:

- a) Tracking [person's] movements using technology;
- b) Coercing [person] into establishing a shared phone account to gain access to her electronic records;
- c) Interrogating [person] about her location, including details about her companions;
- d) Scrutinising [person's] electronic devices and reviewing her messages, including deleted messages;
- e) Subjecting [person] to verbal abuse, including remarks about her professional and personal life. Persistent yelling and screaming at her;
- f) Demanding [person] contribute \$300,000 equity from her own home.
- g) Pressuring [person] to sign the Contract of Sale on a home in West Hobart;
- h) Exhibiting jealousy, rage, anger and aggression;
- i) Making on-going contact with [person] on 13 occasions between 20 November 2023 and 29 November 2023, in contravention of your Police Family Violence Order.

Charge 2 Common assault:

Grabbing her by the arms and squeezing, shaking her and striking her chest with your hand

Finally, I confirm that there is no further comment at the moment from the Chief Magistrate/Magistrates.

Please don't hesitate to call if you require anything further.

Kind Regards,
Yolanda.

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