

Chronology and reasons for delay

1. Why was there a delay in bringing the prosecution?

- A number of factors have contributed to the time it has taken to bring these proceedings.
- Before instituting the proceedings, there were a number of public interest considerations to take into account. In particular, I had to consider Australia's national security and the practicalities of prosecuting an intelligence matter. It would not be appropriate to comment further.

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2. When was the matter referred to the Attorney-General for consent?

- As this matter is currently before the court, it would not be appropriate to comment at this time.

3. When was the brief of evidence referred to the CDPP?

- As this matter is currently before the court, it would not be appropriate to comment at this time.

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Timeline of prosecution matter

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Date	Event
17 September 2015	Then Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (CDPP), Mr Robert Bromwich SC, wrote to then Attorney-General, Senator the Hon. George Brandis QC, requesting his consent to prosecute.
28 September 2015	Then Attorney-General requested Mr Bromwich to prepare written advice (the Bromwich advice).
1 October 2015	Bromwich advice was finalised.
4 August 2016	Then Attorney-General requested the current CDPP, Ms Sarah McNaughton SC, to consider the Bromwich advice and provide her opinion.
1 September 2016	Ms McNaughton provided her opinion (the McNaughton advice).
20 February 2017	Then Attorney-General requested the Solicitor-General, Dr Stephen Donoghue SC, provide his opinion.
17 May 2017	The Solicitor-General provided his opinion.
19 December 2017	The CDPP received the Solicitor-General's opinion.
15 March 2018	CDPP received advice from s22 QC.
19 March 2018	CDPP wrote to the Attorney-General seeking his consent to prosecute.
11 May 2018	Attorney-General provided his consent to the prosecution.
29 May 2018	AGS wrote to CDPP requesting that Ms McNaughton invoke the <i>National Security Information (Criminal and Civil Proceedings) Act 2004</i> (NSI Act).
30 May 2018	Summonses were issued and served, proceedings commenced and the NSI Act was invoked.
25 July 2018	First mention has been listed in the ACT Magistrates Court.

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