## Cutmore, Monica

From:

Bezzi, Marcus

Sent:

Thursday, 8 March 2012 8:46 AM

To:

Ayres, Lisa Anne Gregson, Scott

Cc: Subject:

FW: Wikleaks / Mastercard / Visa - Letter from Senator Ludlam [SEC=IN-

CONFIDENCE]

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Lisa Anne and Scott,

I was wondering what is happening with this meeting?

Marcus

## Marcus Bezzi

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From: Cassidy, Brian

Sent: Monday, 27 February 2012 2:07 PM

To: Bezzi, Marcus; Gregson, Scott; de Gruchy, Rayne

Cc: Ayres, Lisa Anne; Ridgway, Nigel; Buik, Jessica; Fleming, Richard

**Subject:** RE: Wikleaks / Mastercard / Visa - Letter from Senator Ludlam [SEC=IN-CONFIDENCE]

Marcus

Ok with me.

Brian

From: Bezzi, Marcus

Sent: Monday, 27 February 2012 9:22 AM

To: Cassidy, Brian; Gregson, Scott; de Gruchy, Rayne

Cc: Ayres, Lisa Anne; Ridgway, Nigel; Buik, Jessica; Fleming, Richard

Subject: Re: Wikleaks / Mastercard / Visa - Letter from Senator Ludlam [SEC=IN-CONFIDENCE]

Brian,

I think it would be appropriate - subject to your views and those of Rayne, for Scott and I to meet with Senator Ludlum.

If this approach is ok with you we also would ask Lisa Anne to let the PST's office know that the meeting arises from Senate Estimates and invite them to participate if they wish to do so.

Marcus

From: Cassidy, Brian

Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 12:06 AM

**To**: Gregson, Scott; de Gruchy, Rayne; Bezzi, Marcus

Cc: Ayres, Lisa Anne; Ridgway, Nigel; Buik, Jessica; Fleming, Richard

Subject: Re: Wikleaks / Mastercard / Visa - Letter from Senator Ludlam [SEC=IN-CONFIDENCE]

I see no problem in a meeting - we will need to decide who goes.

Brian

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

From: Gregson, Scott

Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 09:38 PM

To: Cassidy, Brian; de Gruchy, Rayne; Bezzi, Marcus

Cc: Ayres, Lisa Anne; Ridgway, Nigel; Buik, Jessica; Fleming, Richard

Subject: Wikleaks / Mastercard / Visa - Letter from Senator Ludlam [SEC=IN-CONFIDENCE]

Afternoon Brian, Rayne and Marcus

As you are each aware, we took some queries from Senator Ludlam at Senate Estimates the weeks before last. In addition to questions on Notice, the Senator foreshadowed further contact with the ACCC.

On Thursday last week, we received a letter from the Senator. The Senator has asked whether the conduct in question constitutes cartel like behaviour of – if in the absence of collusion – whether the CCA nonetheless provides a means for recourse. He has asked for a briefing on the competition provisions and asked whether we could meet with him during the next sitting of Parliament (27 February – 1 March).

We are currently exploring the background to the matters further and have been assisted by the complaint to the European Commission. I expect to be in a position to have enough information to respond to the Senator by mid week.

I seek your views on meeting with Senator Ludlam towards the end of the week. I am more than comfortable with such and Marcus has some interest and may be able to assist.

I would be pleased to discuss Monday morning with a view to responding to the Seantor's request through Lisa-Anne later that day.

Regards

**Scott Gregson** 

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