

**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 January 2019 8:28 PM  
**To:** Fletcher, Graham  
**Cc:** s22(1)(a)(ii) Todd, Andrew; s22(1)(a)(ii) Lawson, Elly; Media  
**Subject:** Re: Yang Hengjun disappeared [SEC= [REDACTED]]

Many thanks as always Graham. [REDACTED]

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**From:** "Fletcher, Graham" <Graham.Fletcher@dfat.gov.au>  
**Date:** Tuesday, 22 January 2019 at 18:51:31  
**To:** s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** s22(1)(a)(ii) "Todd, Andrew" <Andrew.Todd@dfat.gov.au>, s22(1)(a)(ii) "Lawson, Elly" <Elly.Lawson@dfat.gov.au>, "Media" s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** FW: Yang Hengjun disappeared [SEC= [REDACTED]]

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. Consular will send a cable asap to post.

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**From:** Fletcher, Graham  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 January 2019 6:19 PM  
**To:** Thomson, Gerald <Gerald.Thomson@dfat.gov.au>; Lee, Sue <Sue.Lee@dfat.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Maude, Richard <Richard.Maude@dfat.gov.au>; Lawson, Elly <Elly.Lawson@dfat.gov.au>; s22(1)(a)(ii) ; Adams, Jan <Jan.Adams@dfat.gov.au>; Todd, Andrew <Andrew.Todd@dfat.gov.au>;  
s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** FW: Yang Hengjun disappeared [SEC= [REDACTED]]

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Gerald/Sue

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**From:** Fletcher, Graham  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 January 2019 6:14 PM  
**To:** s47F(1)  
**Cc:** Lawson, Elly <Elly.Lawson@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** RE: Yang Hengjun disappeared [SEC= ██████████]

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Regards, Graham

**From:** John Garnaut <s 47F(1)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 January 2019 5:36 PM  
**To:** Adamson, Frances <Frances.Adamson@dfat.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Fletcher, Graham <Graham.Fletcher@dfat.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Yang Hengjun disappeared

Frances, grim news, not yet confirmed:

“just heard that Yang Hengjun has been out of touch for about 6 days. I think since he arrived in china.” - s47F(1)

“It is likely that Hengjun has been abducted and made to disappear in Beijing. I tried whole day but could not reach him.” s47F(1)

He is an Australian citizen, hugely important to ethnic Chinese civil society, and a close friend of mine - as you will remember from last time.

<https://www.smh.com.au/world/my-friend-the-writer-who-disappeared-20110329->

Thank you for your urgent attention. I will of course help however I can.

Regards,

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John Garnaut  
+61 (0)s 47F(1)

**From:** s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 January 2019 9:05 PM  
**To:** s22(1)(a)(ii) Fletcher, Graham  
**Cc:** Todd, Andrew; s22(1)(a)(ii) Lawson, Elly; Media  
**Subject:** Re: Yang Hengjun disappeared [SEC= ]

Many thanks s22(1)(a)(i) Interesting. [REDACTED]

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**From:** s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Date:** Tuesday, 22 January 2019 at 21:02:39  
**To:** s22(1)(a)(ii) ; "Fletcher, Graham"  
<Graham.Fletcher@dfat.gov.au>  
**Cc:** "Todd, Andrew" <Andrew.Todd@dfat.gov.au>, s22(1)(a)(ii)  
"Lawson, Elly" <Elly.Lawson@dfat.gov.au>, "Media" s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** Re: Yang Hengjun disappeared [SEC= ]

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s22(1)(a)(ii)

Apologies for jumping in, but Post has just advised me that the Chinese authorities have advised s33(b)  
. Post has sent an official request as follow up.

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**From:** Lee, Sue <[Sue.Lee@dfat.gov.au](mailto:Sue.Lee@dfat.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 January 2019 13:35  
**To:** s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** s22(1)(a)(ii)

Thomson, Gerald <[Gerald.Thomson@dfat.gov.au](mailto:Gerald.Thomson@dfat.gov.au)>; s22(1)(a)(ii)

**Subject:** Yang Case [SEC-



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s22(1)(a)(ii)

A quick consular update. I had a conversation with Conops  
Conops will task post/s in due course.

s47F(1)

Sue

*Susan Lee*  
*Minister-Counsellor (Management) & Consul-General*  
*Australian Embassy BEIJING*  
*Switchboard: +s22(1)(a)(ii)*  
[www.china.embassy.gov.au](http://www.china.embassy.gov.au)



Australian Government  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

5 February 2019

s47F(1)

Dear s47F(1)

Thank you for your letter of 23 January 2019 about the whereabouts of Mr Yang Hengjun. I have been asked to reply on behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon Senator, Marise Payne.

I have no doubt Mr Yang's situation has been very distressing for his family and friends. I can confirm that Mr Yang has been located in China and that he is receiving consular assistance.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) takes its consular role very seriously and aims to provide a high quality service to Australians in difficulty overseas. The nature and extent of this assistance is set out in the Consular Services Charter, a copy of which is enclosed for your reference.

Consular officials visited Mr Yang on 25 January 2019 to check on his health and welfare. The government has also made high-level representations to Chinese authorities in both Canberra and Beijing in relation to his case. We have requested that Mr Yang be treated fairly, transparently and in accordance with due process. Due to our privacy obligations I cannot provide specific information or further details of his case.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

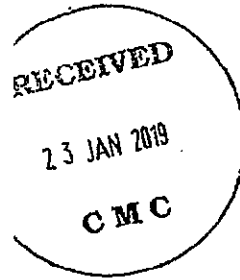
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Claire McComish'.

Claire McComish  
Assistant Secretary  
Consular Operations Branch

**From:** s47F(1)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 January 2019 2:37 PM  
**To:** Foreign Minister  
**Subject:** Yang Hengjun  
**Attachments:** Yang Hengjun.docx

Letter to the Hon Marise Payne attached.

Thank you,  
s47F(1)



**MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS**  
Adviser: RECEIVED s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
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- REPLY - SENIOR ADVISER
- REPLY - ADVISER
- REPLY - DEPARTMENT
- COPY HELD FOR MINISTER TO SEE
- INFORMATION ONLY
- DIARY
- RECONNECT
- REFER
- COMMENTS

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**Title:** CONSULAR : CAT 2 ; Welfare/Other Serious Matters : YANG Jun (Hengjun)  
**MRN:** s22(1)(a)(ii) 23/01/2019 11:29:07 ZE8  
**To:** Canberra  
**Cc:** PP : Beijing, China Posts  
**From:** Guangzhou  
**From File:**  
**EDRMS**  
**Files:**  
**References:** s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Response:** Priority, Information Only

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**Summary**

Posts s22(1)(a)(ii) telephoned s33(a)(iii) at 21:15 hours on 22/01/2019 and requested information regarding Mr YANG's status. s33(a)(iii) s33(b)  
. This morning Post sent a TPN to the s33(1)(a)(iii) , seeking assistance with confirming Mr Yang's current status. We confirmed in our note that Mr Yang was an Australian citizen, and that we had received reports he has been missing since 19 January 2019. Post will monitor this case, follow-up with authorities to determine Yang's whereabouts, and report accordingly.

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**Sent by:** s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Prepared by:**  
**Approved by:**  
**Topics:** CONSULAR/Case Management

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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**From:** Fletcher, Graham <Graham.Fletcher@dfat.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 23, 2019 8:23 AM  
**To:** s22(1)(a)(ii)

**Cc:** Lawson, Elly <Elly.Lawson@dfat.gov.au>  
**Subject:** FW: Yang hengjun [DLM= [REDACTED]]

[REDACTED]

Colleagues

Just letting you know we seem to have a new issue on our agenda with China. s47C  
s33(a)(iii) and s47F(1)

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**From:** Fletcher, Graham  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 January 2019 8:17 AM  
**To:** Adamson, Frances <Frances.Adamson@dfat.gov.au>; Maude, Richard <Richard.Maude@dfat.gov.au>  
**Cc:** s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** FW: Yang hengjun [DLM= [REDACTED]]

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FYI. GF

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**From:** Fletcher, Graham  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 January 2019 8:16 AM  
**To:** s22(1)(a)(ii) Lee, Sue  
<Sue.Lee@dfat.gov.au>; s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** Todd, Andrew <Andrew.Todd@dfat.gov.au>; Lawson, Elly <Elly.Lawson@dfat.gov.au>; Thomson, Gerald  
<Gerald.Thomson@dfat.gov.au>; Adams, Jan <Jan.Adams@dfat.gov.au>; s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** RE: Yang hengjun [DLM= [REDACTED]]

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Colleagues

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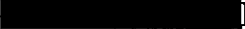
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**From:** s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 January 2019 1:04 AM  
**To:** s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** Todd, Andrew <[Andrew.Todd@dfat.gov.au](mailto:Andrew.Todd@dfat.gov.au)>; Fletcher, Graham <[Graham.Fletcher@dfat.gov.au](mailto:Graham.Fletcher@dfat.gov.au)>; Lawson, Elly <[Elly.Lawson@dfat.gov.au](mailto:Elly.Lawson@dfat.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Yang hengjun [DLM=

  
Just sent to Beijing post and NAD. Ensuring CCD also has visibility:

Post consular team has followed up with local authorities tonight given <sup>s47F(1)</sup> ref to possible detention in Guangzhou (Thanks Beijing media team for forwarding). s33(a)(iii) s33(b)  
. Post will follow up tomorrow morning.  


s22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: "Adams, Jan" <Jan.Adams@dfat.gov.au>  
Date: Tuesday, 22 January 2019 at 5:41:13 pm  
To: s22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: "Lee, Sue" <Sue.Lee@dfat.gov.au>, "Thomson, Gerald" <Gerald.Thomson@dfat.gov.au>  
Subject: FW: Yang Hengjun disappeared [SEC=██████████]

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> ██████████  
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> Hi  
>  
s47C

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s33(a)(iii) s33(b) . Awaiting further info as to his whereabouts.

>  
> Thanks  
>  
> jan

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s22(1)(a)(ii)

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**From:** s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 January 2019 5:33 AM  
**To:** Fletcher, Graham <[Graham.Fletcher@dfat.gov.au](mailto:Graham.Fletcher@dfat.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** s22(1)(a)(ii) Todd, Andrew <[Andrew.Todd@dfat.gov.au](mailto:Andrew.Todd@dfat.gov.au)>; Lawson, Elly <[Elly.Lawson@dfat.gov.au](mailto:Elly.Lawson@dfat.gov.au)>; s22(1)(a)(ii) Media s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** Re: Yang Hengjun disappeared [REDACTED]

Great. Many thanks [REDACTED]

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**From:** "Fletcher, Graham" <[Graham.Fletcher@dfat.gov.au](mailto:Graham.Fletcher@dfat.gov.au)>  
**Date:** Wednesday, 23 January 2019 at 05:02:49  
**To:** s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** "Todd, Andrew" <[Andrew.Todd@dfat.gov.au](mailto:Andrew.Todd@dfat.gov.au)>, "Lawson, Elly" <[Elly.Lawson@dfat.gov.au](mailto:Elly.Lawson@dfat.gov.au)>, s22(1)(a)(ii) "Media"  
s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** Re: Yang Hengjun disappeared [SEC=REDACTED]

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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s22(1)(a)(ii)

Regards Graham [REDACTED]

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**From:** s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Date:** Tuesday, 22 January 2019 at 10:20:47 pm  
**To:** "Fletcher, Graham" <[Graham.Fletcher@dfat.gov.au](mailto:Graham.Fletcher@dfat.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** s22(1)(a)(ii) "Todd, Andrew" <[Andrew.Todd@dfat.gov.au](mailto:Andrew.Todd@dfat.gov.au)>

"Lawson, Elly" <Elly.Lawson@dfat.gov.au>, s22(1)(a)(ii)

"Media"

s22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: Re: Yang Hengjun disappeared [SEC= [REDACTED]]

[REDACTED]

Got it. Many thanks.

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From: "Fletcher, Graham" <Graham.Fletcher@dfat.gov.au>

Date: Tuesday, 22 January 2019 at 22:18:56

To: s22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii)

"Todd, Andrew" <Andrew.Todd@dfat.gov.au>

"Lawson, Elly" <Elly.Lawson@dfat.gov.au>, s22(1)(a)(ii)

"Media"

s22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: Fwd: Yang Hengjun disappeared [SEC= [REDACTED]]

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From: "Thomson, Gerald" <Gerald.Thomson@dfat.gov.au>

Date: Tuesday, 22 January 2019 at 10:09:21 pm

To: "Fletcher, Graham" <Graham.Fletcher@dfat.gov.au>, "Lee, Sue" <Sue.Lee@dfat.gov.au>, s22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: "Adams, Jan" <Jan.Adams@dfat.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Yang Hengjun disappeared [SEC= [REDACTED]]

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s33(a)(iii)

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Gerald Thomson  
Deputy Head of Mission

Australian Embassy  
Beijing

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**From:** Fletcher, Graham <[Graham.Fletcher@dfat.gov.au](mailto:Graham.Fletcher@dfat.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 January 2019 6:38 PM  
**To:** Thomson, Gerald <[Gerald.Thomson@dfat.gov.au](mailto:Gerald.Thomson@dfat.gov.au)>; Lee, Sue <[Sue.Lee@dfat.gov.au](mailto:Sue.Lee@dfat.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Yang Hengjun disappeared [REDACTED]

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