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Defence and Security Media Advisory Committee

22. Ablong met with the Secretary of the Defence and Security Media Advisory (DSMA) Committee, Brigadier Geoffrey Dodds OBE, to learn more about the work of the DSMA Committee and its engagement with the media. The discussion focussed on the operation of the Committee, the role of the Secretary, the use of D-notices and how the Committee worked in partnership with media to provide advice on stories of defence and security importance.

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HA will be in attendance and report back

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Hi all,

A quick heads-up that tomorrow evening s 22(1)(a)(ii) and I will attend the Defence and Security Media Advisory (DSMA) Committee's reception at Admiralty House. An overview of the DSMA is available [HERE](#).

As you may be aware, HA has been engaging with the DSMA, Brigadier Geoffrey Dodds, over the last year to inform work in Australia to stand-up a similar role. Most recently, Brigadier Dodds met with FAS Andrew Warnes when he was here in May.

Due to our ongoing engagement, s 22(1)(a)(ii) and I were invited to attend the reception tomorrow which I think should be a good event. I'm reaching out to you as a heads-up because key folks from your counterpart agencies may also be there (see a list of the DSMA Committee members [HERE](#)).

I'll report back if anything comes out of tomorrow, but also happy to discuss in the interim.

Cheers,

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