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 References s 47E(d)  
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**Comments:**  
 s 22(1)(a)(ii)

**Amendments:**  
 s 22(1)(a)(ii)

**Summary**

s 47E(d), s 33(a)(iii)

The Indonesian Government's position continues to be that the Balibo case is closed and it is not convinced the latest inquest provides any new evidence

s 47E(d) DHOM called on s 47E(d), s 33(a)(iii) Director East Asia and the Pacific, Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) to explain implications of the NSW Deputy Coroner's findings in the Peters' Inquest We (Lee) also briefed s 47E(d), s 33(a)(iii) Deputy for Foreign Policy at the Coordinating Ministry for Political, Legal and Security Affairs on the finding s 47E(d), s 33(a)(iii)

2 s 47E(d), s 33(a)(iii)

s 33(b)

3 s 33(b)

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s 47E(d), s 33(a)(iii)

4. Separately, at the DFA's weekly media briefing, spokesperson Kristiarto Legowo said: Indonesia understood the NSW Coroner's Court had very limited jurisdiction; whatever its findings they would not change Indonesia's position on events at Balibo; and Indonesia considered the case closed. Kristiarto told the press there was no new evidence to justify reopening the case, and in response to a question said, so far, the Australian Government had made no requests on possible extradition of any Indonesian allegedly involved.

5. Media reaction to the inquest's findings in Indonesia have so far been muted, but the report can be expected to attract further attention in coming days. We will continue to monitor reactions closely.

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