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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(i)

Could you please forward Bronte's briefs for her meeting through to Post for Amanda? As Amanda will be hosting many of the meetings, she would like to see the content please.

Kind regards

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ATTACHMENT E**Talking/briefing points**

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Possible questions for discussion

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- Welcome your perspective on the interactions of the IE SOGI role and mandate, and the role and mandate of the Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women and Girls.

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Australia's commitment to gender equality

- The Australian Government is committed to advancing gender equality and protecting and promoting the human rights of women and girls, and persons of diverse gender identities.
- Gender equality is a human right
 - Respecting and fulfilling all human rights for all individuals makes Australia and the world safe, secure and prosperous.
 - Conversely, gender inequalities undermine global prosperity, stability and security.
- The Australian Government is committed to advancing gender equality and women's and girl's human rights through foreign policy, economic diplomacy, development programming, humanitarian assistance, trade and security efforts.
 - This commitment will be reaffirmed in the new international gender equality strategy that is being developed in 2023.
- Gender equality priorities include ending all forms of sexual and gender-based violence, advancing women's economic empowerment, strengthening women's leadership, improving access to essential services, supporting sexual and reproductive health and rights, and implementing the Women, Peace and Security agenda.
- The Government takes a twin tracked approach to achieving gender equality, through mainstreaming and targeted initiatives. Examples of our mainstreaming efforts:
 - Gender equality is a priority in the 2023 International Development Policy
 - The target that 80% of our Official Development Assistance (ODA) contributes to gender equality
 - The requirement that our ODA investments – programs – of more than \$3 million dollars have a gender equality objective
- Targeted initiatives are implemented through our Gender Equality Fund, which is an annual investment of \$65 million.

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If raised – Disagreements between the IE SOGI and SR VAWG

- While perhaps exacerbated by media coverage, disagreements between UN experts working in their personal professional capacities risk distracting us all from important issues
- Both the Special Rapporteur and the Independent Expert are undertaking important work

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Australia's international human rights engagement

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The United Nation's Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, Ms Reem Alsalem, has recently criticised Australian politicians on their views and focus on sex-based human rights issues in Australia. What right does a UN official have to pass judgement on internal Australian matters and views?

- Ms Alsalem's statement was taken out of context as it did not explicitly mention Australia.
- Australia is committed to fair scrutiny of our human rights record and open to constructive advice.

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Meeting with the Independent Expert on sexual orientation and gender identity, Graeme Reid

23 February 2024, 14:00

Talking points

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Background

Reid was appointed as IE SOGI late 2023. s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Biography



In late 2023, the United Nations Human Rights Council appointed Mr. Graeme Reid as UN Independent Expert on Protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity for a three-year period starting on 1 November 2023. In this capacity, he assesses the implementation of international human rights law, raises awareness, engages in dialogue with all relevant stakeholders, and provides advisory services, technical assistance, capacity-building to help address violence and discrimination against persons on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Graeme Reid is a South African scholar, who has conducted research, taught and published extensively on gender, sexuality, LGBT issues, and HIV/AIDS. Reid attended the University of Witwatersrand where he received his bachelor's degree in literature and master's degree in anthropology. He also holds a PhD from the University of Amsterdam. He is currently a research scholar and lecturer at the Yale Jackson School of Global Affairs.

Before his appointment as Independent Expert, Reid acted as director for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights Program at Human Rights Watch, an organization he joined in 2011. He has taught as a lecturer in Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies and Anthropology at Yale University and at the School of International Public Affairs at Columbia University. Reid is the founding director of the Gay and Lesbian Archives of South Africa, and previously worked as a researcher at the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research.

Reid's published monographs are: *How to be a Real Gay. Gay Identities in Small-Town South Africa* (2013) and *Above the Skyline. Reverend Tsitsi Thandekiso and the founding of an African gay church* (2010). He also co-directed the video documentary *Dark and Lovely, Soft and Free* (2000).