

TRESPASS ON CAMPBELL BARRACKS SWANBOURNE

Issue

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Headline Statement

- I am aware of an incident involving a member of the public and WA Police, which occurred at the entrance to Perth's Campbell Barracks on the evening of 14 March 2015.

Key Points

- Defence is aware of an incident involving Ben Cousins and Western Australia Police, which occurred at the entrance to Perth's Campbell Barracks on the evening of 14 Mar 2015
 - No Defence personnel were implicated in the incident.
 - Further enquiries should be directed to the Western Australia Police.
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Background (not for public release)

Initial reports indicate that Ben Cousins appeared at the front gates of Campbell Barracks on the evening of 14 March 2015, wanting to enter the Barracks.

Security personnel report ^{47F} [REDACTED]

Cousins was refused entry and Western Australia Police were called.

During the incident Cousins scaled a fence near the guard room. After police arrived, ^{47F} [REDACTED]
^{47F} [REDACTED] He was subsequently restrained and removed by Western Australia Police.

Point of Contact

BRIG Cheryl Pearce, Chief of Staff AHQ, (w) 6265 1647 ^{47F} [REDACTED]
Departmental information valid as at: 1600 13 February 2015

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From: Sengelman, Jeffery MAJGEN
Sent: Sunday, 15 March 2015 4:46 PM
To: Morrison, David LTGEN
Cc: Burr, Rick MAJGEN; Pearce, Cheryl BRIG; 47F [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Ben Cousins at Campbell Bks [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Classification: Unclassified

Sir,
The email trail below provides background into a high profile media matter involving an 47F [REDACTED] WA footballer (Ben Cousins) who has caused some trouble at the front gate of Campbell Barracks. As one of your 33 [REDACTED], this will almost certainly be the subject of high profile media coverage tonight and tomorrow. While SASR front gate is the scene of the incident, no other involvement by SASR is in play at this point. A QA is underway.
Jeff

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From: 33 [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 03:58 PM
To: Sengelman, Jeffery MAJGEN
Subject: Re: Ben Cousins at Campbell Bks [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Sir
Further detail on info below and confirmation media crew setting up.

Ben Cousins (BC) approached guard room. Police notified by guard. BC scaled and sat on top of the fence next to guard room.

Verbal exchange with police. 'BC' then entered the base 47F [REDACTED]
47F [REDACTED] Small scuffle with police inside the base (let in by DO). BC handcuffed and removed from the base by WAPOL, police were present throughout the situation.

47F [REDACTED]

Currently SASR have a media crew beginning to set up outside Campbell barrack as at 15 1245 Mar 15 Duty officer and Guard are monitoring.

33 [REDACTED]

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From: 33 [REDACTED]
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To: Sengelman, Jeffery MAJGEN
Subject: Ben Cousins at Campbell Bks [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Sir
Another one for you in the media lane just in from CO SASR:

Last night Ben Cousins 47F [REDACTED] appeared at front gates of Campbell

Bks wanting to get in. 47F

47F The guards did not allow access and called WAPOL. Media crews have appeared at front gates today and have been taking what appears to be file footage. They have not approached the guard for access or comment at this stage. Apparently this is Cousins' second charge in a few days.

Our PAO and AHQ on the issue.

47F

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