

## QUESTION BRIEF (QB)

**TOPIC: Engagement of MAJGEN Paul Brereton by the Office of the IGADF**

## ISSUE/S OF THE DAY

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- This consultation has been essential and necessary because of Mr Brereton's extensive knowledge and experience regarding sensitive issues related to potential war crimes, particularly the conduct of the Inspector-General of the ADF's Afghanistan Inquiry.
- In May 2023 Mr Brereton resigned his appointment as an Assistant Inspector-General of the ADF prior to becoming the Commissioner of the National-Anti-Corruption Commission.
- The Inspector-General of the ADF is aware that the Inspector of the National Anti-Corruption Commission, Ms Gail Furness SC, has recently commenced an investigation into potential misconduct by Mr Brereton. This includes how he managed potential conflicts when providing advice to the Inspector-General of the ADF. The Inspector-General of the ADF will assist the Inspector's investigation, if requested.
- There is no suggestion that it was improper for the Inspector-General to seek the advice of Mr Brereton in responding to requests for information from the Office of the Special Investigator. The management of conflicts of interest that might arise through Mr Brereton's role as Commissioner of the National Anti-Corruption Commission are matters for him to manage.
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*If asked: will the Inspector-General of the ADF support the Inspector of the National Anti-Corruption Commission's new investigation into Paul Brereton?*

- The Inspector-General of the ADF is aware that the Inspector of the National Anti-Corruption Commission, Ms Gail Furness SC, has recently commenced an investigation into potential misconduct by Mr Brereton. This includes how Mr Brereton managed potential conflicts when providing advice to the Inspector-General of the ADF.
- The Inspector-General of the ADF has not been contacted by the Inspector of the National Anti-Corruption Commission regarding her investigation, but will assist the Inspector if requested.
- There is no suggestion that it was improper for the Inspector-General to seek the advice of Mr Brereton in responding to requests for information from the Office of the Special Investigator.
- The management of conflicts of interest that might arise through Paul Brereton's role as Commissioner of the National Anti-Corruption Commission are matters for him to manage.
- Since his appointment to the National Anti-Corruption Commission in July 2023, Mr Brereton has also not declared to the Inspector-General of the ADF any real or perceived conflicts of interest.
- In May 2023, before his appointment to the National Anti-Corruption Commission, the Inspector-General and Mr Brereton agreed that he could no longer serve as an Assistant Inspector-General. Mr Brereton verbally resigned his appointment with effect 1 July 2023.
- Mr Brereton has not worked as an Assistant Inspector-General since that time, but has continued as a member of the Army Reserve to occasionally assist staff from the Office of the Inspector-General of the ADF in responding to the requests for information from the Office of the Special Investigator.
- Mr Brereton has never sought payment for any of the work he has undertaken for the Inspector-General of the ADF.

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- Following the former Government's decision to create the Office of the Special Investigator in 2020, the staff of the Office of the Inspector-General of the ADF continued to consult occasionally with Mr Brereton, as an Assistant Inspector-General, for help with requests from the Office of the Special Investigator, for information and other war crimes-related matters.
- This consultation has been necessary because of Mr Brereton's extensive knowledge and experience regarding sensitive issues related to potential war crimes, particularly the conduct of the Inspector-General of the ADF's Afghanistan Inquiry.
- This was also important to protect the legal rights of individuals.
- These consultations, since the establishment of the National Anti-Corruption Commission on 1 July 2023, have occurred on 21 occasions.
  - This includes 10 queries that are in addition to the 11 instances advised by the Inspector-General at Senate Estimates on 9 October 2025.

***If asked: how did the error occur in the number of times the Office of the Inspector-General of the ADF consulted with Mr Brereton?***

- At the time of the Senate Estimates hearing on 9 October, the Inspector-General understood that 11 queries had been put to Mr Brereton.
- Subsequent searches of office records revealed there were 21 queries.
- The discrepancy arose due to administrative error.
- The additional instances were accidentally omitted from evidence given at Senate Estimates because:
  - Some consultations commenced before Mr Brereton became the National Anti-Corruption Commissioner, but further engagement on the subject matter occurred following his appointment.

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- Other records were stored in isolated databases not readily searchable by all staff.
- Three queries were also cancelled shortly after being sent and no activity was undertaken to respond, but for transparency they are disclosed.
- The Inspector-General wrote to the chair of the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee on 15 November 2025 to apologise for the error and to correct the record.
- The inclusion of these additional instances does not change the other evidence given at Senate Estimates, which noted the necessity of this engagement.
  - These consultations were limited, but essential and necessary due to Mr Brereton's extensive knowledge and experience regarding sensitive issues relating to potential war crimes.

***If asked: why did the Office of the Inspector-General of the ADF request age extensions for Paul Brereton?***

- Mr Paul Brereton has not resigned from the Australian Defence Force (ADF). He remains an inactive member of the Army Reserves.
- The Inspector-General requested Mr Brereton's Reserve service retirement age extensions, as these have enabled Mr Brereton to continue accessing Inquiry records and to communicate about them using classified Defence ICT systems.
- Mr Brereton's access to Inquiry information has been essential for the Office of the Special Investigator's important work.**BACKGROUND AND CHRONOLOGY**
- November 2020 to present: Mr Brereton has been occasionally consulted by the Office of the Inspector-General of the ADF.
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- Since the establishment of the National Anti-Corruption Commission on 1 July 2023 these consultations have occurred on 21 occasions (the full list of queries and dates is provided below). This includes 10 queries that have been identified that were sent to Mr Brereton that are in addition to the 11 instances advised at Senate Estimates on 9 October 2025.
- May 2023: Mr Brereton spoke with the Inspector-General of the ADF where he verbally resigned his appointment as an Assistant IGADF.
- November 2020: The Afghanistan Inquiry team within the Office of the Inspector-General of the ADF was disbanded.
  - The Post Inquiry Coordination Cell was established at this time. This followed a recommendation made by the Inquiry.
  - The Post Inquiry Coordination Cell has been the primary liaison point in the Office of the Inspector-General of the ADF for post-inquiry activities.
- May 2016 to October 2020: The Afghanistan Inquiry was undertaken and established that credible evidence existed to support criminal prosecutions of war crimes. Mr Brereton provided the Inquiry Report to the IGADF on 30 October 2020.
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*List of dates queries sent to Mr Brereton (those marked with an asterisk were cancelled)*


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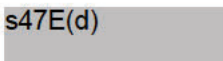
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Date first prepared: 22 October 2025

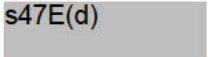
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## Talking Points

### FOI on Major General Paul Brereton

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#### ***MAJGEN Paul Brereton's engagement with the Office of the IGADF (background information)***

- The Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force (IGADF) appointed MAJGEN Brereton an Assistant IGADF in April 2016.
- In May 2016, the IGADF provided initial directions to inquire into rumours and stories about Special Forces serious misconduct in Afghanistan.
- MAJGEN Brereton conducted his inquiry as an Assistant IGADF from May 2016 through to October 2020.
- The Inquiry report established that credible evidence existed to support criminal prosecutions of war crimes.



## Talking Points

- The IGADF Afghanistan Inquiry team disbanded in November 2020.
- Following the Government's decision to create the Office of the Special Investigator (OSI), IGADF staff continued to consult occasionally with MAJGEN Brereton as an Assistant IGADF for help with OSI requests for information and other war crimes-related matters. This was important to protect the legal rights of individuals.
- This retention and consultation was necessary because of MAJGEN Brereton's extensive knowledge and experience regarding sensitive issues related to potential war crimes.
- In May 2023, before his appointment to the NACC, the IGADF and MAJGEN Brereton agreed that he could no longer serve as an Assistant IGADF. MAJGEN Brereton verbally resigned his appointment. MAJGEN Brereton has not worked as an Assistant IGADF since that time but has continued occasionally to assist IGADF staff in responding to the OSI's requests for information.
- The IGADF requested MAJGEN Brereton's Reserve service retirement age extensions, as these have enabled MAJGEN Brereton to continue accessing Inquiry records and to communicate about them using classified Defence ICT systems. MAJGEN Brereton's access to Inquiry information has been essential for the OSI's important work.
- MAJGEN Brereton has never sought payment for any of the work he has undertaken for IGADF.

### Senate Estimates (On Public Record)

- On 27 March 2025, Senator Shoebridge asked questions relating to Mr Brereton's military service during Budget Estimates for the Attorney Generals Department.
- These questions were put on notice, and answered at a later date.
- The responses to the questions on notice relayed the below information:
  - Commissioner Brereton was appointed an Assistant Inspector-General of the ADF in April 2016, and resigned that appointment in or about May 2023 before commencing as Commissioner.
  - In January 2016, he was appointed honorary Colonel Commandant of the Royal New South Wales Regiment (RNSWR) and the University of New South Wales Regiment.
  - This appointment is an honorary one and is made by the Chief of Army in consultation with the relevant Head of Corps. The appointment does not confer any right to command.
  - Prior to his commencing in the role of Commissioner, the Senate was informed that he intended to retain his appointment as Colonel Commandant of the Royal New South Wales Regiment and the University of New South Wales Regiment. Since 1 June 2023, that is his only Defence appointment.



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- He wears uniform on appropriate occasions when performing his functions as Colonel Commandant, such as when visiting units of the Regiment, and participating in ceremonial activities. These occasions have included the annual RNSWR weekend (including a conference for the professional development of members of the Regiment, formal dinner and church service), RNSWR battalion visits and dinners, ANZAC Day services, and graduation ceremonies. Since assuming the role of the Commissioner, to the best of his recollection he has attended the following functions in uniform:

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- Major General Brereton has not resigned from the Australian Defence Force (ADF). Major General Brereton is inactive member of the ADF Reserves.
- On 27 March 2025, Senator Shoebridge asked questions relating to Major General Paul Brereton's military service during Budget Estimates for the Attorney-General's Department.
- The Attorney-General's Department outlined that Major General Brereton's role was an honorary role in the Australian Defence Force Reserve.
- Since the release of the Afghanistan Inquiry report and the Government's decision to establish the Office of the Special Investigator, Major General Brereton has continued to provide advice on occasion to the Office of the Inspector-General of the ADF (IGADF) in his capacity as a member of the Army Reserve.
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- Major General Brereton is not paid for his occasional Army Reserve consultation role with the IGADF.
- No further details of Major General Brereton's military service can be provided due to privacy.



## Talking Points

Clearance	Name	Appointment	Date and time
Drafted by	s47E(c)	A/Assistant Director Media	29 June 25
Reviewed by		Director FOI	29 June 25
Consulted by	Jim Gaynor Cameron Gill BRIG Wayne Budd	IGADF A/AS OIGADF DG PICC	30 June 25
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Embedded communications team	s47E(c)	Director DPG Communication	29 June 25
Defence Media	s47E(c)	Director Media	30 June 25
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## BACK POCKET BRIEF

## Engagement of MAJGEN Paul Brereton by the Office of the IGADF

**Lead:** *Jim Gaynor, IGADF.*

**Supporting:** *N/A.*

**Context:** The ABC reported on 29 September 2025, citing documents released under Freedom of Information, that Major General Paul Brereton continues to be engaged by the Office of the Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force (IGADF). The media reporting suggests this presents a conflict of interest to his role as the Chief Commissioner of the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC).

**Key Messages**

- Major General Brereton has not resigned from the Australian Defence Force (ADF). Major General Brereton is an inactive member of the ADF Reserves.
- Since the release of the Afghanistan Inquiry report and the Government's decision to establish the Office of the Special Investigator, Major General Brereton has continued to provide advice on occasion to the Office of the IGADF in his capacity as a member of the Army Reserve.
- Major General Brereton has extensive knowledge and experience in these sensitive matters.
- In May 2023, before his appointment to the NACC, the IGADF and Major General Brereton agreed that he could no longer serve as an Assistant IGADF.
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**Talking Points**

- The Inspector-General of the ADF appointed Major General Brereton an Assistant Inspector-General in April 2016.
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- Major General Brereton’s access to Inquiry information has been essential for the Office of the Special Investigator’s important work.
- Major General Brereton has never sought payment for any of the work he has undertaken for IGADF.

**Timeline of Major Events and Ministerial Announcements**

Date	Event
November 2020 to present	MAJGEN Brereton has consulted, on occasion, with the Post Inquiry Coordination Cell (PICC). This was initially as an Assistant IGADF and since his appointment to the NACC as a member of the Army Reserve.
November 2020	The PICC was established. This followed a recommendation made by the Inquiry. The PICC has been the primary liaison point in the Office of the IGADF for post-inquiry activities.
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May 2016	Initial inquiry directions provided to MAJGEN Brereton by the IGADF (further inquiry directions were subsequently provided during the course of the inquiry)
April 2016	MAJGEN Paul Brereton appointed as an Assistant IGADF (in anticipation of undertaking the inquiry)

## Key Information Requests

Date	Type	Title	Released
25 July 2025	FOI	Chris Vardanega requested access to documents relating to Paul Brereton's appointment as an Assistant IGADF	20 August 2025
15 June 2025	FOI	Chris Vardanega requested access to documents relating to Paul Brereton's age extension requests.	1 August 2025
14 June 2025	FOI	Chris Vardanega requested access to documents regarding the resignation of Paul Brereton as an Assistant IGADF.	10 July 2025
11 April 2025	FOI	Chris Vardanega requested access to documents relating to complaints received about how interviews were conducted during the IGADF Afghanistan Inquiry.	27 May 2025
8 April 2025	FOI	Chris Vardanega requested access to attachments to a ministerial decision brief from September 2018. The submission related to advice from the Solicitor-General concerning the appointment of Assistant IGADFs.	26 May 2025
2 April 2025	FOI	Chris Vardanega requested access to Paul Brereton's submission to the IGADF 20-Year Review.	22 May 2025
29 March 2025	FOI	Chris Vardanega requested access to all IGADF monthly briefs to the CDF between May to November 2018.	8 May 2025
4 March 2025	FOI	Chris Vardanega requested access to documents to/from the CDF and his office regarding constitutional issues of Paul	7 April 2025

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		Brereton being a judicial officer and an Assistant IGADF.	
10 February 2025	FOI	Chris Vardanega requested access to documents in the Office of the IGADF regarding the amendments made to the IGADF Amendment Regulations 2018.	17 April 2025
10 February 2025	FOI	Chris Vardanega requested access to correspondence to/from the Attorney-General's Department regarding the constitutional issues of Paul Brereton being a judicial officer and an Assistant IGADF.	25 March 2025

**Relevant Media Reporting**

- On September 25 2025, the Australian Broadcasting Cooperation [published an article](#) regarding the National Anti-Corruption Commission's Chief Commissioner, Paul Brereton, and raised concerns with his continued engagement with Defence and the Office of the IGADF.

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