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Subject: RE: Afgh: draft to see before I talk to Mapp's office PSR(IC)3

Thanks MFA P/S

More accurate to say that MFAT doesn't really have an opinion on whether the reports need to go out - its a domestic / political issue, not a foreign policy one. We would note however that, while there are no significant foreign policy implications, the release of the reports could lead to difficult questions of the Government. We need to be fully prepared to handle these PSR(R)1

PSR(R)1 I've suggested what some further (or slightly differently worded) questions might be below. We know the answers - we've just got to be comfortable with giving them:

- Can you say that no persons detained by the CRU have ever been taken to any of the prohibited facilities? And tortured?
- The second report states that NZDF would not transfer detainees to the NDS while credible evidence of mistreatment in NDS facilities exists. Why are we allowing / condoning the CRU to send detainees to the NDS?
- Do we have any confidence in President Karzai (to whom the NDS reports) and the Afghan government?
- What are the positions of other ISAF partners on detainee management?

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Hi PSR(IC)3

- Thanks for the draft press release. We have added some suggestions that we think might help tighten the statement.

"Conveys MFAT officials' views on release of report, notes it is a Ministerial decision and notes understanding of Ministerial disagreement on its release".

- So at officials' level, MFAT's comment is provided on the basis that IF Ministers determine that the reports are to be released tomorrow, then these are the suggestions we would offer - same basis for the comments MFAT sent in regards to the reports themselves and our idea that there is a pre-prepared Q&A list to respond to likely media follow-up questions- btw, MFAT is happy to look at the content of your Q&A.
- I understand that MFAT has already copied its comments to NZDF (Kevin R) re the press statement.

We have penned some **draft media questions** based on current interest:

"The report says that the SAS was present on 58 occasions in which the CRU detained persons:

- How many people were detained by the CRU on those occasions?
- Where did they go?
- Did any of them go to facilities criticised in the UNAMA report?
- Can you be sure none of those persons were tortured?

detainees to the NDS facility in Kabul, why is the CRU we train still using it?

- Are there any monitoring measures or ability to track persons detained by the CRU? If not, why not? If so, what are they?

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