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ACT Policing received a report in April 2019 in relation to an alleged assault at Parliament House. ACT Policing investigators subsequently spoke to the complainant who chose not to proceed with making a formal complaint. ACT Policing's investigation remains open but did not progress at that time as a result. As part of initial enquiries, ACT Policing also liaised with Department of Parliamentary Services.

Victims always have a say in how far a police investigation goes, can determine that a matter not proceed to prosecution, and can withdraw from the process at any time. It is not uncommon for an investigation to halt, not proceed to prosecution, or to be recommenced at a later time, at the request of a victim.

ACT Policing follows the governing principles set out in the *Victims of Crime Act 1994* (Australian Capital Territory) when investigating sexual assault and acts of indecency allegations. The principles provide that a victim should be dealt with at all times in a sympathetic, constructive and reassuring manner, and with due regard to his or her personal situation, rights and dignity. It can often be a traumatic experience being a victim of crime. ACT Policing understands that sexual assaults or acts of indecency disempower victims, taking control away from them. How an allegation is reported and how police investigate can have an impact on a victim's recovery, and potentially cause further trauma by taking away a victim's power and their sense of self. ACT Policing does not want to compound existing impacts of trauma on individuals.

ACT Policing respects a victim's right to privacy and empowers them to report, by providing them with opportunities to report an allegation should they wish to.

ACT Policing has continued to engage with the complainant throughout the investigation and also provided details of support services such as Canberra Rape Crisis Centre. If the complainant wishes to proceed, ACT Policing will assess the case and make a decision about whether there is sufficient evidence. This is done in accordance with the ACT Director of Public Prosecutions guidelines and often in consultation with the Office of the ACT Director of Public Prosecutions.

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