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**From:** Medhurst, Chris  
**Sent:** Thursday, 10 December 2020 5:32 PM  
**To:** Joscelyne, William; Fitzpatrick, Emma  
**Subject:** Fwd: Statement

**From:** Medhurst, Chris  
**Sent:** Thursday, 10 December 2020 4:19 PM  
**Subject:** Statement

Hi, as discussed – statement below. You can quote a Government spokesperson:

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**From:** Medhurst, Chris  
**Sent:** Monday, 14 December 2020 3:46 PM  
**To:** Media  
**Subject:** Statement

Hi, as discussed – statement below. You can quote a Government spokesperson:

A state service employee from the North of the State has been stood down today pending an investigation into an allegation of sexual misconduct.

The allegation has been referred to Tasmania Police for assessment.

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**From:** Medhurst, Chris  
**Sent:** Monday, 14 December 2020 3:53 PM  
**To:** winnewstas@winnetwork.com.au  
**Subject:** FW: Statement

**From:** Medhurst, Chris  
**Sent:** Monday, 14 December 2020 3:46 PM  
**To:** Media <media@dpac.tas.gov.au>  
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**From:** Medhurst, Chris  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 December 2020 12:25 PM  
**To:** Media  
**Subject:** Statement

Hi, please see statement below. You can quote a Government spokesperson:

A state service employee from the North of the State has been stood down today pending an investigation into an allegation of sexual misconduct.

The allegation has been referred to Tasmania Police for assessment.

Furthermore, an allegation relating to potential sexual abuse from a former state service employee from the State's North has also been referred to Tasmania Police for assessment.

Principles of natural justice and other legal considerations demand that further comment is not made whilst the investigations are underway. We also need to make sure that we fulfil our duty of care to our employees and do not prejudice investigations.

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**From:** Medhurst, Chris  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 16 December 2020 4:14 PM  
**To:** Ethan James  
**Subject:** RE: Public servant stood down

Hi Ethan, see below, cheers.

**Government spokesperson:**

A state service employee from the North of the State has been stood down today, pending an investigation into an allegation relating to potential sexual abuse.

The allegation has been referred to Tasmania Police for assessment.

Principles of natural justice and other legal considerations demand that further comment is not made whilst the investigation is underway. We also need to make sure that we fulfil our duty of care to our employees and do not prejudice investigations.

It is important to note that being stood down is not an indication of wrongdoing. The presumption of innocence until proven guilty must be upheld.

**From:** Ethan James <[REDACTED]@aap.com.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 16 December 2020 4:03 PM  
**To:** Media <media@dpac.tas.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Public servant stood down

G'Day,

Just chasing confirmation a public servant has been stood down over historical sexual abuse allegations?

Thanks,

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Ethan James | Tasmania Correspondent



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**From:** Medhurst, Chris  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 December 2020 2:45 PM  
**To:** Ethan James  
**Subject:** FW: Statement

Hi Ethan, here you go.

**From:** Medhurst, Chris  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 December 2020 12:25 PM  
**To:** Media <media@dpac.tas.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Statement

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A state service employee from the North of the State has been stood down today pending an investigation into an allegation of sexual misconduct.  
The allegation has been referred to Tasmania Police for assessment.  
Furthermore, an allegation relating to potential sexual abuse from a former state service employee from the State's North has also been referred to Tasmania Police for assessment.  
Principles of natural justice and other legal considerations demand that further comment is not made whilst the investigations are underway. We also need to make sure that we fulfil our duty of care to our employees and do not prejudice investigations.  
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**From:** Medhurst, Chris  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 6 January 2021 4:16 PM  
**To:** Media  
**Subject:** Statement

Hi, please see statement below. You can quote a Government spokesperson:

A state service employee from the South of the State has been stood down today pending an investigation into an allegation of alleged sexual misconduct.

The allegation has been referred to Tasmania Police for assessment.

Principles of natural justice and other legal considerations demand that further comment is not made whilst the investigation is underway. We also need to make sure that we fulfil our duty of care to our employees and do not prejudice investigations.

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**From:** Dann, Trent  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 27 January 2021 3:51 PM  
**Subject:** Government statement

Good afternoon,

Please attribute the following statement a Government spokesperson.

"A state service employee from the north of the State has been stood down pending an investigation into an allegation of alleged sexual abuse.

The allegation has been referred to Tasmania Police for assessment.

Principles of natural justice and other legal considerations demand that further comment is not made whilst the investigation is underway. We also need to make sure that we fulfil our duty of care to our employees and do not prejudice investigations.

It is important to note that being stood down is not an indication of wrongdoing. The presumption of innocence until proven guilty must be upheld."

Kind regards,

Trent

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**From:** Dann, Trent  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 27 January 2021 5:41 PM  
**Subject:** Government statement

Hi again,

Please attribute the following statement a Government spokesperson.

"The Government has been advised late today, that a second state service employee from the north of the State has been stood down today pending an investigation into an allegation of alleged sexual abuse. This is in addition to the employee referenced in a statement earlier today.

The allegation has been referred to Tasmania Police for assessment.

Principles of natural justice and other legal considerations demand that further comment is not made whilst the investigation is underway. We also need to make sure that we fulfil our duty of care to our employees and do not prejudice investigations.

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**From:** Langtry, Lucy  
**Sent:** Thursday, 19 November 2020 12:52 PM  
**To:** Hills, Amy  
**Subject:** FW: Ashley inquiry

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**From:** McGrath, Emma [REDACTED]@dpfem.tas.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 19 November 2020 12:43 PM  
**To:** Fitzpatrick, Emma [REDACTED]@dpac.tas.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Stingel, Lisa (DPFEM) [REDACTED]@dpfem.tas.gov.au>; Langtry, Lucy [REDACTED]@dpac.tas.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Ashley inquiry

Hi Em,

We have received the below and another similar from the Australian.

Our response:

***Tasmania Police is assisting Communities Tasmania with an internal inquiry.***

***At this stage no formal complaint has been received. Tasmania Police encourages anyone who is the victim of criminal activity to make a formal report to police who will assess the information and investigate where appropriate.***

Thanks  
Emma

**From:** Emily Baker [REDACTED]@abc.net.au>  
**Sent:** 19 November 2020 10:42  
**To:** Media and Communications <media@dpfem.tas.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Alexandra Humphries [REDACTED]@abc.net.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Jim Griffin

Hi again,

The Greens have spoken in parliament of an investigation into an employee of Ashley Youth Detention Centre. Can I please ask:

- Is this a police investigation?
- When was the matter referred to police?
- What's the nature of the allegations?
- When did the investigation begin?
- Have any charges been laid?
- What is the age and sex of the alleged offender?

Thanks,  
Emily

From: Media and Communications <media@dpfem.tas.gov.au>  
Sent: Thursday, 19 November 2020 10:33 AM  
To: Emily Baker <[REDACTED]@abc.net.au>  
Subject: RE: Jim Griffin

Hi Emily,

- The original criminal investigation file formed part of the coronial inquiry completed in May 2020.
- Tasmania Police encourages anyone with information regarding criminal activity, regardless of whether the offender is alive or not, to contact police who will assess the information and where appropriate, investigate.

Thanks,  
Emma

From: Emily Baker <[REDACTED]@abc.net.au>  
Sent: 19 November 2020 10:07  
To: Media and Communications <media@dpfem.tas.gov.au>  
Subject: Jim Griffin

Hi all,

Can I please clarify where there is currently a police investigation into allegations against James Geoffrey Griffin? I suspect not but it was just said in parliament.

Thanks,  
Emily

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**From:** Medhurst, Chris  
**Sent:** Thursday, 10 December 2020 6:10 PM  
**To:** Stingel, Lisa (DPFEM)  
**Subject:** As discussed

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