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G'day

Happy to talk through this if needed.

Cheers,
Rob

I am writing a story which will claim Australia Post threatened to notify police if Melbourne City Council did not allow the delivery of about 100 parcels sent by One Nation's Pauline Hanson to the residents of a locked-down tower block during the height of the recent COVID-19 outbreak.

I understand on Saturday, July 11 - Australia Post contacted Melbourne City Council regarding the delivery of about 100 parcels to 76 Canning Street, North Melbourne.

I believe the parcels contained One Nation paraphernalia and were sent days after Senator Hanson had made comments about the public housing lockdown in Melbourne on the Today show.

I have the following questions. **If I could have a response by 4pm today that would be appreciated.**

Who directed Nick Macdonald to send an email to Melbourne City Council?

Did the client - in this case Senator Hanson or her office - request Australia Post pursue the issue?

*Did Ms Holgate speak to any council official prior or post the email regarding its content?
If yes, who did Ms Holgate speak to?*

Did Ms Holgate or any other Australia Post employee speak to Pauline Hanson and/or any member of Ms Hanson's staff prior to sending the email?

Had Ms Holgate or any other Australia Post employee spoken to Ms Hanson and/or any member of her staff in the previous month about her voting intention on a Senate disallowance motion on regulatory changes affecting the postal business?

Was Australia Post aware of the context of the parcels prior to reminding Melbourne City Council of its obligation of delivering the mail?

Was Ms Holgate aware of Ms Hanson's comments on the Today show on July 6 prior to requesting the parcels be delivered?

Did Australia Post seek legal intervention over the non-delivery of the parcels?

Where the parcels delivered to the 100-odd units within 76 Canning Street?

Has Australia Post ever given Ms Hanson a tour of its Queensland facilities?

If so, when?

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