



MEMO

SUBJECT **Tent Encampment Security Expenditure Memo**

TO Chris Price, Chief Executive Officer
 Jeremy Matthew, Director, Facilities & Services Division

FROM Mark Talbot, Associate Director Operations, Facilities & Services Division
 Joe Ducie, Security & Transport Manager, Facilities & Services Division

DATE Wednesday the 8th of May 2023

Dear Chris and Jeremy,

The purpose of this memo is to advise you of the ongoing cost related to the security overlay managing the 'Gaza Solidarity' tent encampment, which is currently occupying the Kambri Lawns in the centre of the ANU's Acton Campus.

Background

On Monday the 29th of April, 2024, ANU students comprised of members of the ANU Student Association, the Socialist Alternative Collective, Students and Staff Against War, and Students for Palestine activism groups occupied the central lawns in Kambri.

In response, to ensure safety and wellbeing of the community as the encampment developed, ANU UniSafe Security Team undertook additional overlay and deployed additional resources to the area. The risk assessment below (**Attachment A**) incorporates safety, financial, and reputational implications in managing this evolving incident.

The encampment stabilised to fill the entire lawn area after the first day, and numbers of protestors that appear to be camping range to approximately 15-17 a night. The tents occupying the space would have capacity to house 75-100 protestors. During the day, the encampment appears to hold about 30-40 protestors on average, outside of planned rally events.

Security Expenditure

The following table provides a detailed breakdown of the estimated costs associated with security measures for the pro-Palestine tent encampment at the ANU. The costs include hiring security officers and contracting external threat assessments. A risk assessment and expenditure review strategy can be found in **Attachment A**.

Expense Item	Cost Per Day	Total Cost Per Week
Security Officers (4 x 24/7)	\$6,456.89	\$45,198.24
External Threat Assessment (OMNI Executive)	\$3,000	\$21,000.00
Total	\$9,456.89	\$66,198.24

Notes:



- **Security Officers:** The cost is based on hiring 4 security officers working around the clock (24/7). The daily cost is calculated by dividing the weekly total (\$45,198.24) by 7 days.

s37 - Documents affecting enforcement of law and protection of public safety, s47E - Public Interest Conditional Exemptions - Certain Operations of Agencies

This expenditure against the risk currently ensures that the university is prepared for the budgetary impact of maintaining high safety standards throughout the duration of the encampment.

Recommendation

Director Facilities & Services

1. Approve the memo as above to notify the COO of the ongoing expenditure.

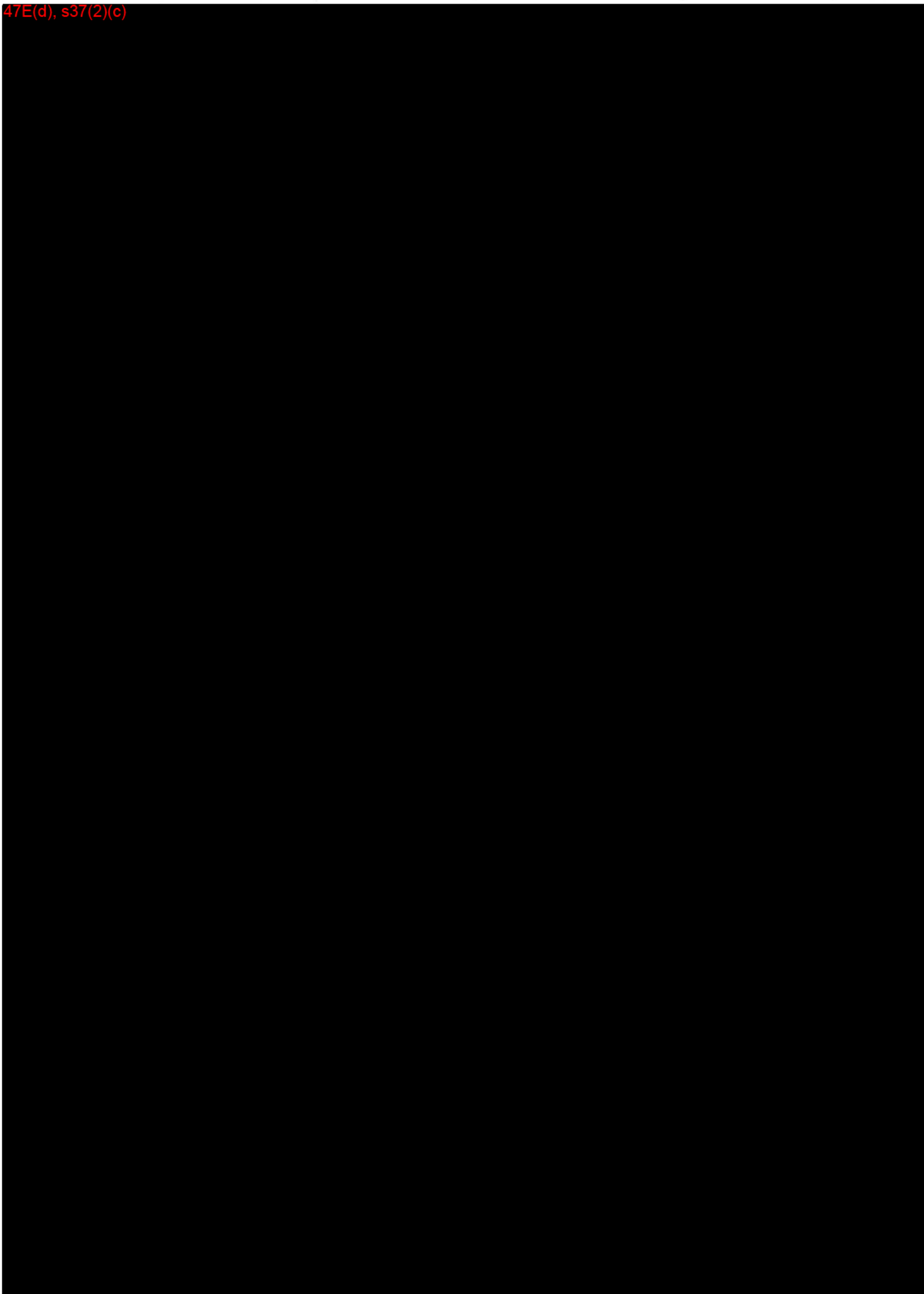
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Chief Operating Officer:

In accordance with Delegation 220.8, I request that you:

1. Note and approve the ongoing expenditure of \$66,198.24 a week for the outlined purpose above – to maintain security overlay of the Gaze Solidarity encampment
2. Note that the funds outlined within this memo are not currently sitting within the F&S annual operational budget. Noting at this stage we are not requesting an increase to the budget, the division will look for savings opportunities to offset costs and update the Chief Operating Officer if full offset of costs is not able to be achieved.

Chris Price Chief Operating Officer	Approved / Please Discuss X	Signature [Redacted] Date 10/5/2024 4:04 PM AEST
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SUBJECT **Encampment Security Costs – Overview**
TO Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) Grady Venville
FROM Joe Ducie, Security & Transport Manager, Facilities & Services Division
DATE Thursday the 30th of May 2024

Dear Deputy Vice Chancellor Venville,

The purpose of this memo is to inform you about the ongoing costs related to the security management of the 'Gaza Solidarity' tent encampment formerly occupying the Kambri Lawns at ANU's Acton Campus, and now occupying the lawn space adjacent to the AD Hope Building.

Security Expenditure

The following table provides a detailed breakdown of the estimated costs associated with security measures for the pro-Palestine tent encampment at ANU:

Expense Item	Cost Per Day	Total Cost Per Week
Security Officers (4 x 24/7)	\$6,456.89	\$45,198.24
External Threat Assessment and Monitoring	\$3,000	\$21,000.00
Total	\$9,456.89	\$66,198.24

We are now 32 days into these costs, totalling an estimated expenditure of \$302,620.00 AUD to date. Additionally, costs have been incurred with additional security officers required for the fire evacuation movement on Monday the 27th of May and the associated rally/protest action at approximately \$25,000.00 AUD.

Please note there have also been additional security costs, often charged back to local areas, for multiple events, lectures, and talks on this issue since October, 2023.

Recommendation:

Note the ongoing expenditure of \$66198.24 per week to maintain the security overlay of the Gaza Solidarity encampment.

Kind regards,

Joe Ducie
Security & Transport Manager
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