

**8 March 2012 email exchange between Lewis, Valerie Bradford, Ashby and Doane**

**Volume 2 Part 2, p 164 – Volume 2 Part 3, p 1:**

*Subject: G'day Val – hoping you will agree to chat with me regarding Peter Slipper*

*I note that you worked on his 2010 election campaign and am doing some research on that particular campaign.*

*If you could let me know whether you are willing to chat, I would appreciate it.*

*My mobile is xxxx xx xx xx.*

*And I would be very happy to ring you if you are so inclined.*

*Many thanks*

*Steve Lewis*

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**[Bradford forwards email to Ashby on 29 March]**

**[Later that day Ashby in turn forwards email to Doane]**

*Ashby: Take a look at this email below :)*

*James Ashby*

*Doane: Who is Val?*

*Ashby: My LNP friend at Beerwah. She told me about this journalist who contacted her the other week. She didn't respond to him, but she sent me the email. **It was Steve Lewis.***

*Doane: Awesome – **What a tangled web this all is!***

**29 March 2012 emails from Lewis to Brough**

**Volume 2 Part 2, p 105:**

At 3:27pm:

NEW ZEALAND.

*On how many occasions has Peter Slipper travelled to New Zealand since July 2010?*

**DIARY EXTRACTS – CAN THESE BE PROVIDED FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

*Between 11/10/2010 and 13/10/2010 (Canberra)*

*Between 21/9/2009 and 24/09/2009 (Sydney)*

*Between 24/07/2009 and 27/07/2009 (Canberra)*

At 4:01pm:

*Dec 11 and 12, 2009 – there are four or five cab charge expenditures all of which are listed “not specified” on these dates.*

*And what is it about Oaklimo and Slipper?? He has spent literally thousands and thousands of dollars on this firm.*

Steve

## **2 April 2012 text message exchange between Ashby and Doane**

### **Volume 2 Part 4, p 59:**

Doane: **Just had the most lengthy convo with Steve Lewis. He’s flying up Wednesday. Wanna come to coffee with him?**

Doane: *I want to balance your harassment charge with one of my own. He is demeaning, aggressive and w his bcc’s unprofessional at the very least. However, I don’t want to diminish your claim in any way. As you said last night, both claims may strengthen the case. I might look for a lawyer if we don’t have contact soon.*

Ashby: **Yeah I will contact Mal again today.** *Failing that I will make contact with someone myself as well.*

Doane: **Mal did email me confirming he forwarded my CV and received confirmation that I should receive a call in the next day or two. He also said if I wasn’t successful to contact him again.** *Great result.*

## **4 April 2012 exchange between Ashby and Lewis**

### **Volume 2 Part 4, p 61:**

Lewis: *Ta. Abt to hop on plane. Will call later. **We will get him!***

Ashby: *Great!*

Ashby: *Thanks for coming up!*

## **5 April 2012 text message exchange between Ashby and Lewis**

### **Volume 2 Part 4, p 61:**

Lewis: *Hello?*

Ashby: *Sorry mate just in a meeting. Can I give you a yell in 30?*

Lewis: *Yep.*

Ashby: *What’s your email Steve?*

Lewis: [Lewiss@newsltd.com.au](mailto:Lewiss@newsltd.com.au).

Ashby: Just sending u personal email address. Have daily print out of diary now as well.

#### 6 April 2012 text message exchange between Doane and Ashby

##### Volume 2 Part 4, p 61 - 62:

Doane: Morning! Can u please send me Steve Lewis' number? The one I have won't go thru.

Doane: Thx ☺ just going to double check I have everything he needs before turning in media phone. Gorgeous day, hope you have a wonderful time w your family.

Ashby: Great idea. Driving out now. You too.

#### 8 April 2012 text message exchange between Ashby and Doane

##### Volume 2 Part 4, p 62:

Ashby: Hows the weekend been. Happy Easter btw. Looks like Steve has unmasked a couple of new things to do with travel. The nz trip to interview that guy he's discovered. He's also discovered his name too. Exciting.

#### 9 April 2012 text message exchange between Ashby, Doane and Lewis

##### Volume 2 Part 4, p 62 - 63:

Lewis: Mate. The dates I need for diary (daily extracts) are: Dec 31 2009 – Jan 9 2010. Nov 10, 11, 2010. Ta, Steve.

Ashby: [to Doane] Hey Karen. Would u be able to photograph with your iphone and message the following dates to me? I'll then email to Steve if u like otherwise if u wouldn't mind sending them directly to him that would be great. The dates he need from the diary (daily extracts) are: Dec 31 2009 – Jan 9 2010, Nove 10, 11, 2010. Thanks James.

Doane: Howdy!! Just finished having BBQ at friends and now picked up Kalena from Mooloolaba. I'll head to yours now.

Ashby: OK sounds good.

#### 10 April 2012 email from Doane to Brough

##### Volume 2 Part 2, p 103:

Hi Mal

Today went reasonably well and I believe James understood he needs to follow the legal advice to have all his facts sighted and his deposition taken (tomm) before it goes to press. This ensures there are no legalities breached, which is very important for a solid case!

I think Steve Lewis would agree another day of waiting to ensure everything is as it should be is worth it.

Cheers

Karen

**Undated SMS message exchange between Doane and Brough**

**Volume 2 Part 2, p 104:**

Doane: *Hi Mal – yes scary as I’ve heard nothing since yesterday midday. As such, I’m not answering my phone so please tell Steve I’m sorry it’s just very scary at the moment so I’m shut down for now. I will let you know when/if I hear anything. Thx for your concern. Cheers Karen.*

Brough: *Cheers. The media bloke has just agreed to meet Steve this morning. Everything will be fine. Regard Mal.*

Doane: *Great news!! Definitely relieved for all. Just want this out ;-)* Chrs Karen.

**10 April 2012 exchange between Ashby, Slipper and Lewis**

**Volume 2 Part 4, p 65:**

On 10 April 2012 Slipper sent Ashby two SMS messages about Doane being absent from work on sick leave. Ashby forwarded these directly to Lewis.

**13 April 2012 email from Lewis to McClellan**

**Volume 2 Part 2, p 109:**

*Subject: Finance link*

<http://www.finance.gov.au/foi/disclosure-log/index.html>.

**15 April 2012 email from Doane to McClellan**

**Volume 2 Part 2, p 119:**

*Good morning!*

*I’ve had another look at the land travel FOI and nothing stands out to me. While those who have diaries and other knowledge of Peter’s movements during that time may see something different, there is nothing glaringly obvious.*

***I’ve not seen anything on Google alerts re Peter so hopefully everything is locked down in terms of News Ltd.***

*Cheers*

*Karen*

## 16 April 2012 Lewis emails to McClellan

### Volume 1 Part 2, p 143 – 144:

#### [3:50pm Lewis emails copy of Adelaide Advertiser story to McClellan]

26 November 2011

Slipper 'caught' on film

By: NATIONAL POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT STEVE LEWIS

**PETER Slipper has hit out at a "despicable smear campaign" after allegations he was filmed acting inappropriately with a staffer.**

*The man who was controversially appointed Parliamentary Speaker on Thursday in a coup that delivers Labor crucial breathing space has furiously denied the existence of a video.*

*But a former adviser to Mr Slipper has come forward with a signed statutory declaration claiming she had seen the video and that the MP's behaviour was inappropriate.*

*For the first time, the woman - who worked for Mr Slipper for a year - has provided details of the video, which she said was viewed by herself and other women.*

*She said Mr Slipper did nothing illegal in the video.*

*After its circulation, the video was brought to the attention of then Prime Minister John Howard's office.*

*The staffer in the video was given special leave on full pay after complaining about their treatment by Mr Slipper, who was then Parliamentary Secretary to Mr Howard.*

*The Advertiser has confirmed with another witness the veracity of the video, which was secretly filmed by the staffer in his home.*

*But last night, Mr Slipper condemned the allegations as an attempt to disgrace him after he was appointed to the top parliamentary position.*

*"I specifically deny the existence of a video," he said.*

*"Whoever you are speaking to is lying. Clearly some people associated with the LNP will stoop to any level to destroy me politically following my acceptance of the position of Speaker."*

*According to the witness, the staffer claimed Mr Slipper had also made "unwanted sexual advances" towards the staffer.*

*"(The staffer) told me at a post Budget drinks event in Canberra in May 2003 that (the staffer) was the victim of sexual abuse by Mr Slipper following an electorate event he attended with him on Australia Day in 2003," the witness said.*

*The witness said she told Mr Slipper of the video. "He didn't believe me until I was able to tell him all that I had seen. He later advised me that he had been assured by (the staffer) that the video had been destroyed." The staffer - who still works for Mr Slipper - also denied the existence of a video.*

#### [3:48pm Lewis emails copy of Daily Telegraph story to McClellan]

### Volume 1 Part 2, p 143 – 145 - 146:

26 November 2011

Slipper: It's just a smear – EXCLUSIVE

By: STEVE LEWIS

AN alleged secretly recorded video is at the centre of what Parliamentary Speaker Peter Slipper yesterday claimed was a "despicable smear campaign" by elements in the Coalition to discredit him.

Mr Slipper, who delivered the Gillard government vital breathing space by quitting the Liberal Party to become Speaker on Thursday, denied the video existed.

It was said to have been filmed in the Sunshine Coast home of a senior adviser in 2003.

A former female staffer to Mr Slipper yesterday provided a statutory declaration to The Daily Telegraph that she and a number of other women had seen the video.

She said it had been recorded without Mr Slipper's knowledge by the adviser.

The staffer, who asked not to be named, said that Mr Slipper had not done anything illegal in the video, but she said she considered that his behaviour was "inappropriate for a member of Parliament and his staff member".

But last night Mr Slipper condemned the allegations as an attempt to discredit him after he was appointed to the top parliamentary position.

"I specifically deny the existence of a video," he said.

"Whoever you are speaking to is lying. Clearly some people associated with the LNP will stoop to any level to destroy me politically following my acceptance of the position of Speaker.

"I am appalled at the depths some people will sink to.

"It is clearly a despicable attempt to smear me following my acceptance of the position."

The adviser who was said to have covertly filmed the video also denied the claims, saying: "There is no such video."

Following its circulation, the video was allegedly brought to the attention of then prime minister John Howard's office

As a war of words continued to erupt over his controversial appointment, it can also be revealed Mr Slipper will receive thousands of dollars in additional air travel and extra staff as part of the attached perks of being parliamentary Speaker.

While he has been forced to repay more than \$20,000 in entitlements, his elevation to the commanding position will mean even more perks at his disposal.

The Speaker receives an extra five overseas flights per annum - although these have to be approved by the Prime Minister, in the same way that ministerial trips need the tick of approval.

Mr Slipper is entitled to an extra five staff, including two senior advisers, when he moves into his palatial offices in Parliament House.

He will also have access to a private dining suite with a generous budget to host formal dinners for overseas dignitaries, VIPs and other MPs.

### **[Extract from Ashby's court claim]**

5. In or around mid 2003, the First Respondent [Commonwealth] became aware that the Second Respondent [Slipper] had formed a relationship of a sexual nature with a younger male member of staff employed in the office of the Second Respondent.
6. The First Respondent obtained this knowledge via its employee, Mr Tony Nutt, a Senior Adviser to the then Prime Minister, John Howard. Mr Nutt was so informed by Megan Hobson, a former member of the Second Respondent's staff who had viewed a video in which Mr Slipper was observed to:
  - a) enter the bedroom of a junior male staff member via the window;

- b) *lie on a bed with the junior male staff member in shorts and t-shirt and hug the junior male staff member in an intimate fashion;*
- c) *urinate out of the window of the room.*
- 7. *Mr Nutt, having been informed of (a) and (b) above by Megan Hobson, directed Megan Hobson to "...forget all about it".*
- 8. *The Commonwealth thereafter failed to take reasonable and effective steps to prevent the Second Respondent from utilising his office to foster sexual relationships with young male staff members.*
- 9. *In or around May Budget Week 2003 the junior male staff member referred to at 6(a) above had complained to Megan Hobson to the effect "I have been abused by Peter [Slipper]. We had drinks after an electorate event on Australia Day [2003]. Peter made advances on me and I said "no". The junior male staff member showed Megan Hobson scabs on his knuckles where he said he had recently hit a brick wall whilst defending himself against an attack by Peter Slipper during a parliamentary trip to Adelaide.*
- 10. *Megan Hobson recommended that the junior male staff member lodge a complaint through the appropriate channels. After viewing the video referred to at 6 above, Megan Hobson formed the view that the relationship was consensual.*

**[Hedley Thomas and Michael McKenna, 'Out in the Open: what really went on inside Peter Slipper's office', *The Australian*, 24 April 2012]**

24 April 2012

*Out in the open: what really went on inside Peter Slipper's office*

By: Hedley Thomas and Michael McKenna

**SIX months ago when Peter Slipper was spectacularly reinvented by the Gillard government as Speaker, seething kingmakers in the Liberal Party organised a dump.**

*Slipper, the member for Fisher who had been begrudgingly tolerated by his party despite his penchant for stretching the public purse to accommodate premium travel and perks, was officially a turncoat. The gloves were off.*

**Among the documents provided to *The Australian* by political operatives last November was an email exchange dating back to 2003 when Julia Gillard was in opposition and Tony Abbott a minister in John Howard's government. In themselves, the emails are hardly explosive - they evince a warm relationship between two adults: the boss, Slipper, and his employee, Tim Knapp. They discuss plans for a private weekend meeting. It would be thwarted because, as Knapp wrote, "it may be awkward ... unless you want me to introduce you as my boyfriend to them all".**

*Slipper asked if "Sat night my place for dinner" would be OK. Knapp replied: "To be honest i am a little unsure of coming to your place for dinner i think we need to keep things within the workplace to keep suspicions at a minimum."*

**20 April 2012 Ashby claim filed with Federal Court**

Ashby files claim against Slipper with the Federal Court on the afternoon of Friday 20 April 2012.

**21 April 2012 Lewis story runs in News Ltd tabloids**

Lewis story about the Ashby case runs in News Ltd tabloids on Saturday 21 April.