

But it's clear in your mind that Mr Maguire was a significant supporter of what I'm calling the ACTA proposal, is that right?---Oh, absolutely, and he made it known to everybody, yes.

He was the principal proponent, at least as you saw it?---As I recall, yes, yes.

Did you tell her how long the relationship had been going?---I said, I can't recall at the time, but I, I said, I told her that we were close, we'd been close for some time, but in my view of the world, it wasn't a normal relationship. It wasn't a normal – obviously she knew that it was – I explained to her that it was close and it was personal, but I can't remember to what extent I described it to her.

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MR ROBERTSON: Mr Harley is now your chief of staff, is that right?
---That's correct.

20 Did you tell him about the existence of the close personal relationship
before it was a matter, before you gave evidence about that in public in
Operation Keppel?---I told, I can't remember precisely when I told him but I
told him when I was, I told him so long as I didn't compromise the private
hearing process. I can't remember precisely when but I would have sought
advice at the time as to when I was able to share that information.

30 So at some point in time prior to your evidence in the public inquiry, you
told Mr Harley, but you don't recall specifically when you told him, is that
right?---That's correct. It was, I can't remember, it was a, I was very, very
frightened of saying anything to anybody that might breach the, the very
specific disclosure, well, the very specific requirements that we not share
details of – I can't remember when exactly but I - - -

And so before public inquiry within government, again, using government
in the broad sense, it's Ms Cruickshank and Mr Harley and no one else, is
that right?---And my lawyer from my recollection, yes.

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- - - it was a continuous close personal relationship, having the kind of features that you and I have been discussing in the last 20 minutes or so. Is that right?---That's right, but I wouldn't call it a normal relationship. I didn't regard it as a, it wasn't a normal relationship. It wasn't a relationship where, it, it wasn't a normal relationship. We weren't public. It was, I didn't see him very often. I was very busy. I did speak to him frequently but we didn't see each other very often. And it was not what I would describe as a normal relationship.

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