

FORM OF UNDERTAKING

I,
(Print Full NAME)

of.....
(Print Full ADDRESS)

a representative of.....
(Name of MEDIA ORGANISATION)

ACCEPT the privileges extended to me in relation to early perusal of the 2008-09 Budget Speech and related documents ('the Budget documents') and, in return for those privileges;

STATE that I understand and accept that the Budget documents and the information they contain ('Budget information') are secret until 7.30 pm AEST on Tuesday 13 May 2008 ('the Budget Speech commencement'); and

UNDERTAKE that I will not:

- leave the lock-up before the Budget Speech commencement without the permission of a Treasury official.
- make or permit any publication, written or by other means, of any facts, statements, opinions or other information contained in the Budget documents, prior to the Budget Speech commencement.
- broadcast or place on the internet or otherwise disseminate publicly any Budget information during the period between the Budget Speech commencement and the point in the Budget Speech when that information is revealed by the Treasurer to the Parliament, or is otherwise publicly disseminated by the Treasurer.
- give, convey, communicate or otherwise disclose the Budget documents or their content or any part thereof to any person before the Budget Speech commencement, except to another person who is also participating in the lock-up.
- bring into the lock-up computer equipment, cellular/digital telephone equipment or any other equipment capable of transmitting information outside the lock-up unless that equipment has been specifically approved by a Treasury official.

I UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT that if, before the Treasurer reveals Budget information to the Parliament or otherwise disseminates that information, I provide any Budget document or communicate any Budget information to any person other than persons who are also participating in the lock-up, I shall render myself liable to criminal prosecution.

I have read this Form of Undertaking and section 79(3) of the *Crimes Act 1914* (a copy of which is attached) and I have taken reasonable steps to ensure that the above named media organisation is made fully aware of these conditions, including the consequences of a breach of this Undertaking.

I ACKNOWLEDGE that should I breach this Undertaking:

- I may be prohibited from taking part in the lock-up in future years; and
- other representatives of the above named organisation may be prohibited from taking part in the lock-up in future years.

Signed:

Date: 13/05/2008

Witness:

(Treasury Official)

EXTRACT FROM CRIMES ACT 1914

'Official Secrets...

79.(3) If a person communicates ... prescribed information, to a person, other than:

(a) a person to whom he is authorised to communicate it; or

(b) a person to whom it is, in the interest of the Commonwealth or a part of the Queen's dominions, his duty to communicate it;

or permits a person, other than a person referred to in paragraph (a) or (b), to have access to it, he shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 2 years.'