

SAMPLE ONLY

FORM OF UNDERTAKING

I,
(Print Full NAME)

of.....
(Print FULL ADDRESS)

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

and deriving the main component of my income in the media industry,

ACCEPT the privileges extended to me in relation to early perusal of the XXXXXX 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 XXXXXX ('the Budget Speech commencement'); and

UNDERTAKE as follows:

- I will not leave the lockup before the Budget Speech commencement without the permission of a Treasury official.
- I will not 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.
- I will not 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.
- I will not 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 lockup.
- I will not bring into the lockup computer equipment, cellular/digital telephone equipment. Personal Data Assistants (PDAs) or any other equipment capable of transmitting information to outside the lockup 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 lockup, 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 reproduced overleaf) 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 lockup in future years; and
- other representatives of the above named media organisation may be prohibited from taking part in the lockup in future years.

Signed: Date:XXXXXX

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.'