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STATEMENT ON MEDIA REPORTS ON SPECIAL FORCES

These are obviously deeply concerning reports. We will be seeking a briefing from the Minister's office about the Cromptoets report.

We will also be seeking, subject to national security considerations, as much of this report as possible be brought to the public domain. Information in a report as significant as this should not be coming to light via leaks to newspapers.

We keenly await the completion of the Brereton Report.

Our soldiers, particularly our special forces, work in difficult and complex environments. It's important that we know, as a country, that they're doing it in a professional and legal way.

Australians are quite rightly proud of the work our special forces and all our serving men and women. I know that the overwhelming majority of those who serve in our country's name work hard every day to be worthy of that pride.

Just like the rest of Australia, I'm sure they'd want all their colleagues to meet that same standard.

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