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Subject: Re: FOI reform [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 3 July 2025 5:55:50 PM
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Hi s47F

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s47F is happy to come along but we haven't completed all internal consultation on item 3 matters. Happy to provide an update and discuss next steps though.

Kind regards
Marcel

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Hi Marcel

We will certainly include s22 and s22 going forward. Re agenda, I rang earlier today to seek to confirm what we hoped to discuss and timing, but couldn't reach you. Proposed agenda is below, but let me know if it will be too early to discuss item 3, in which case we can either postpone the meeting until next week, or keep it short, and AGD will provide an update from our side.

Draft agenda

1. Update on timeframes (AGD)
2. Update on agency consultations (AGD)
3. OAIC views/questions on consultation items as circulated 2/7 (focus on items 1 – 3 and 8) (AGD/OAIC)
4. Action items and next meeting (AGD)

Please give me a ring if you wish to discuss.

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Hi s47F and team

Can we please include s22 and s22 in all future meeting requests.

Is there an agenda for tomorrow afternoon?

Kind regards

Marcel Savary, General Manager – Regulatory Intelligence and Strategy
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner s22

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Hello All,

As coordinated,

Scheduling in this meeting between AGD and OAIC.

Thankyou,

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Hi [s47F](#)

We are close settling our position on the remaining questions – currently in the Commissioner approval process – we will send through to you on Monday/Tuesday once we have that approval. Happy to discuss if any pressing queries in meantime.

We will also have some additional thoughts that we will send later next week.

Kind regards

Marcel Savary, General Manager – Regulatory Intelligence and Strategy
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Hi [s47F](#)

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input on these consultation questions – please see attached the OAIC's responses on issues 1-4, 6 and 8. We are aiming to provide the remaining responses by COB Friday.

As discussed last Friday with Toni, the OAIC also wishes to table two further proposals:

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We will provide further rationale in support of the above items on Friday.

Please let me know if you wish to discuss further.

Kind regards,

Marcel

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Hi Marcel

Further to discussions yesterday, and our meeting last week, please find **attached** some further consultation questions from the department in respect of potential FOI reform proposals under consideration. These draw out some of the issues we discussed last Thursday. To the extent you are able, we would be grateful for a response by **COB Tuesday, 8 July 2025** – noting it would be of assistance if you could prioritise issues 1-3 and 8, but I am happy to talk through what is achievable for you in terms of timing once you have considered. We note that we are consulting you in-confidence s47C

Please reach out if you would like to talk any of these through.

I will also get a fortnightly meeting in our calendars, commencing this Friday (4-5pm), if that works from your side.

Regards,

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Dear Toni and OAIC team

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Our priorities for discussion include:

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Other recommendations under consideration

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We look forward to our discussion.

Regards,

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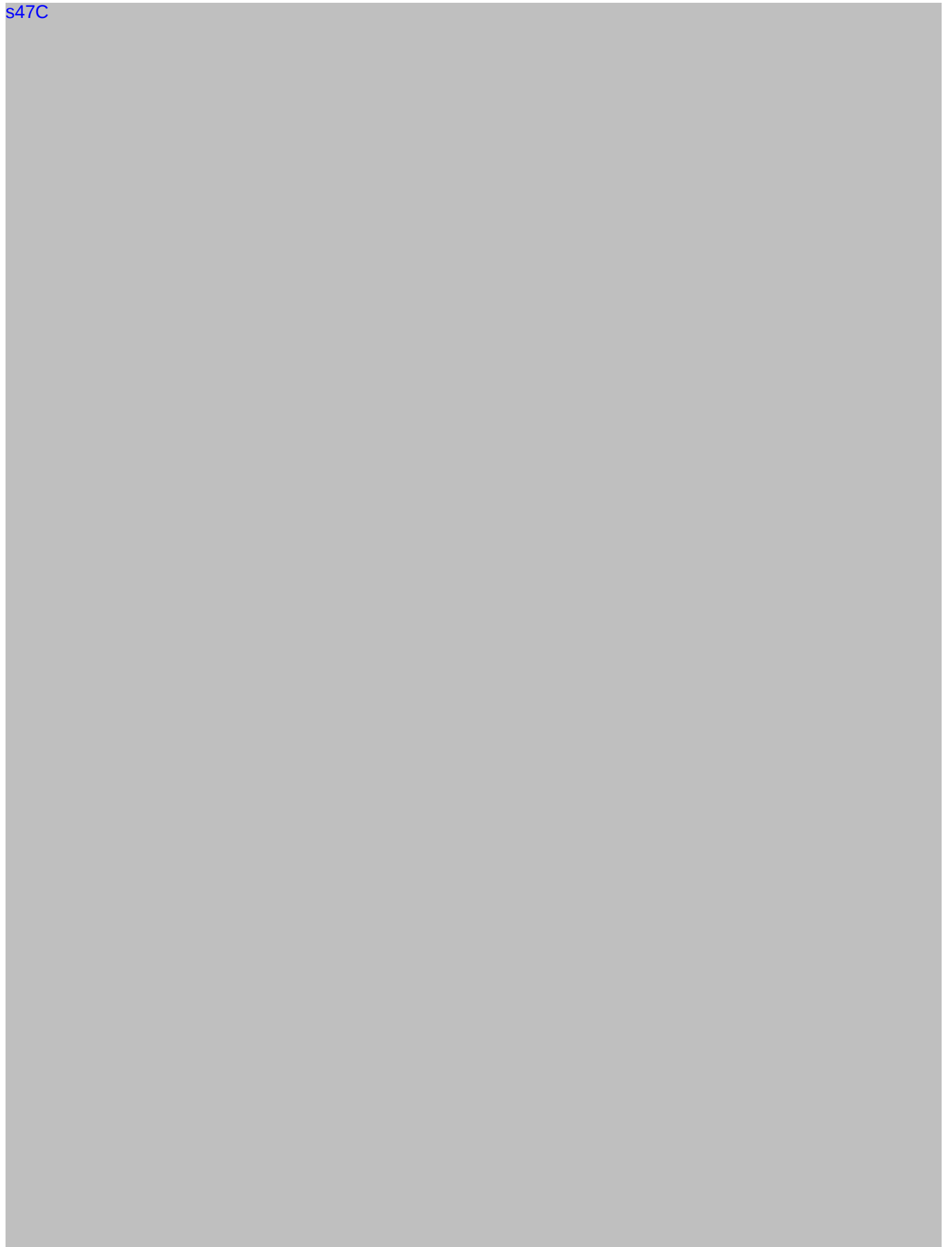
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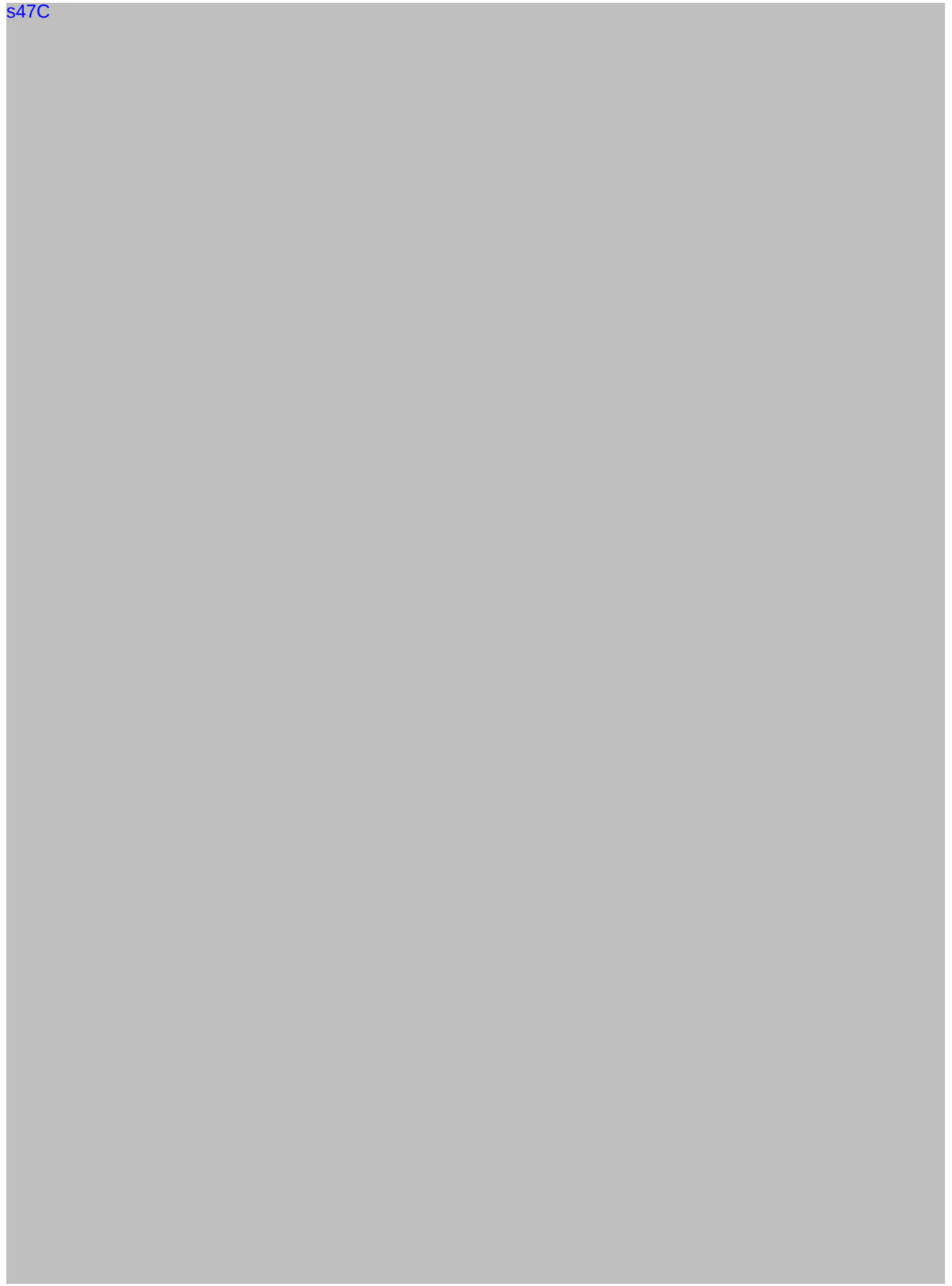
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There have been 455 decisions made under s 55k of the FOI Act over the last two financial years (in total).

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Section 55K(1) of the FOI Act states that after undertaking an IC review, the Information Commissioner must make a decision in writing:

- (a) affirming the IC reviewable decision; or
- (b) varying the IC reviewable decision; or
- (c) setting aside the IC reviewable decision and making a decision in substitution for that decision.

Section 105 of the ART Act states:

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 - (i) making a decision in substitution for the reviewable decision; or
 - (ii) remitting the matter to the decision-maker for reconsideration in accordance with any orders or recommendations of the Tribunal.

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Hi [s47F](#)

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input on these consultation questions – please see attached the OAIC’s responses on issues 5, 7, 9 and 10.

Ahead of Friday’s meeting, the OAIC will also send further information, detailing some additional proposals the OAIC wishes to table with AGD.

Please let me know if you wish to discuss further.

Kind regards,

Marcel

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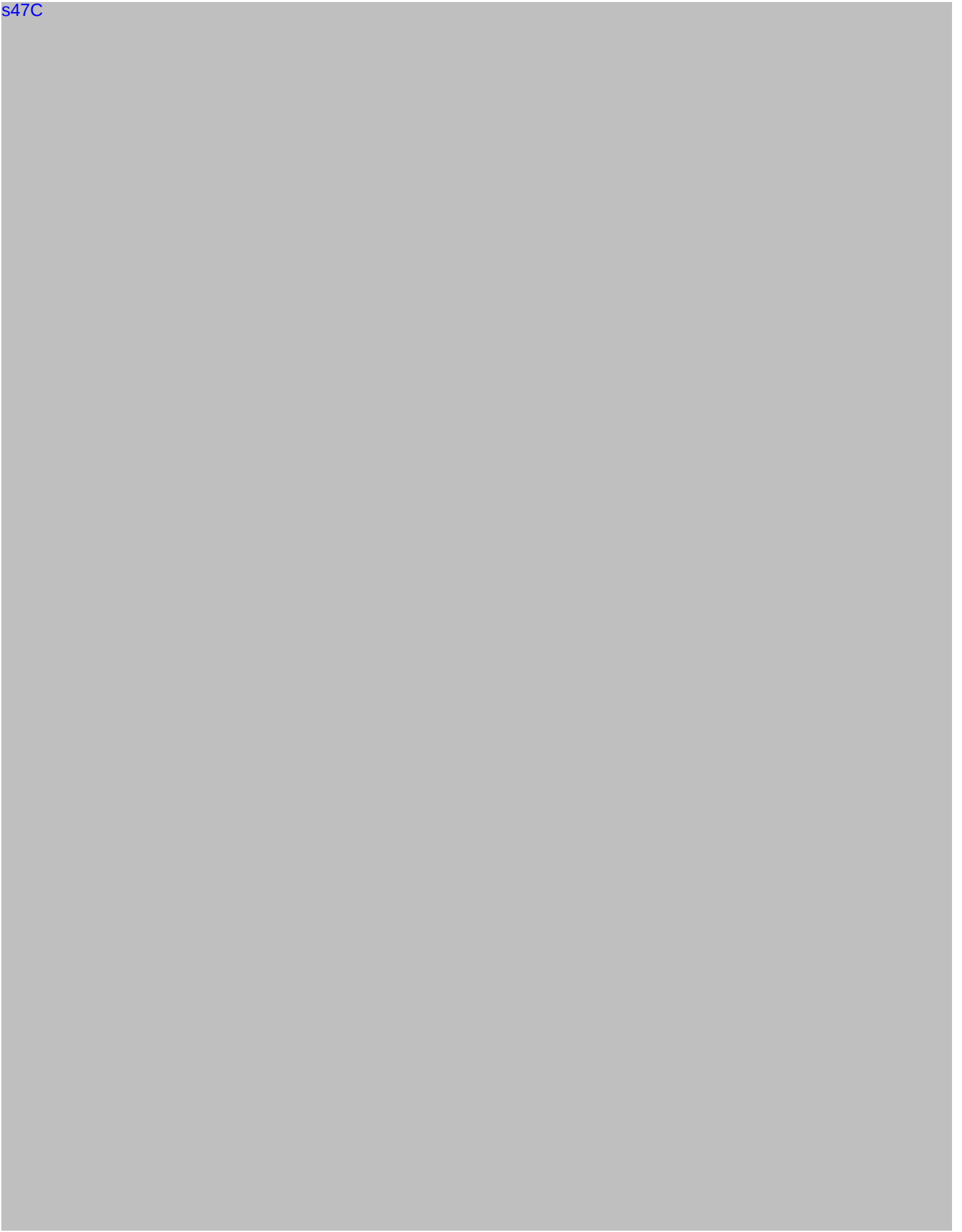
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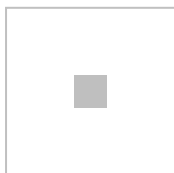
Hi s47F

I hope you are having a good week.

In relation to our comments below, if you would like to discuss any further details I am happy to set up a call. s47C

Kind regards

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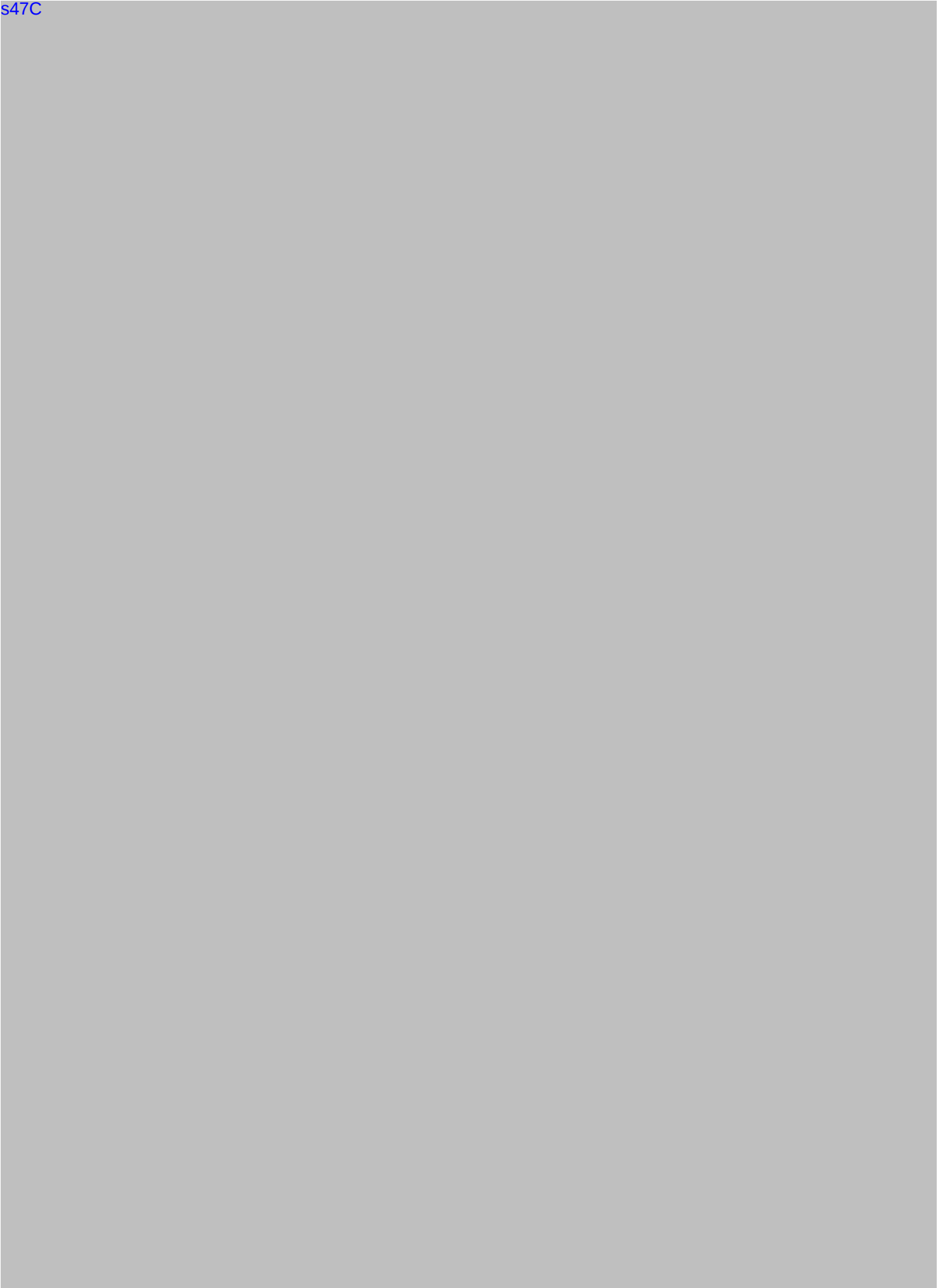
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Hi s47F and team

Please see below further rationale for two of the key amendments we have proposed to the Australian Information Commissioner Act which are complimentary to the FOI reforms.

These were flagged in our recent emails and/or previous discussions.

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We would welcome the opportunity to provide further insights in support or to discuss the above with you.

Kind regards

Marcel Savary, General Manager – Regulatory Intelligence and Strategy
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner I s22

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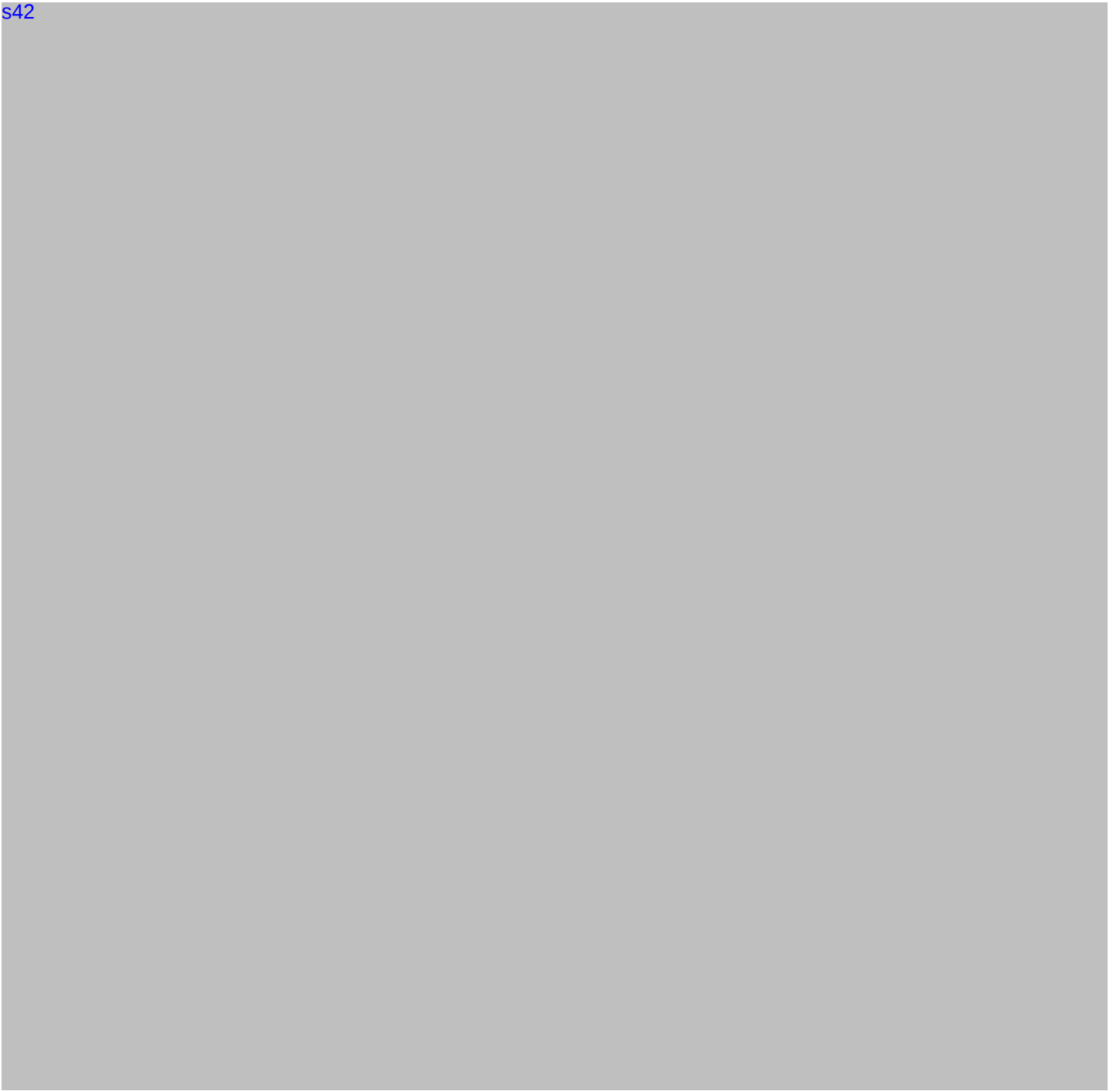
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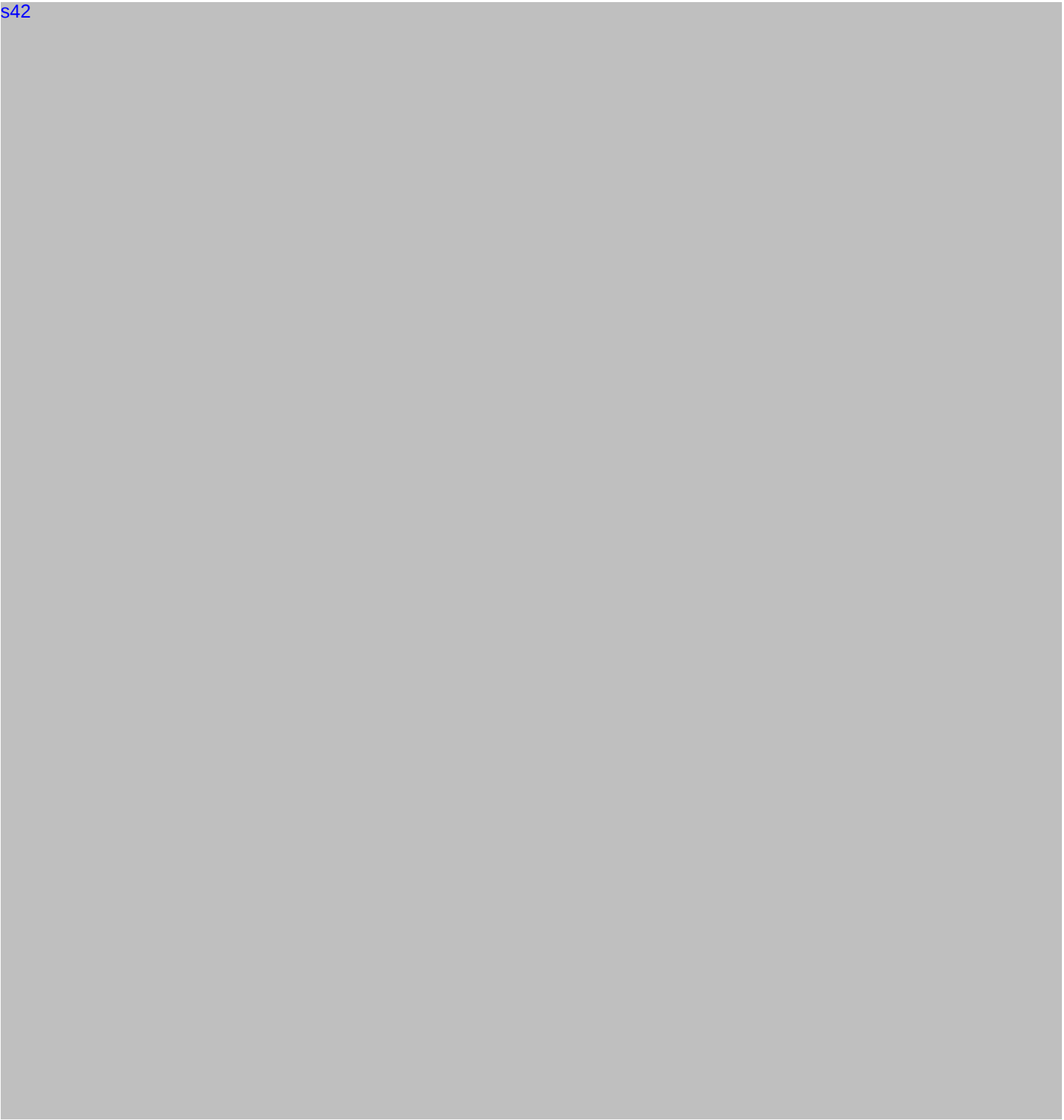
Thanks [s47F](#), received and we will action accordingly.

Kind regards

Marcel Savary, General Manager – Regulatory Intelligence and Strategy
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Thanks [s47F](#) we will revert on these later this evening.

Kind regards

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From: s22
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Subject: RE: Urgent - Draft legislative measures for consultation - Measure 9 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive, ACCESS=Legal-Privilege]
Date: Tuesday, 26 August 2025 6:24:00 PM
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Dear s47F

In response your request today, please see attached our comments relating to measure 9, with broader comments below.

These comments have not been cleared by Commissioners

These comments are OAIC officer views and have not yet been considered by Commissioners. If there is further feedback from Commissioners, we will revert on Wednesday.

General comments:

In the limited timeframe available, the OAIC has confined our comments, to matters of implementation, workability and timeframes necessary for the OAIC to establish systems/process changes.

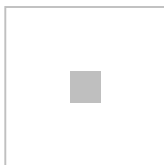
As noted previously, we have only received a selection of the proposed measures to date, our comments are based on the assumption that all other provisions remain in operation and/or not made with the full contextual understanding of how this tranche would interact with other proposed new measures. We have also not been invited to express a view on the policy merits or implications of the proposed reforms.

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Please do not hesitate to reach out with any queries.

Kind regards

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Dear Marcel

Please find attached an additional new measure for your urgent review – **Measure 9** – s42 –
B25ab108.v12.

We would be grateful for any redline concerns **as soon as possible today.**

Kind regards,

s47F

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Good evening AGD colleagues

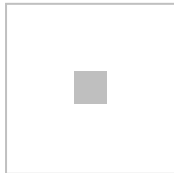
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As foreshadowed, please find **attached** a [s47C](#)

We would be happy to discuss and answer any questions you might have.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this proposal for consideration.

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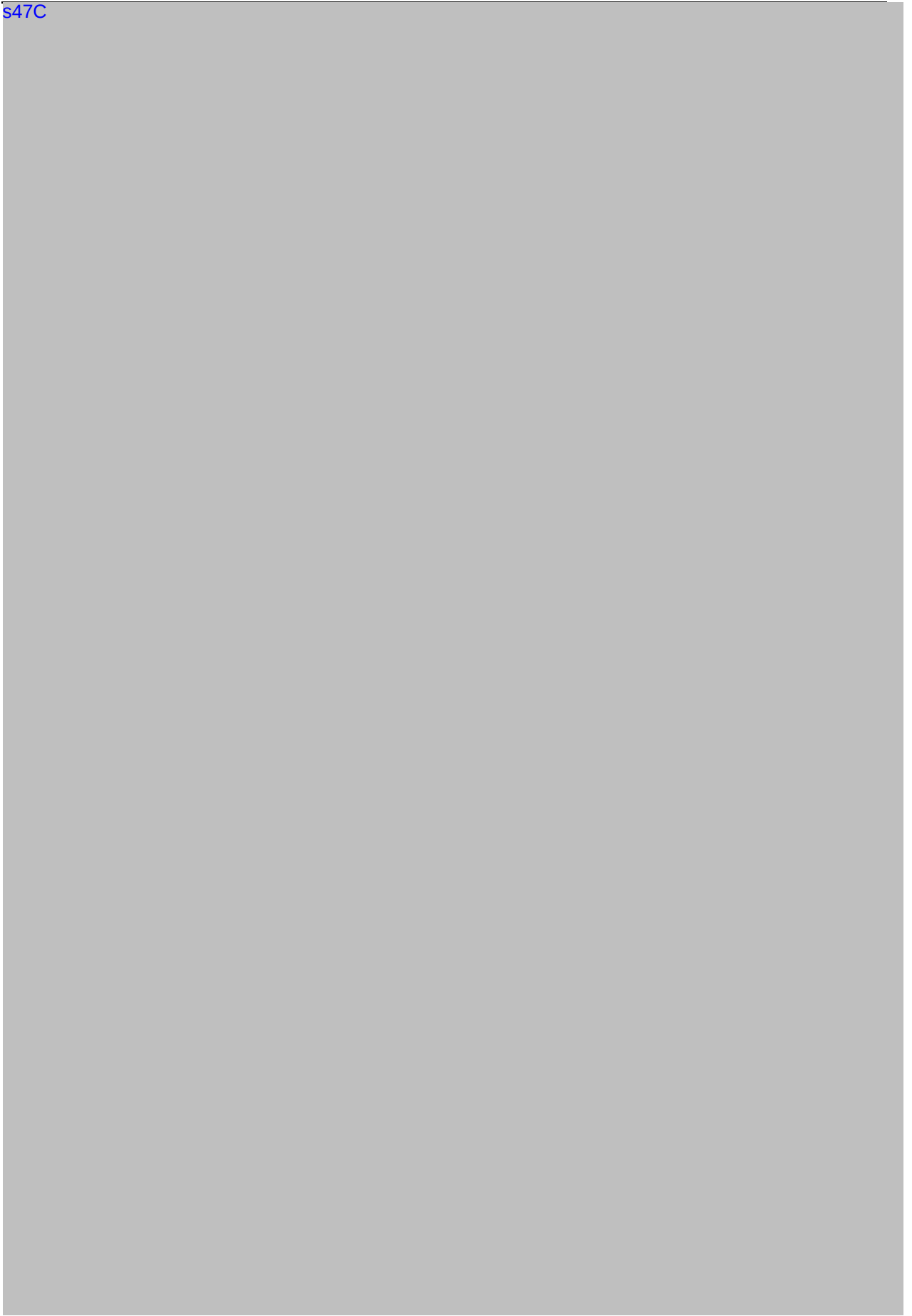
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Australians have told us that access to government information improves transparency and accountability, and is important.¹ The proposed package of FOI Reforms is extensive, involving at least 31 different sets of amendments. These reforms will be enacted alongside an environment where individual requests for merits review of agency decisions under the FOI Act, complaints about interferences with personal privacy under the Privacy Act and notifiable data breach incidents are all increasing dramatically. The OAIC received more IC review requests, FOI complaints, privacy complaints, and notifiable data breach notifications in every month of 2025 (compared to 2024), with the exception of April; for example, in July 2025 the OAIC received 107% more IC review applications, 186% more FOI complaints, and 100% more privacy complaints compared to July 2024. The number of Notifiable Data Breaches has also continued to increase at least 15% period on period.

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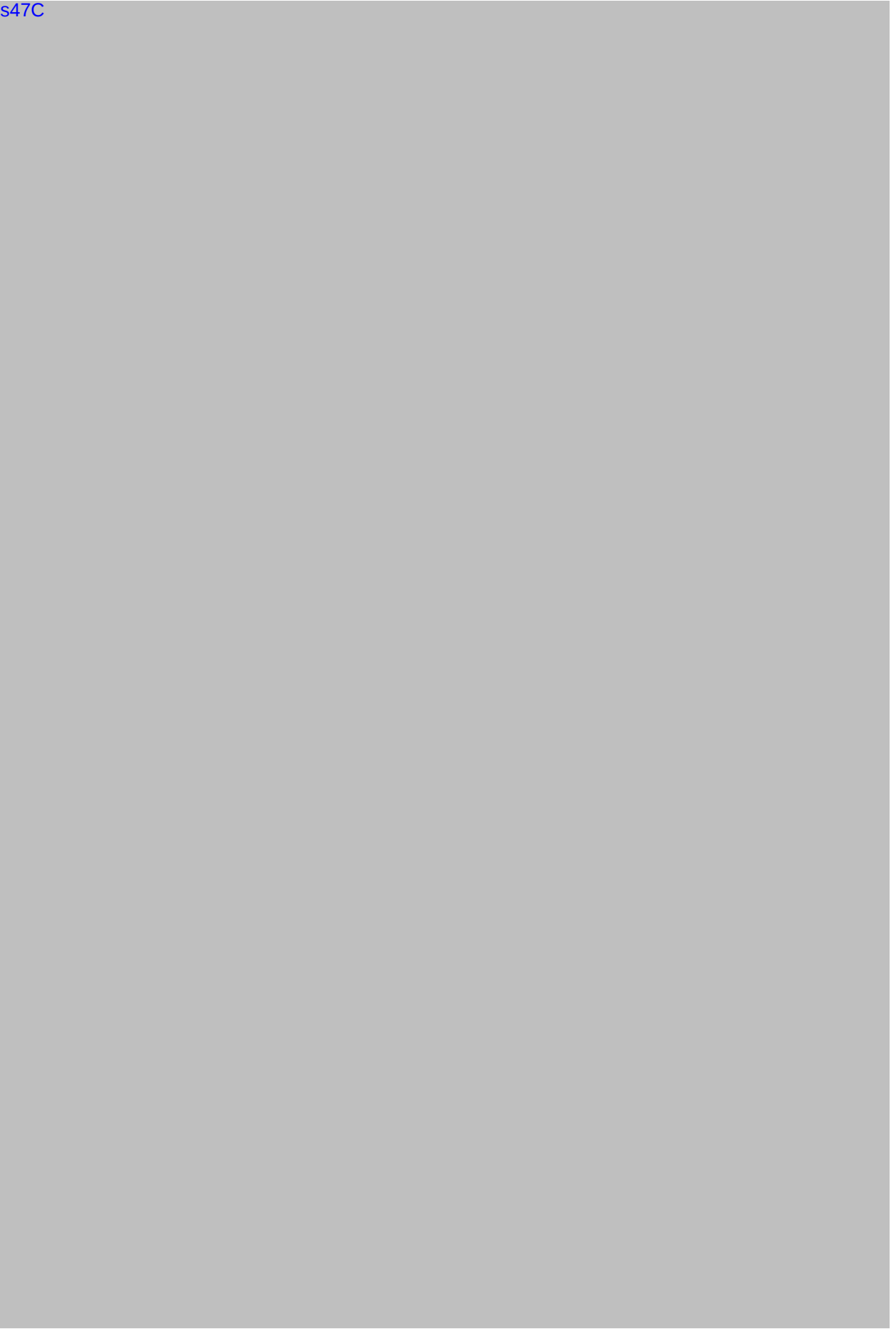
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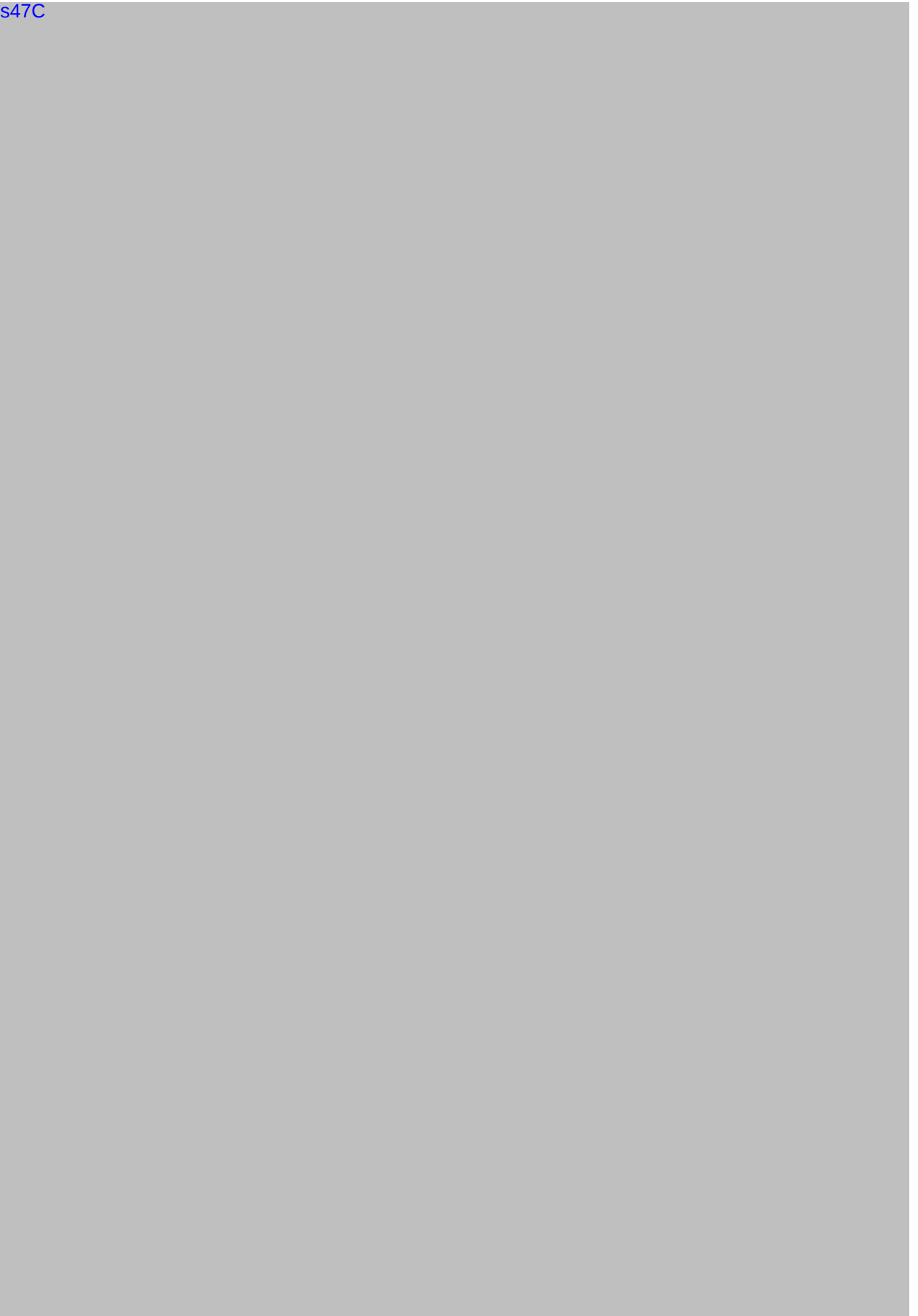
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Dear s47F

In response your request today, please see attached our comments relating to s42 with broader comments below.

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These comments are OAIC officer views and have not yet been considered by Commissioners. If there is further feedback from Commissioners, we will revert on Friday.

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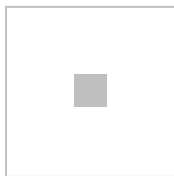
In the limited timeframe available, the OAIC has confined our comments, to matters of implementation, workability and timeframes necessary for the OAIC to establish systems/process changes.

As noted previously, we have only received a selection of the proposed measures to date, our comments are based on the assumption that all other provisions remain in operation and/or not made with the full contextual understanding of how this tranche would interact with other proposed new measures.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any queries.

Kind regards

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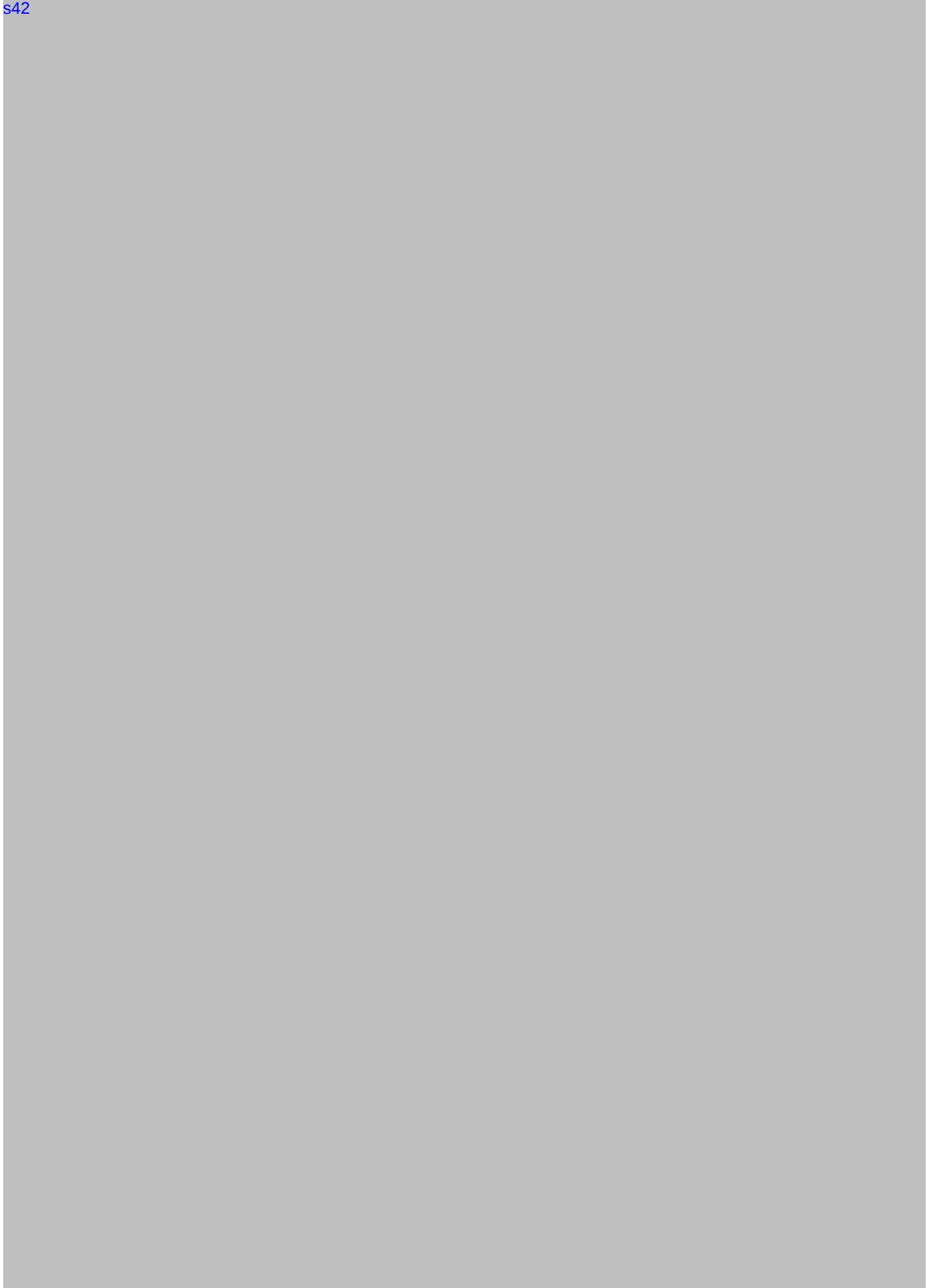


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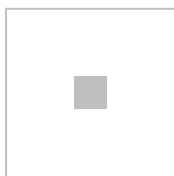
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Hi all

My apologies, I found a typo after sending - a reference to July 2024 (which should be 2025) – pls see the corrected version **attached**.

Thanks again

Ash



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Good evening AGD colleagues

FOI reform – [s47C](#)

As foreshadowed, please find **attached** a [s47C](#)

We would be happy to discuss and answer any questions you might have.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this proposal for consideration.

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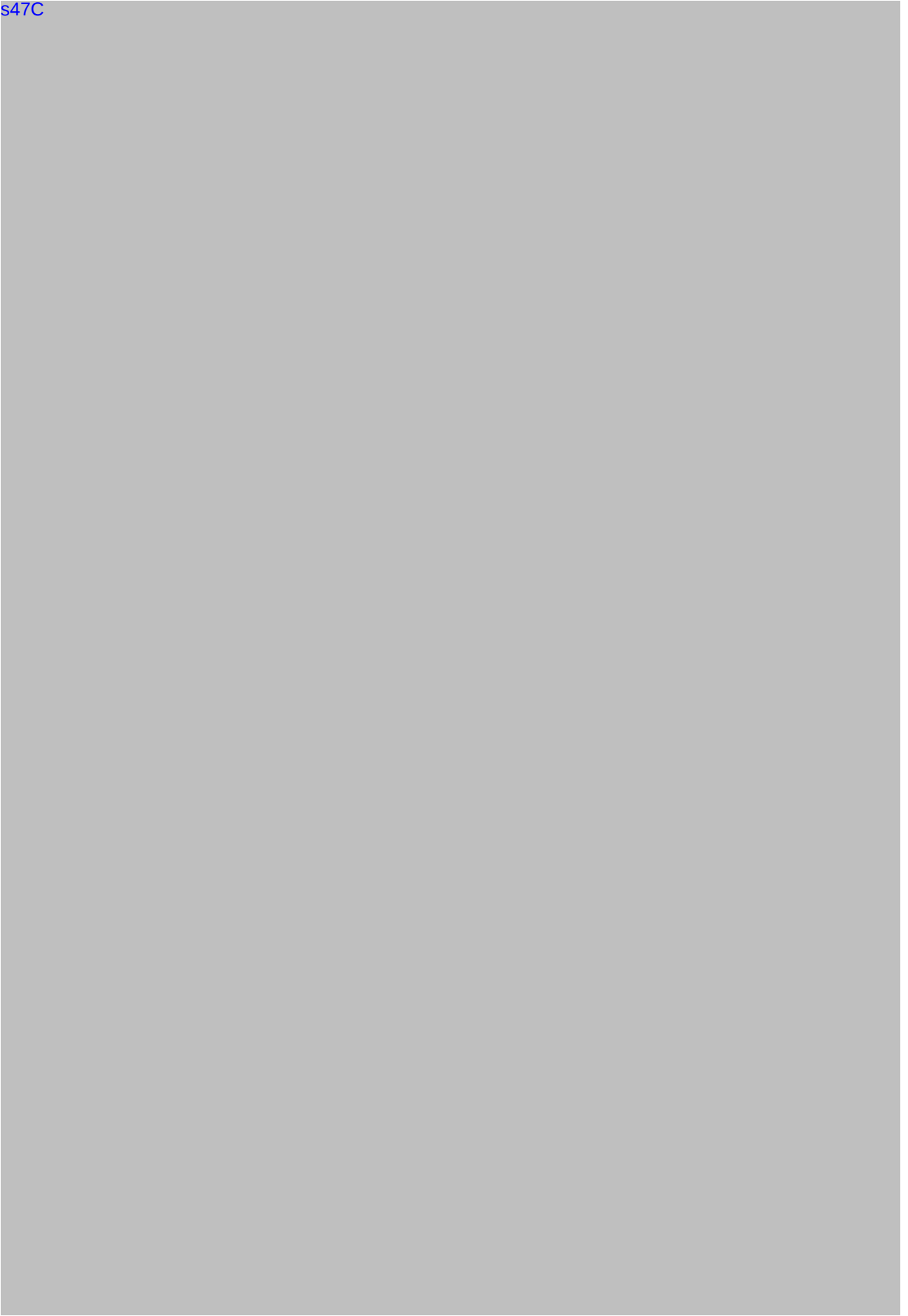
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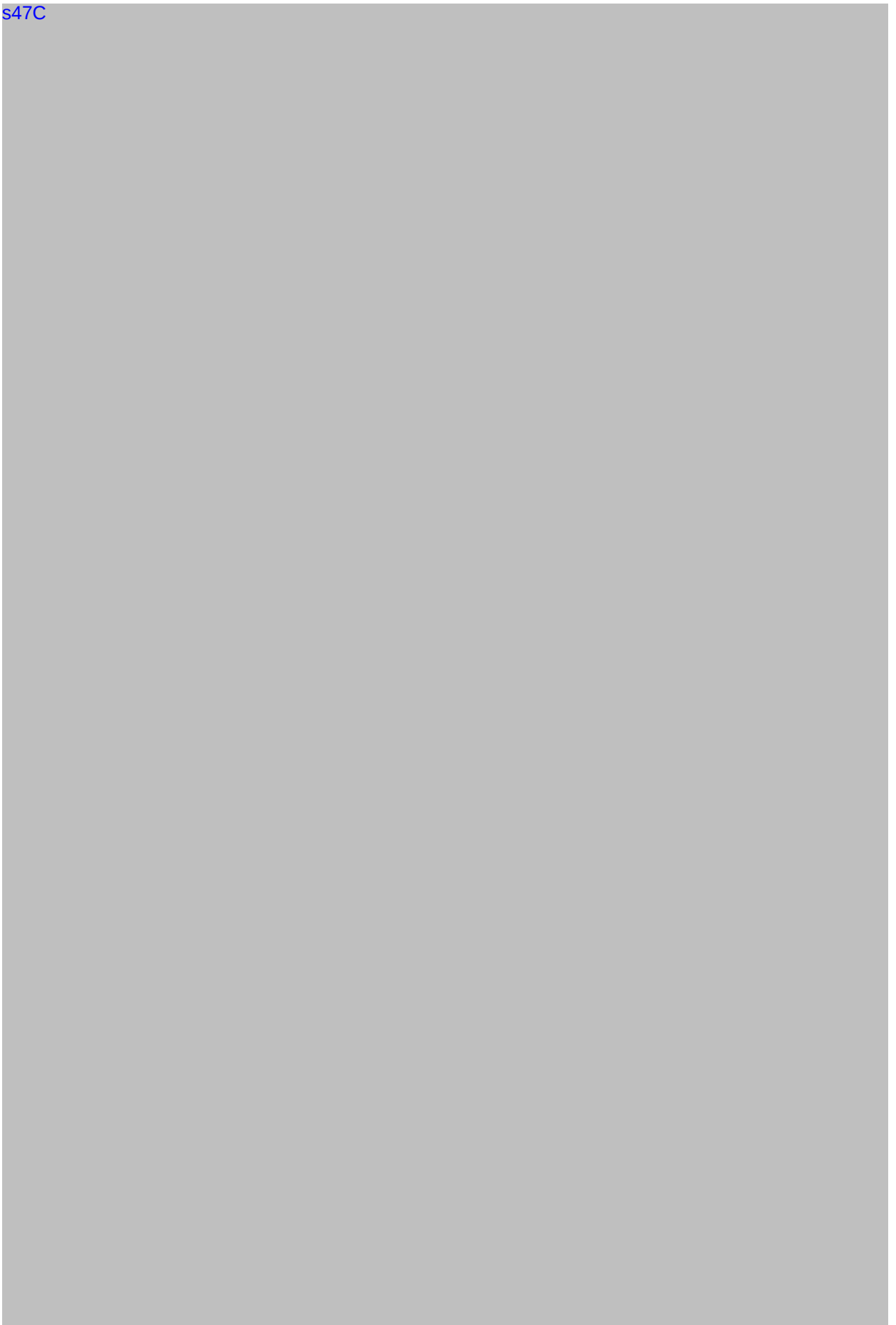
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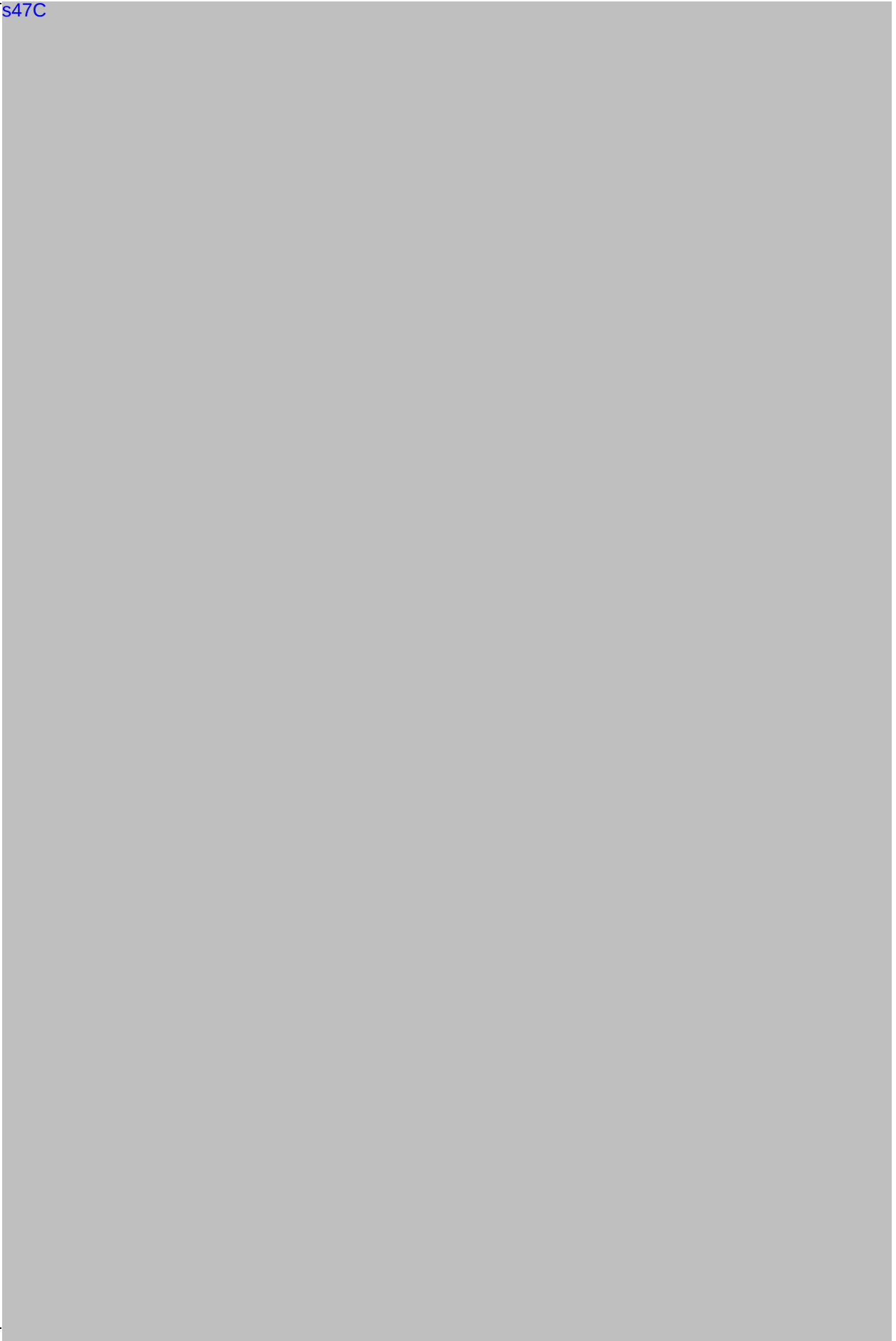
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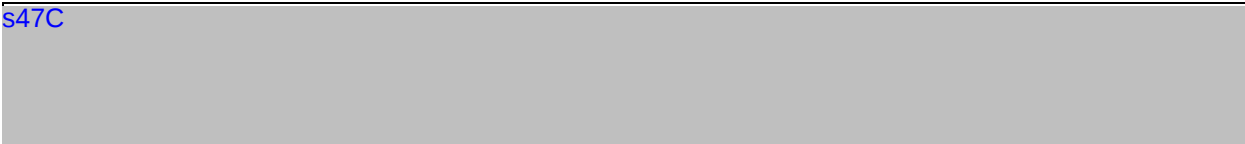
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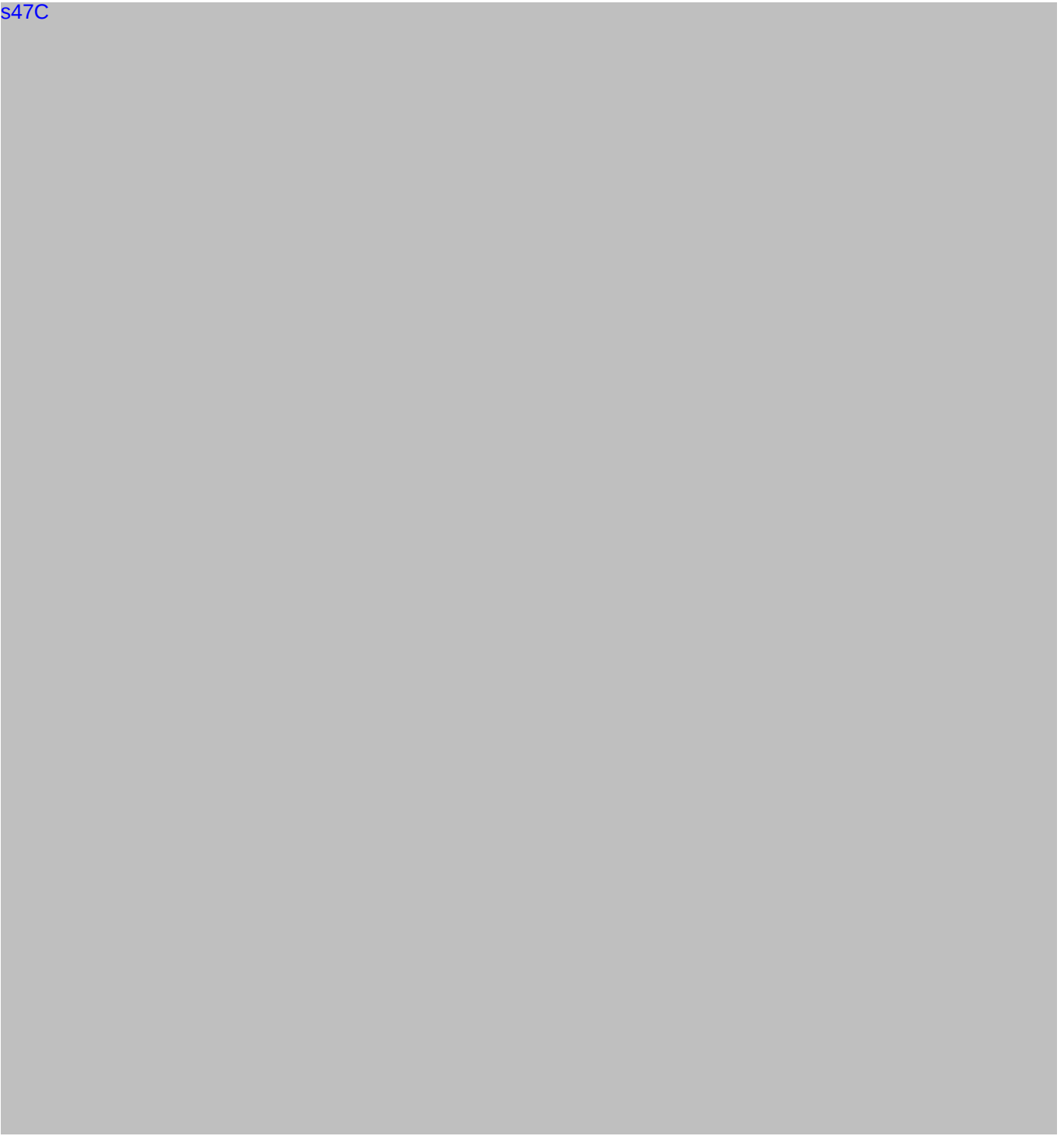
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Thanks [s47F](#), we will come back to you this afternoon – do you have a specific deadline in mind? A couple of our key SMEs will be back online in the next hour or two.

Kind regards

Marcel Savary, General Manager – Regulatory Intelligence and Strategy
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Hi [s47F](#)

Please see attached FYI our holding statement on the FOI Bill – we haven't published yet but intend to do so if we receive a volume of public/media inquiries.

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OAIC Statement on FOI Bill

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As the independent regulator of FOI, the Office of the Australian Information Commission (OAIC) welcomes the Parliament's consideration of amendments to the FOI Act.

The introduction of the Bill provides the opportunity for a public debate on ways to improve the operation of the FOI scheme.

The OAIC will apply our regulatory expertise in carefully considering the contents of the Bill.

Government-held information is a national resource, and the OAIC will continue to promote open government to better serve the Australian community.

The announcement of the bill will for now not have any impact on matters before the OAIC or being brought to the OAIC. The timing and detail of any reform is a matter for the Government.

The OAIC welcomes the Government's support for the three Commissioner model for Australia's FOI, privacy and information publication regimes, through the recent appointment of Ms Alice Linacre as the Freedom of Information Commissioner for a 5-year term commencing on 29 September 2025.

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