

Man accused of stalking Jacinta Price enters Darwin court room as she defends defamation action brought by Central Land Council boss | Sky News Australia



Police have been called to the Darwin court precinct where Jacinta Nampijinpa Price is facing a defamation trial after a man who had previously been accused of stalking the Liberal Senator entered the court room.

Senator Price's counsel Peter Gray told the court just before the lunch adjournment he had been passed a note raising concerns about an issue.

Four police officers could then be seen talking to a member of Senator Price's staff in the court's foyer.

It is understood Senator Price's team had raised concerns about the man, who had previously been accused of threatening and harassing the Senator.



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Police would not comment as they left the court precinct, directing inquiries to the police media unit.

Senator Price's office confirmed they had raised concerns about the man with the Australian Federal Police and asked that he be prevented from attending the court precinct while the trial is taking place.

Senator Price is being sued by Central Land Council chief executive Lesley Turner over a media release she issued in July last year.

Senator Price is being sued by a land council chief executive over a media release she issued in July last year. Picture: NewsWire/ Pema Tamang Pakhrin

He says she made claims in the release that were untrue and harmed his reputation.

Senator Price is defending the case on the grounds of qualified privilege, arguing her media release was in the public interest and that she reasonably believed it to be true.

In recent years Senator Price, who enjoys a significant public profile, has required extra security when attending public events.

The man who attended the Darwin court precinct has no connection

to the Central Land Council.