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Subject: PM's office call

Hi all,

Andrew Carswell from the PM's office called the second the programme was off air and started with "what the fuck was that". I told him not to speak to me that way and that if he had something to say he should say it.

He proceeded to inform me that the interview had ruined a woman's life. It wasn't until some minutes into the call that I realised that he was referring to Fiona Brown, not Brittany Higgins.

He said all the correct procedures had been followed... and that was well documented. He said there were various issues with the story - he mentioned legal concerns - I said i wasn't intimately across the production of the programme, but there were avenues for him to make his position clear. He suggested there wasn't full right of reply... which I said there was.

He eventually acknowledged Brittany towards the end of the call - at which point I said it was interesting that it was Fiona he had been most concerned about.

At least three times during the call he mentioned ruining a woman's life/career... all of those references were to Fiona Brown.

I ended the call letting him know there were various avenues available to him to follow-up if there were issues of accuracy or otherwise... I then hung up.

Regards,

Ross