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From CRAIG: "So confirming PTC in Canberra is a go"

See my first PTC draft below. It's in the script too of course.
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 1:02:08. Brittany: inside of Parliament House, it's its own unique AFP unit. And so, that act independently from the ACT Police and they're a branch of the Federal Police apparently. ... It was this automatic sort of series of events that had been triggered on the basis that there'd been a breach of security in the Minister's office.

LISA PTC FROM APH 10-15 secs

If you're convicted of rape anywhere in Australia you can expect to get a jail term.

But here at Parliament House in March 2019, when Brittany Higgins told her boss that another senior colleague raped her on Minister Linda Reynolds' couch ...what happened?

As far as we know, there was no rush to call the Australian Federal Police.

Instead parliament's *own internal* police were left in charge.

PROF GEORGE WILLIAMS 0:04:22

... Parliament jealously guards its protections, doesn't like outside interference and as a result, sets up systems and laws that preserve its ability to function free of interference.

Constitutional lawyer Professor George Williams.

0:05:58.7 it does mean we need to be wary sometimes because there's a lot of vested self-interest in making sure that politicians protect themselves, protect their party members and the like.

0:06:16.7 And that can be an impediment to actually getting just outcomes and the law enforced properly.

Brittany was interviewed by the parliament house police unit.

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