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hi 47E

How did you go getting a copy of the draft ANAO report? Is there anything we need to discuss.

I am preparing some points today just to have ready in case the report drops, otherwise I am on leave Friday and Monday.

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Attachments: Response_ANAO_audit_Administration of Commuter Carparks in UCF.pdf; Revised Response_ANAO audit_Administration of Commuter Carparks in UCF_17 June.docx

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Hi 47E

Just touching base on this – do you need any input from us just yet? I have some info that was drafted about each site (South Morang and Brighton Beach) which might be useful and happy to send through.

Let me know what you might need from us 😊

Thanks

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47E – as discussed can you pull together some Tps and QAs and media statement with the team we can then run through Simon in anticipation of a release very early next week.

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Hi Grant

Please find attached response to the ANAO report on The Administration of Commuter Car Park projects within the Urban Congestion Fund.

Regards,

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Simon Atkinson

Secretary

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

Dear Mr Atkinson

Please find attached a proposed audit report on The Administration of Commuter Car Park Projects within the Urban Congestion Fund. The proposed report is provided to you pursuant to section 19 of the *Auditor-General Act 1997* (the Act).

The Act provides you with 28 days to provide written comments on the report, and that any comments provided within that timeframe must be considered before preparing the final report. The final date for providing written comments is **14 June 2021**. The final report is expected to be presented for tabling in the Parliament during June 2021 – the tabling date for the final report will be advised once known.

Confidentiality

The proposed audit report is covered by the confidentiality obligation in subsection 36(3) of the Act and must be safeguarded at all times. As noted on the proposed audit report's cover sheet, you may disclose, on a confidential basis, the report to relevant officers of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications ('Department of Infrastructure'), as well as members of the Department of Infrastructure's audit committee, to assist in preparing comments on the report or monitoring entity risks. Please note that subsection 36(3) of the Act includes a penalty for contravening the confidentiality obligation.

Information from the proposed audit report can only be disclosed to other persons (such as external legal advisers, contractors, consultants and Ministers), with my written consent. You may, of course, provide those persons with information such as the objectives and criteria of an audit (which are published on the ANAO's website) and factual material on the audit process, such as what stage an audit is at (consistent with what is published on the ANAO's website).

Please note that only you have been provided a copy of this proposed audit report. However, an email will be sent to David Hallinan, Phil Smith and Liz Caelli to inform them that you have received the proposed audit report. If you wish, you may use your discretion to disclose the proposed audit report to those or any other officials in the Department of Infrastructure on a confidential basis.

Forms of response

The final audit report is intended to be an informative and readable document. Any comments on the proposed report should therefore be directly relevant to the audit findings and recommendations, and be reasonably succinct. Please provide the following responses:

1. Letter of reply (published in full as an appendix)

A letter that will constitute the formal Department of Infrastructure response to the proposed audit report and will be reproduced as an appendix to the final audit report.

2. Summary response (published in full at end of report summary or in the appendix, depending on length)

A short summary of your formal response that will be included in the report summary. The summary should cover no more than half a page. Longer summaries may be placed in the appendix following the letter of reply.

3. Responses to recommendations (published throughout report immediately below recommendations)

A response to each of the report's recommendations that will be reproduced under the recommendation in the body of the report. The response should indicate whether the Department of Infrastructure agrees or disagrees with the recommendation and the actions that you intend to take in response to the recommendation(s).

4. Editorial matters (if any) you wish to bring to our attention

In preparing your reply, you may identify, for consideration, comments or matters of an editorial nature that you would like incorporated, where appropriate, in the text of the final report. This material should be provided separately, and will not be published as part of the formal Department of Infrastructure response to the audit report.

Copies and extracts to other entities

I have also provided:

- copies of the proposed report to: the Hon Paul Fletcher MP (Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts); and the Hon Alan Tudge MP (as the former Minister for Cities, Urban Infrastructure and Population); and
- extracts of the proposed report to the Treasury; Transport Canberra; Transport for NSW; Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, Northern Territory; Department of Transport and Main Roads, Queensland; Department for Infrastructure and Transport, South Australia; Department of State Growth, Tasmania; Department of Transport, Victoria; Public Transport Authority, Western Australia; Maroondah City Council; Parking Australia; and National Growth Areas Alliance.

Next steps

There may be some amendments made to the report following consideration of any comments received. In this case, you will be advised of any substantive amendments made, and provided an opportunity to consider whether it may be appropriate for you to update your original comments.

A copy of the final report, incorporating any changes and your formal comments, will be provided to you for your information prior to its tabling. The audit team can provide a briefing on the final report if this would be of assistance to you or relevant officers.

Contacts

I am available for further discussions on the proposed report as required. Alternatively your staff members, to whom you have provided the proposed audit report, may wish to contact the Executive Director responsible for the audit, Brian Boyd on (02) 6203 7672 or brian.boyd@anao.gov.au, or the Audit Manager, Tracey Bremner on tracey.bremner@anao.gov.au.

Yours sincerely





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Grant

Dear Mr Hehir

Auditor General Proposed Performance Audit Report on The Administration of Commuter Car Park projects within the Urban Congestion Fund

Thank you for providing the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications (the Department) with the opportunity to comment on the Australian National Audit Office's proposed report on our administration of commuter car park projects within the Urban Congestion Fund (UCF).

While the audit has made recommendations that will strengthen the Department's approach to administration of the Urban Congestion Fund, the Department does however disagree with a number of conclusions and findings in the report. In particular the Department does not agree with the ANAO's findings of the Department in relation to the initial design and project selection, as well as the findings in relation to eligibility.

Chapter 2 of the proposed report outlines the initial steps taken by the Department to design a process for selection of projects. The Australian Government, as outlined in the proposed report, then identified and selected all the projects including 27 commuter carpark sites that were selected on the day before the caretaker period commenced and announced during the election. A further 7 car park projects were also announced during the election. These 34 projects are considered to be election commitments by the Government and are treated as such by the Department. Once projects have been announced by Government, the role of the Department is then to implement the projects consistent with relevant legislation.

In Chapter 3, the proposed report focuses on whether the Department put in place a process for engaging with states and territories on the identification of candidate projects. The nature and timing of the project selection as described by the ANAO meant that the Department's role in engagement with stakeholders was limited to the period after the projects were announced, in order to facilitate delivery.

Given the above, the Department disagrees with the finding in the Audit snapshot (and restated in the Conclusion section) that the Department's administration was not effective as this assessment fails to take into account that the projects were election commitments made to the Australian people during an election campaign and that the Department was directed to implement them consistent with delivery of election commitments. The failure to recognise this, and that administration by the Department was based on this rather than another type of program, may leave readers of the report without a full understanding of what happened in this program, particularly with respect to project selection issues.

Further, the Department considers that reference to the zero (0) per cent of commuter carpark projects proposed by the Department needs to include context that the projects are considered by the Australian Government to be election commitments.

I have outlined below further areas where the Department disagrees with the ANAO's findings or where, without appropriate context, readers of the report may be misinformed.

Project identification and selection

The Department does not agree with the audit conclusion that the Department's approach to identification and selection was not appropriate, given the process by Government of project identification and selection outlined in the report. The Department also considers the commentary regarding a lack of advice on the merits of the selection of projects does not reflect the process undertaken by Government. As outlined above, commentary in the report needs to reflect the Audit

Snapshot which highlights no commuter carpark site was proposed by the Department and that the Government considers all of these projects to be election commitments.

Similarly, the Department does not agree with the ANAO finding that the Department did not appropriately engage with state governments and councils as part of the process of project identification. The Department's role is to implement the Australian Government's program of election commitments. Extensive engagement has been undertaken with delivery partners through a variety of mechanisms and processes to progress delivery of the projects (highlighted in Chapter 3 and the basis of analysis in Chapters 4 and 5).

Fund design

The conclusions made in the proposed report regarding the design of the Urban Congestion Fund do not fully consider the interaction with key aspects of the process:

- The process and timing of the decisions by Government to expand the investment in the UCF and to select projects, as part of the 2019 election as outlined above
- The majority of the projects (over 70 per cent by number and 80 per cent by dollar value) under the Urban Congestion Fund are traditional road projects that do not require tailored approaches to existing program management arrangements.

The proposed report finds that the Department did not identify avenues through which UCF projects could be identified. This finding in Chapter 1 is in conflict with the report's analysis in Chapter 3 that the proposed commuter carpark sites were identified and selected by Government.

The Department considers that the mechanisms and governance requirements of the National Land Transport Act and broader IIP framework provide robust governance for the delivery of projects. Of the \$4.0 billion committed to projects under the Urban Congestion Fund as at 31 March 2021, more than 80 percent related to road or planning projects that are core activities administered by the Department as part of the \$110 billion Infrastructure Investment Program. The Department does however agree that implementation plans should be considered for new programs where existing mechanisms are not sufficient.

The Department notes that information on projects within the IIP, including projects under the UCF, is publicly available through the Department's website, the State schedules supporting the National Partnership Agreement for the delivery of infrastructure projects, and on the Australian Parliament House website as project information is tabled through Senate Estimates processes at each hearing since the 2019-20 Budget Estimates hearings.

The Department notes the ANAO's findings in relation to developing specific KPIs and Evaluation Criteria. The Department considers that there are clear KPIs designed around the delivery of projects that apply to projects being delivered including those under the UCF including the commuter car parks (for example travel time savings, safety benefits, transport costs for road freight, jobs supported). The Department regularly reviews KPIs to ensure that reporting mechanisms are appropriate.

Further, there are substantial transparency and accountability measures in place to ensure Parliament is fully informed including, but not limited to:

- financial statements
- budget papers, and
- senate estimates processes.

Eligibility of commuter carpark projects under the Act

The Department disagrees that inadequate assessment attention has been given to the eligibility of projects and with the suggestion that the Department lacked a clear understanding of the operation of the eligibility provisions of the *National Land Transport Act 2014* (NLT Act) in relation to commuter carparks (Chapter 4).

The Department had, from the time commuter carparks were incorporated into the Urban Congestion Fund, a sound understanding, informed by a range of legal advice, of the eligibility of commuter carpark projects under section 10(e) of

the NLT Act. It also appears to take simple clerical errors as evidence of a lack of understanding of legal eligibility, notwithstanding the fact that extensive legal advice was sought.

Similarly, the report's discussion regarding carparks being attached to rail stations questions the timing and content of legal advice without regard to the Department's understanding of the major issues at the time. Legal advice sought in February 2021 brought together advice previously sought in relation to intermodal facilities to comprehensively address related issues, is consistent with previous advice held by the Department.

Project delivery

The Department considers that there are well established mechanisms for management of projects under the Infrastructure Investment Program as set out in the governance requirements of the NLT Act. As part of the Department's administration of the Infrastructure Investment Program the Department has the administrative systems, templates and processes in place to support implementation of the UCF.

In its advice to Ministers to support decision making the Department includes a value for money assessment. While the Department does not agree with the premise of the report that the assessments are not adequate, it supports the ANAO principle of strengthening the advice including through the provision of information on benchmarking costs to industry standards. Further, the Department agrees with the overarching conclusion that efforts to standardise practices in our administration of infrastructure investment are warranted.

The Department however considers the benchmarking is most relevant at the delivery stage (once feasibility studies have been completed and costs identified) to enable costs and number of spaces to be accurately reflected.

The report recognises the work being undertaken within the Department to develop cost benchmarking, benefits measurement and supporting guidance for staff in the development of value of money assessments. This work is ongoing and continues to develop, informing advice to portfolio Ministers as projects progress through the approval process to the commencement of construction.

The Department notes however, that benchmarking is only one aspect of any value for money assessment and is general in nature as industry standards fail to take into account site specific cost drivers such as costs associated with land acquisition, utility adjustments or additional works such as deflection walls which are required by law for multi-storey carparks adjacent to rail lines as a safety barrier in the case of derailments. Higher costs can also be driven by the complexity of an individual project site, such as costs associated with decommissioning and demolition of existing at-grade car parks or other facilities on site, including existing structures, utilities and water infrastructure.

The report recognised the development by the Department of a benefits cost estimation tool for commuter car parks, which has now been independently assessed and is consistent with the Australian Transport and Assessment Guidelines. The benefits cost estimation tool overall demonstrates the significant benefits to be captured through transitioning commuters to modes of public transport.

Recommendations

Please accept this letter as the Department's summary response to the proposed report. The Department acknowledges the ANAO's recommendations and a response to each of the recommendations is attached. I respectfully request that the response be published in full.

Please contact Mr Philip Smith, First Assistant Secretary, Infrastructure Investment Division if you would like to discuss this response.

Yours Sincerely



Simon Atkinson

// June 2021

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
response to the Proposed Audit Report on the
the Administration of Commuter Car Park Projects within the Urban Congestion Fund

Recommendation 1

When establishing funding programs for inclusion in the Infrastructure Investment Program, the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications develop an implementation plan, performance indicators and an evaluation strategy specific to the funding program.

Response

Agreed. The Department will consider the elements of the new program streams and develop an implementation plan, performance indicators and/or evaluation strategy specific to the new program where existing tools and practices are not appropriate.

Recommendation 2

The Department's improvements to Infrastructure Investment Program record keeping include ensuring good quality business information that is fit for purpose is created, which means that it:

- Contains sufficient detail to meet current business needs and can be understood by others in the future;
- Is accurate; and
- Is created in a format that enables efficient business processes and maximizes its potential for use and reuse.

Response

Agreed. The Department is already undertaking action including the following actions within the Infrastructure Investment Division:

- reminders to all staff within the Infrastructure Investment Division have issued with a direction to adhere to requirements in relation to recordkeeping;
- provision of recordkeeping training sessions specifically for IID staff, with the intent that every officer will be required to undertake training. Specific training sessions held for the Division to ensure staff had the requisite skills to comply with their obligations was delivered to 132 staff.
- Anyone that did not attend a training session held specifically for the Division, including new starters, are required to enrol and complete a training session through the Department's LearnHub. Attendance is also included as part of the Induction Checklist which is monitored by the Business Management Unit.
- incorporated adherence to recordkeeping policies in performance discussions for SES officers
- the Business Management Unit prepares monthly "heat maps" that indicate utilisation of the Department's EDRMS
- monitoring of use of areas of G drive that have not been closed to new records to ensure compliance with use of the EDRMS.

At a Departmental level, actions undertaken include:

- reviewing the existing Record Keeping policies and drafting a single policy document which is currently under review before being endorsed and published;
- increasing delivery of department-wide training to ensure staff understand their obligations;
- initiating a project to upgrade and consolidate the Department's record management systems; and
- updating staff guidance on the Department's intranet relating to records management practices.

Recommendation 3

The Department document and apply assessment procedures that require it to undertake sufficient inquiries to demonstrate that candidates for funding under the *National Land Transport Act 2014* are eligible for approval before it makes a funding recommendation to the Minister.

Response

Agreed. The Department has established processes in place to assess project eligibility under the Act or to provide policy and/or legal advice in more complex scenarios. The Department had a sound understanding, informed by legal advice, of the eligibility of commuter carpark projects under the *National Land Transport Act 2014*. The Department is improving its documentation of guidance materials to support effective and appropriate management of the Urban Congestion Fund within the broader Infrastructure Investment Program.

Recommendation 4

In designing programs for the delivery of funding through the *National Land Transport Act 2014*, the Department propose for Ministerial consideration merit criteria that will be used to assess whether projects represent an efficient, effective, economical and ethical use of public money.

Response

Agreed. The Department considers the mechanisms and governance requirements of the NLT Act and existing IIP processes are sufficient for program management in many circumstances and particularly apply to projects under the UCF.

Noting the process undertaken by Government to select commuter car park projects, the Department agrees that it can strengthen guidance material to staff to assess the value for money considerations and criteria outlined in the NLT Act and PGPA Act.

When establishing new funding programs for inclusion in the Infrastructure Investment Program, the Department will consider the elements of the new program streams and, where existing tools and practices are not appropriate, develop program-specific plans and performance measures, including merit criteria.

Recommendation 5

When providing advice on whether funding should be approved for funding candidates under the *National Land Transport Act 2014* that have been identified through a non-competitive process, the Department identify relevant benchmarks against which to assess whether the proposal represents value for money and is appropriate for approval.

Response

Agreed. The Department agrees with the principle that advice to the Minister should provide enough detail to ensure that the Minister can meet obligations under the PGPA Act. This may include, where relevant, appropriate benchmarking information as well as other quantitative or qualitative information. The Department briefing on projects includes an assessment of the effective, ethical, efficient and economical merits as required under the PGPA Act. Work is currently being undertaken to strengthen advice provided to Ministers on projects as they enter into the delivery stages. In relation to commuter carpark projects, the Department has used industry data to develop benchmark construction costs to help guide staff in the assessment of commuter car park proposals. Industry benchmarks for carpark projects do not consider many of the site-specific and environmental factors that contribute to the complexity of the project and overall cost but do help to identify these issues to support the Minister in making a decision.

Other calculations, such as a benefit cost ratio calculation may be more relevant as a guide for Ministers, particularly in circumstances where site specific cost factors may mean a benchmark comparison is not helpful.

The Department already has a process in place for cost assurance for road projects, through cost estimate reviews and cost benefit analysis. This function is being further developed in order to provide additional guidance and support for staff in the assessment of significant projects.

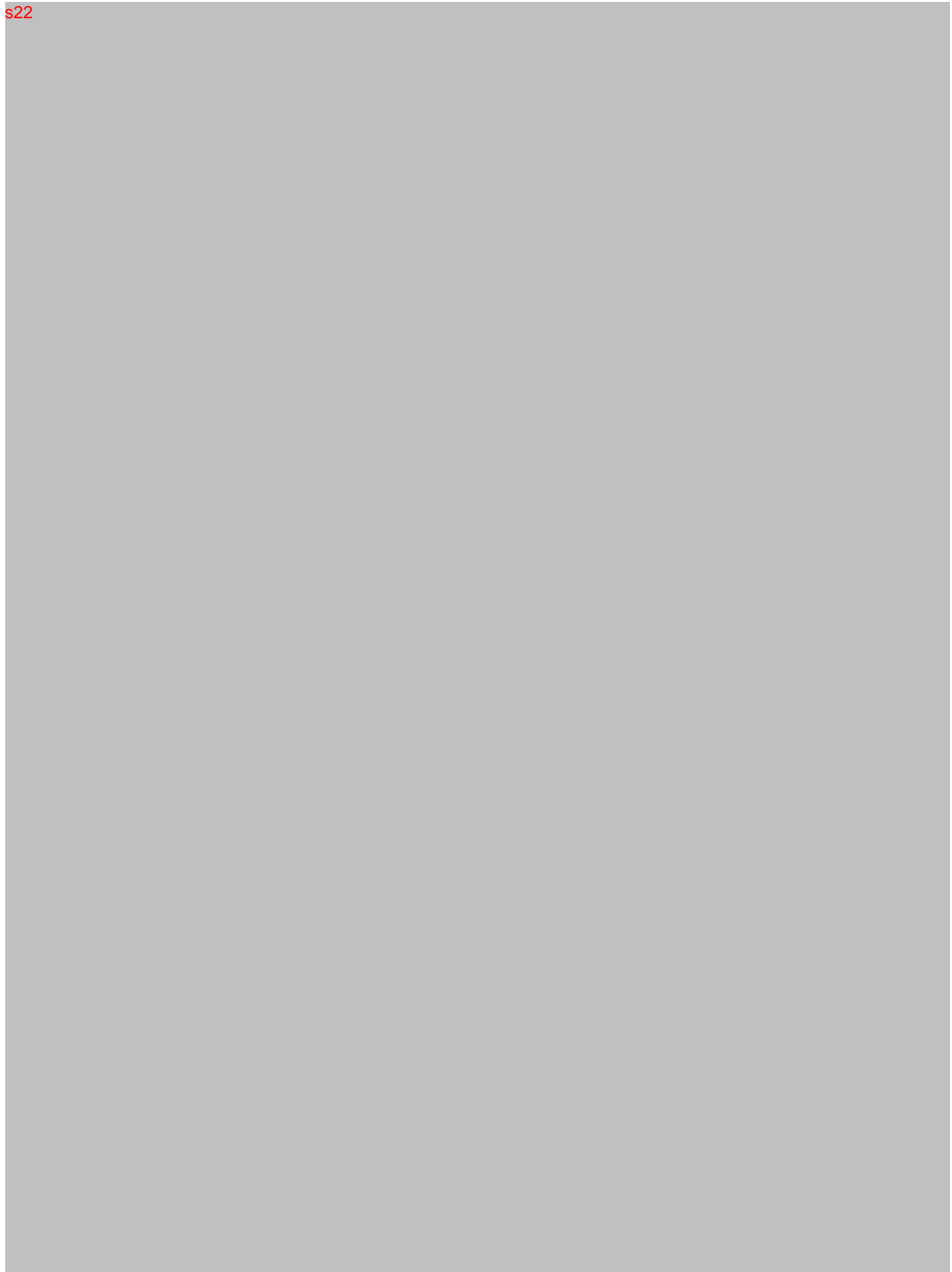
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The Department strengthen its controls over the establishment of delivery and payment milestones, including by setting out in the Ministerial approval briefing the Department's proposed milestones or the parameters for negotiating those milestones.

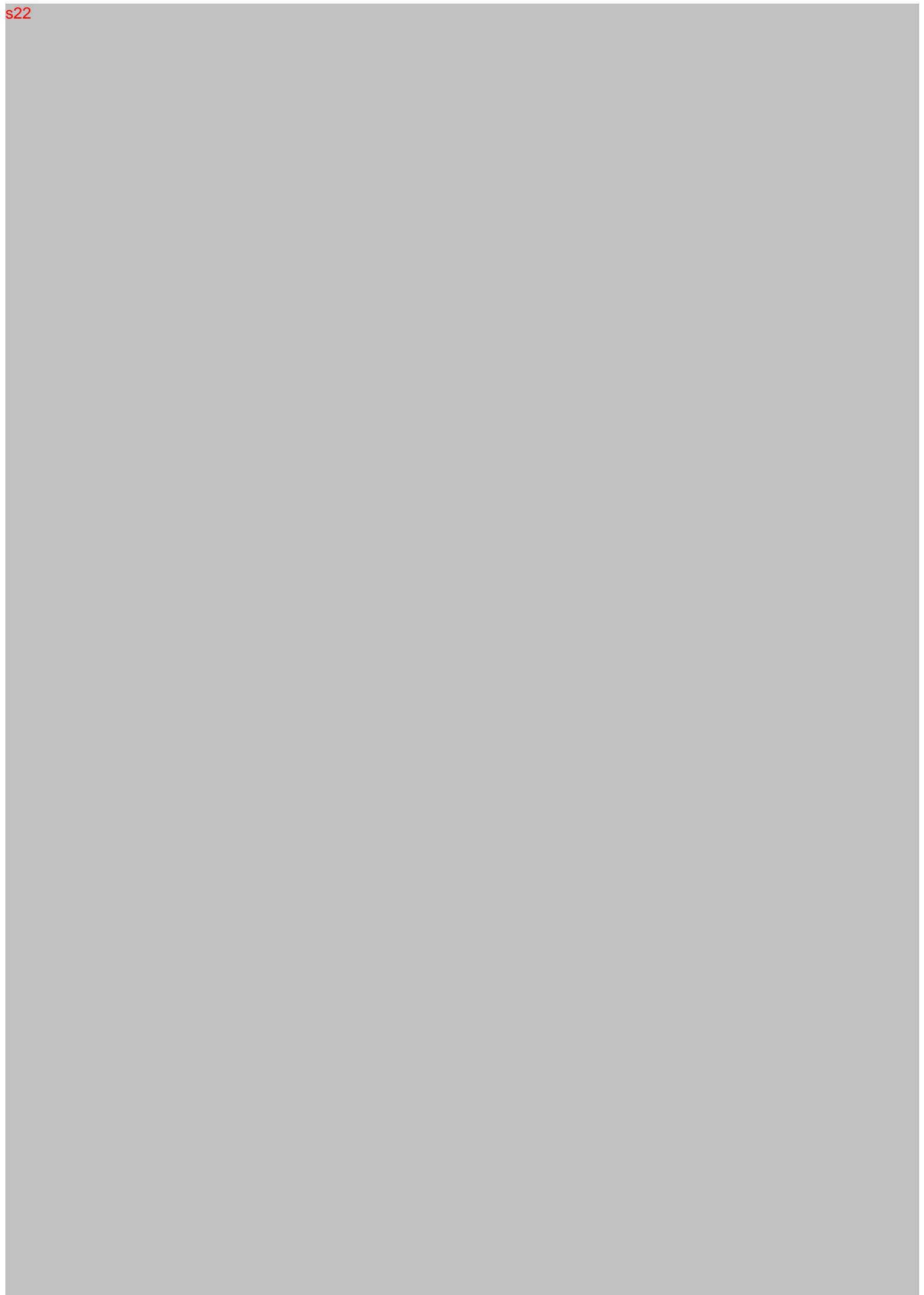
Response

Agreed. The Department agrees that including advice to Ministers on milestones will provide additional assurance to Government regarding administration of the program. The Department is developing additional guidance in relation to developing and setting milestones, noting milestones are only one governance mechanism, others include regular meetings with delivery partners and regular reporting.









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Additional TPs and initial holding statement draft attached for consideration.

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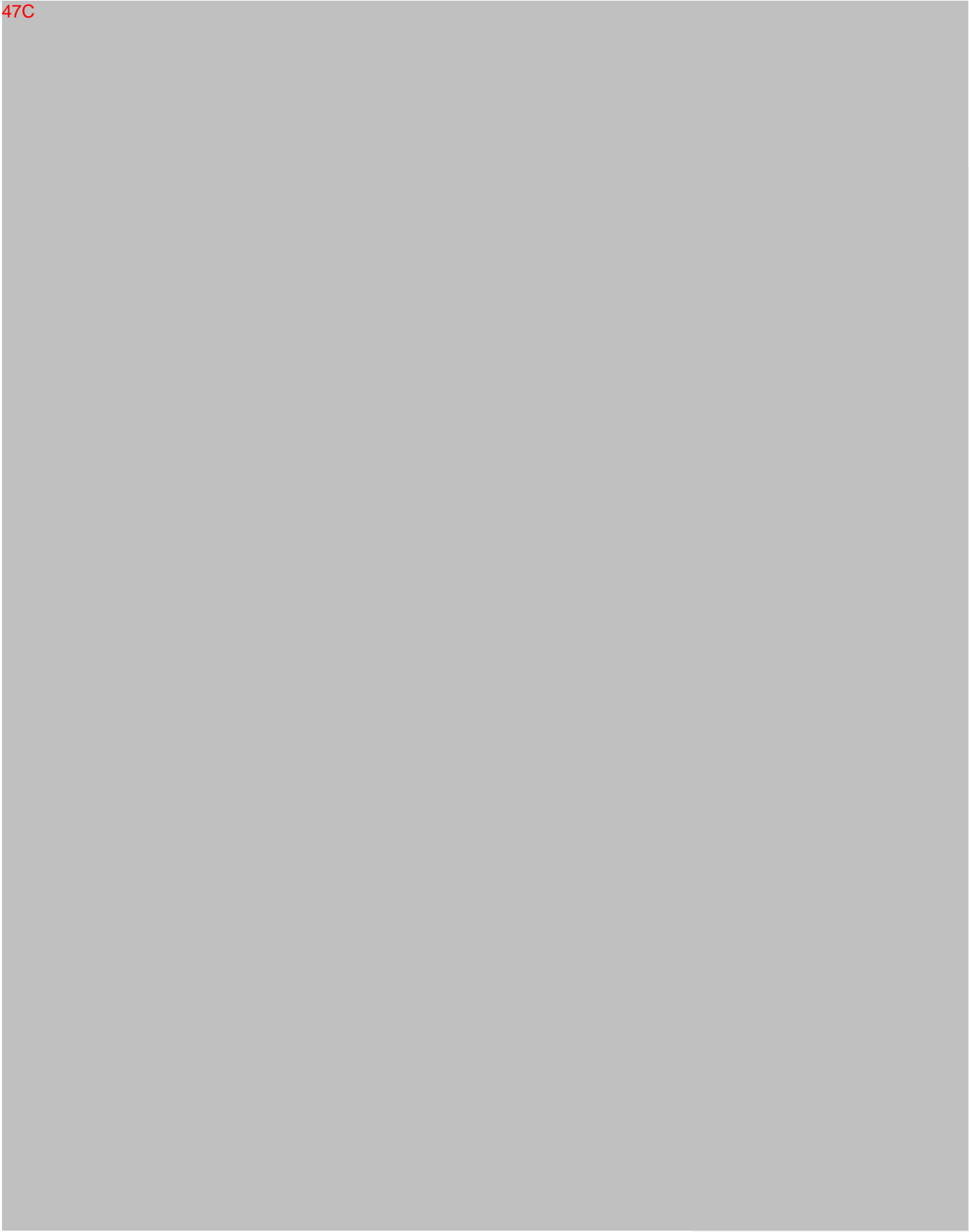
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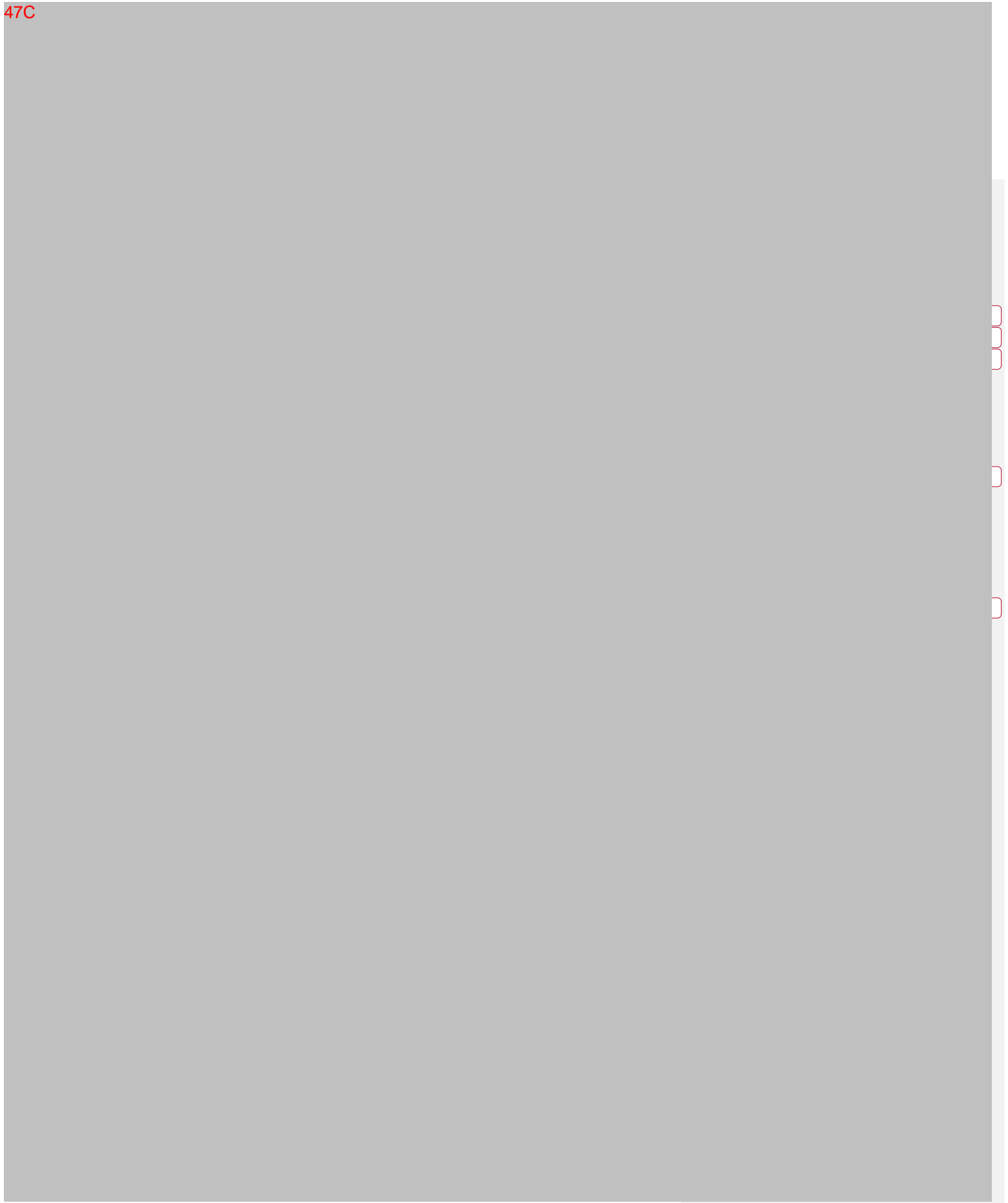
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For comment.

Thanks,

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Hi 47E(c)

Confirming receipt – we'll come back to you.

Noting the significant sensitivities, if you wouldn't mind handling this directly with 47E(c) and myself until such time as the report is released publicly, that would be great.

Thanks,

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Hi guys

In anticipation of the ANAO report, we've pulled together the attached MR, TPs and Q&A. This is still a draft, but could you please do a fact check on it for me?

Also, if you've finalised your own statement it would be great to take a look at that too.

Thanks

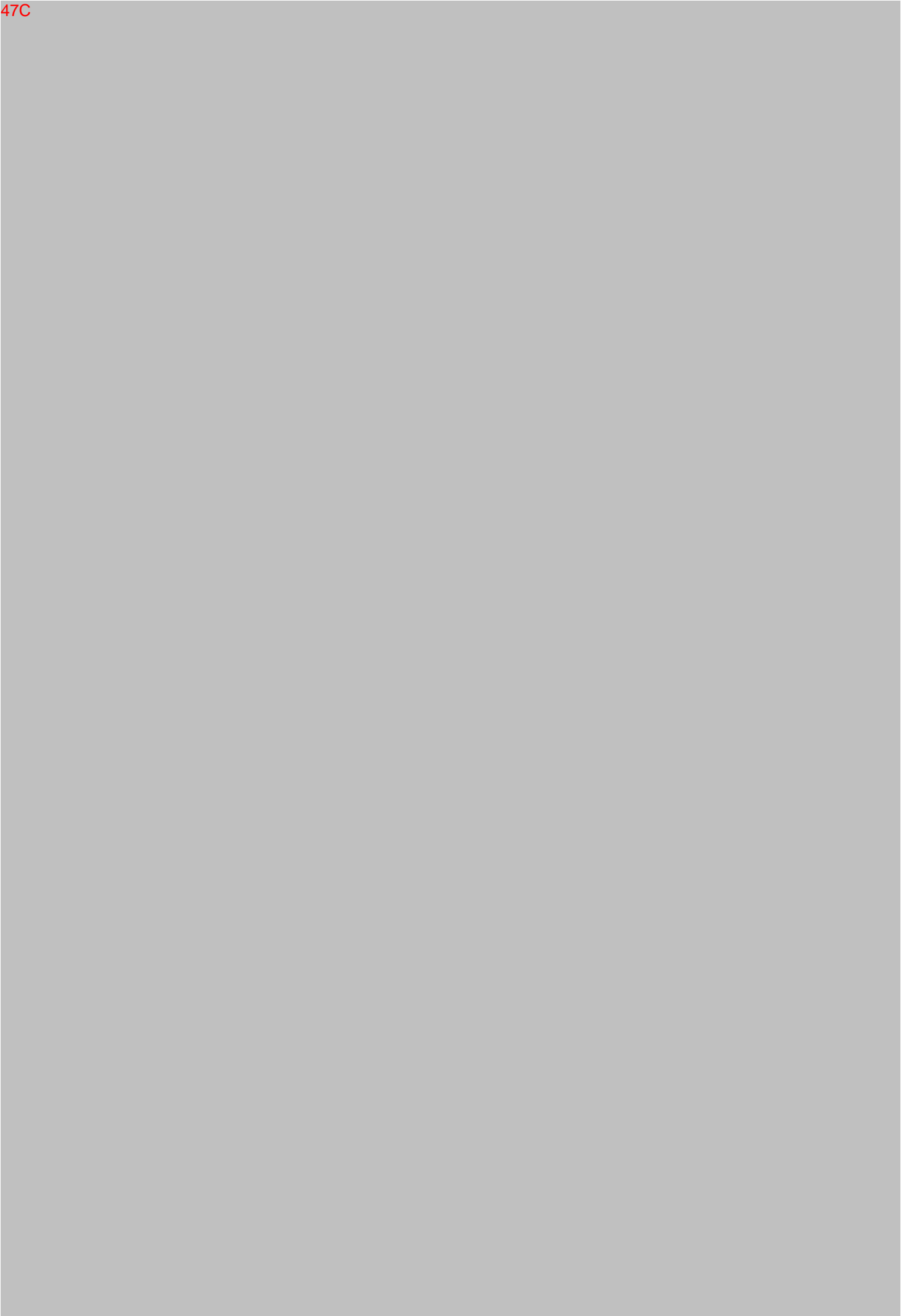
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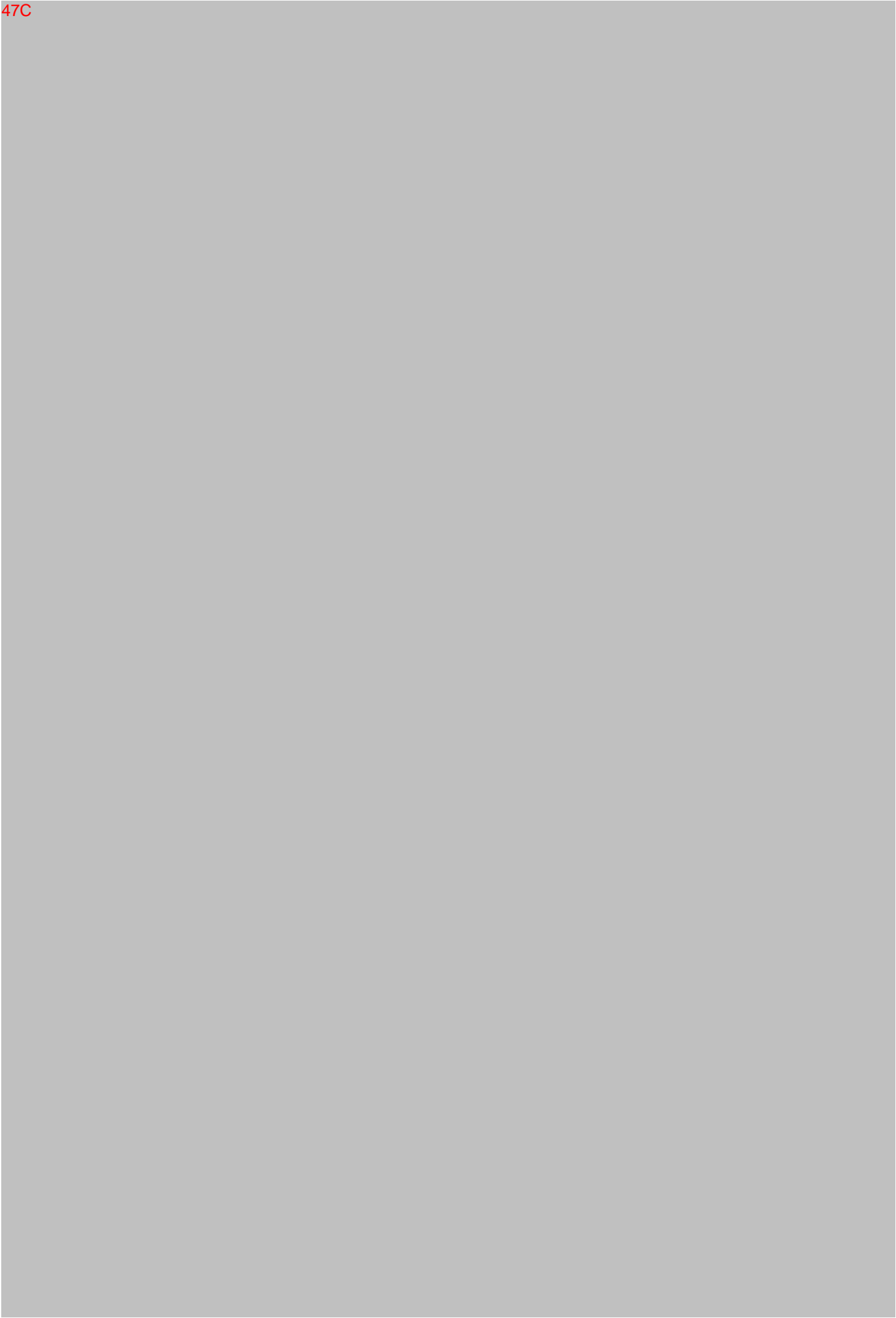


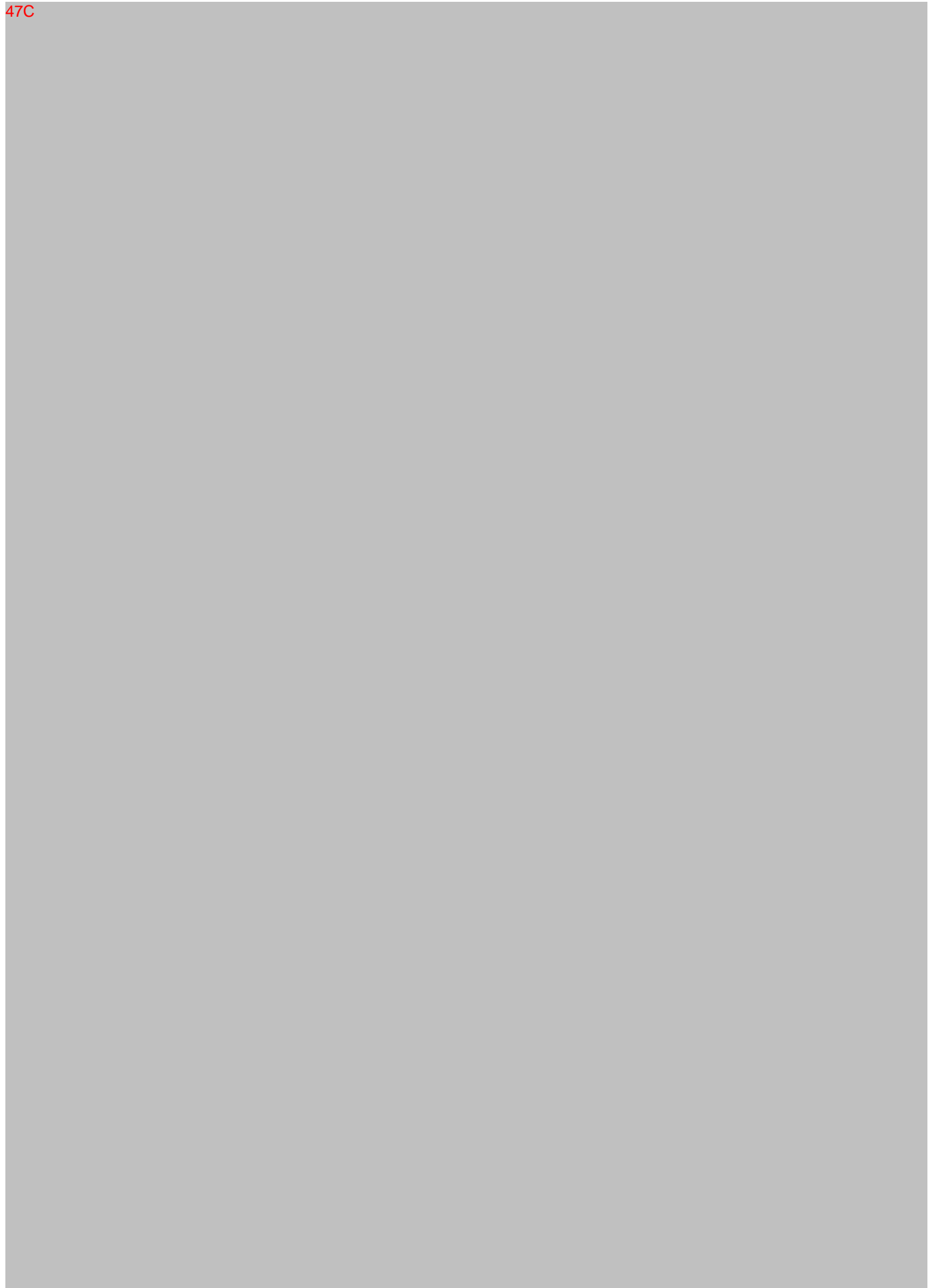
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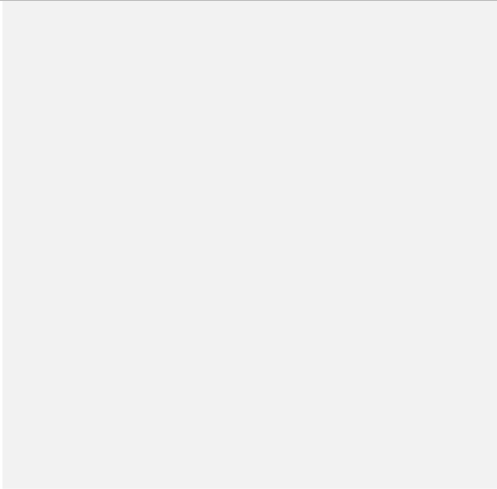


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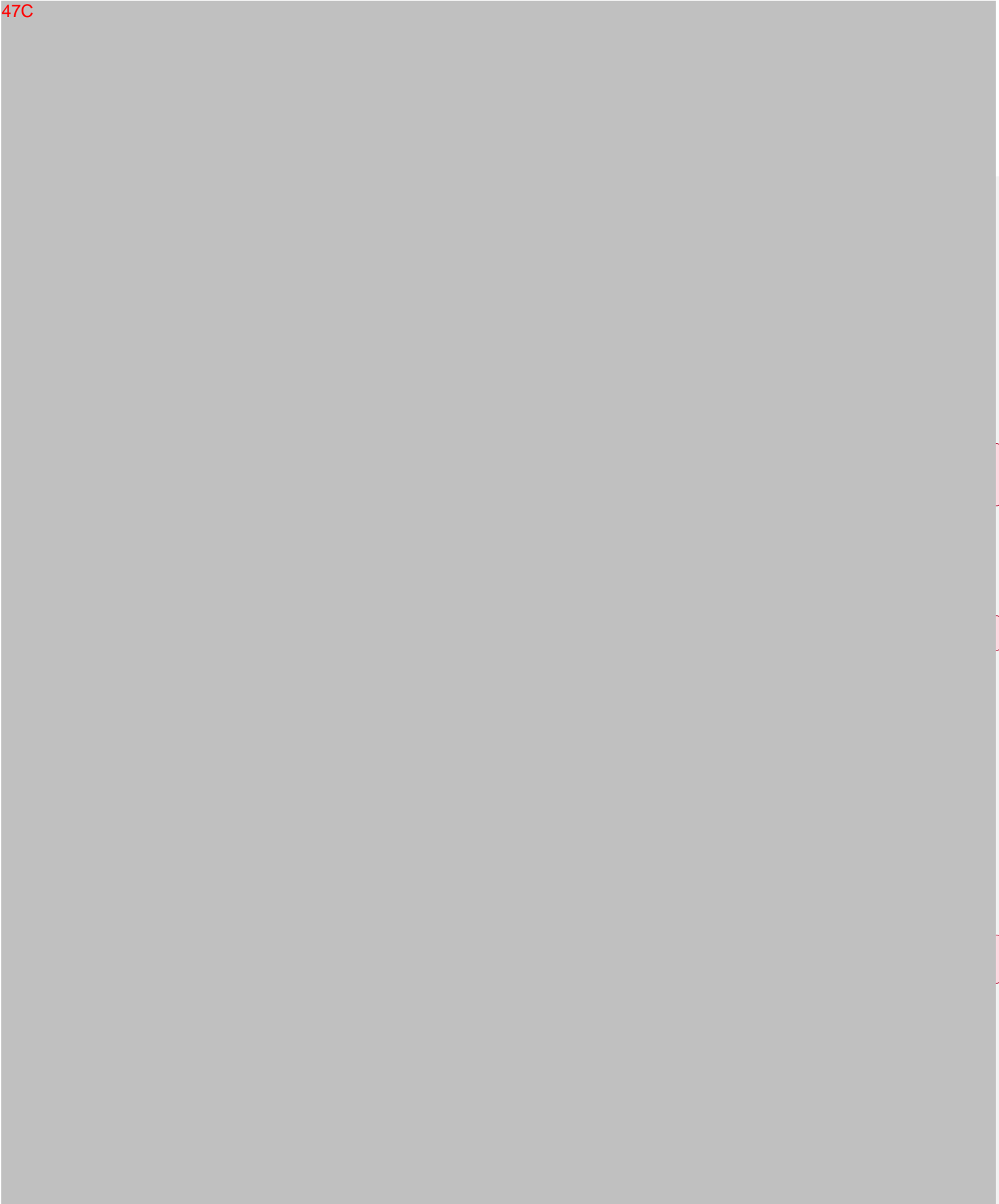














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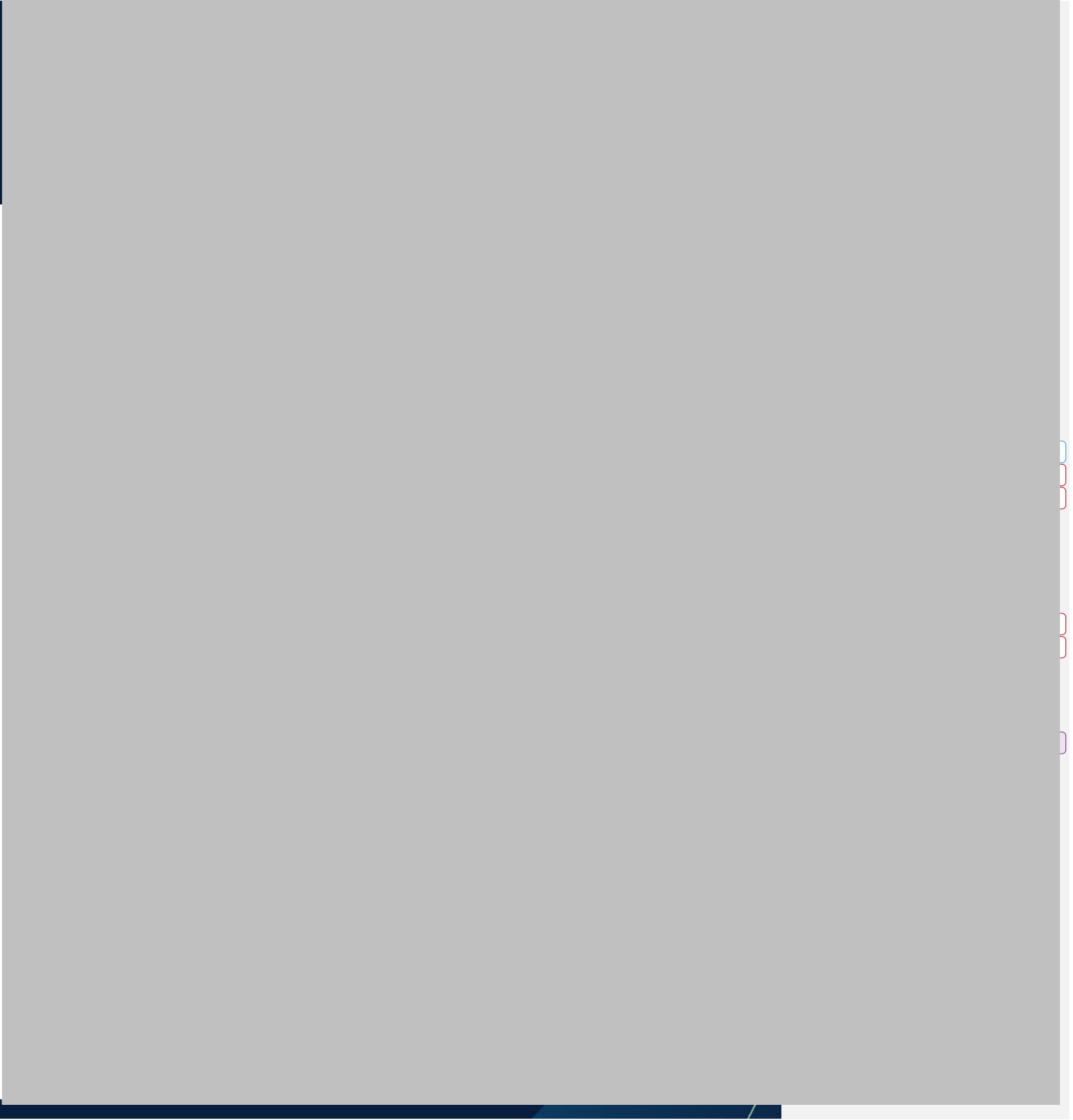
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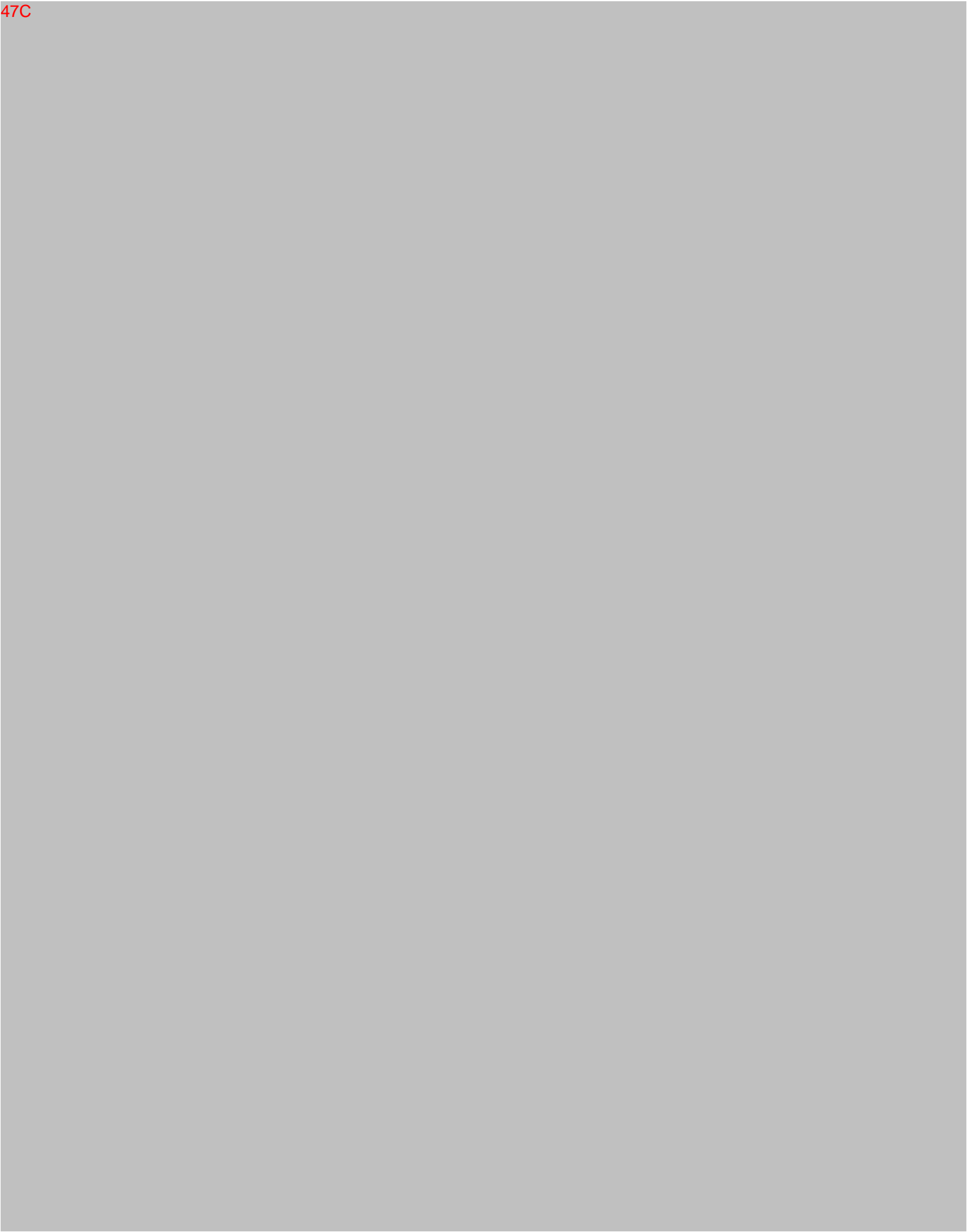
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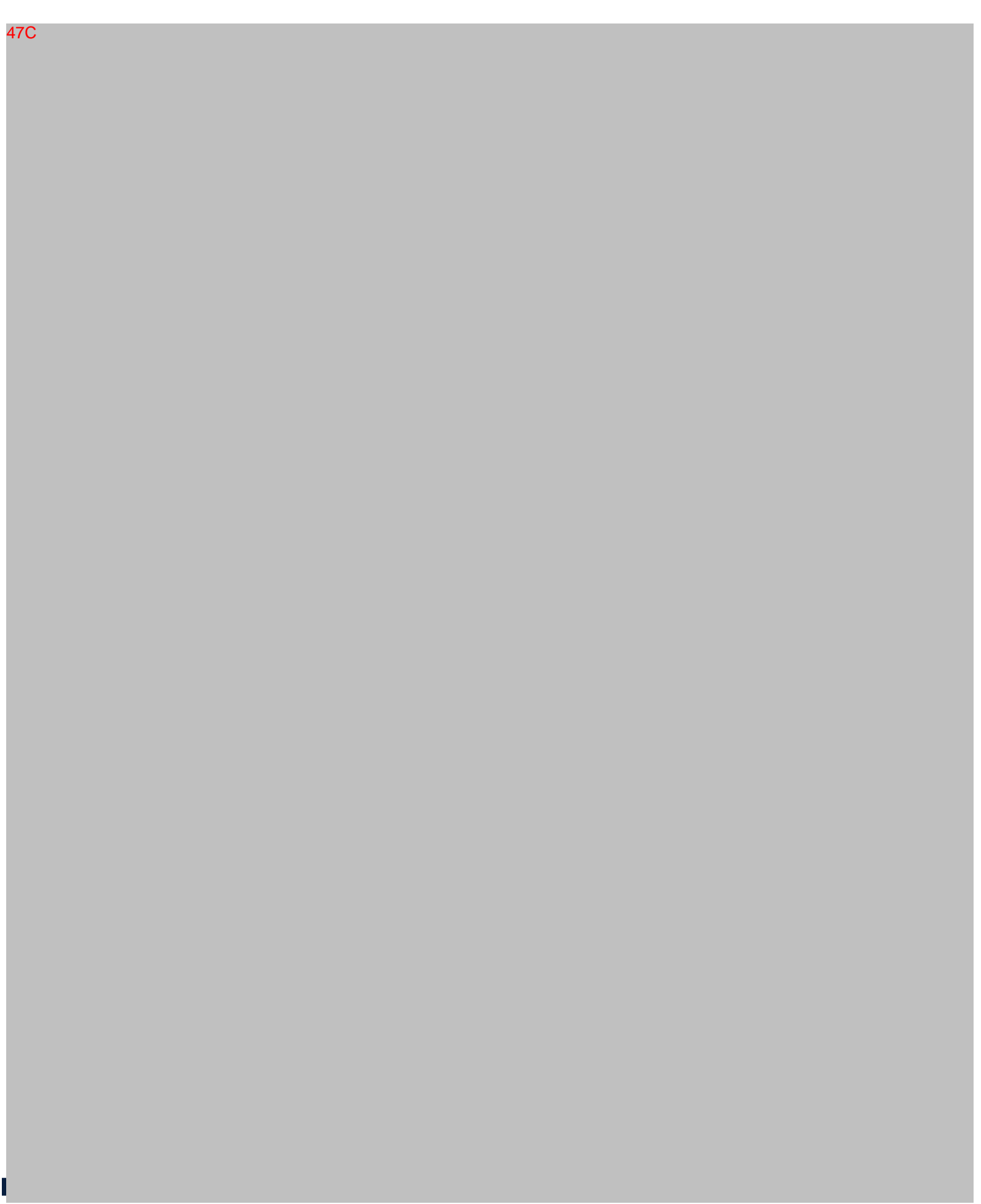














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DC can you manage this and shoot all three to DH for clearance.

Thanks

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All the construction figures are accurate.

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Thanks – lets use that version as the base. Looks good just need numbers etc..

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Attachments: UCF - ANAO - media response v2.docx

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Hi 47E

I've made some minor changes to the MR in the attached following some feedback from the Minister. Key changes are highlighted, and are in particular need of fact checking please!

Thanks

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Sent: Friday, 18 June 2021 12:23 PM
To: 47E(c)
Subject: RE: ANAO media materials [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi 47

Confirming receipt – we'll come back to you.

Noting the significant sensitivities, if you wouldn't mind handling this directly with 47E and myself until such time as the report is released publicly, that would be great.

Thanks,

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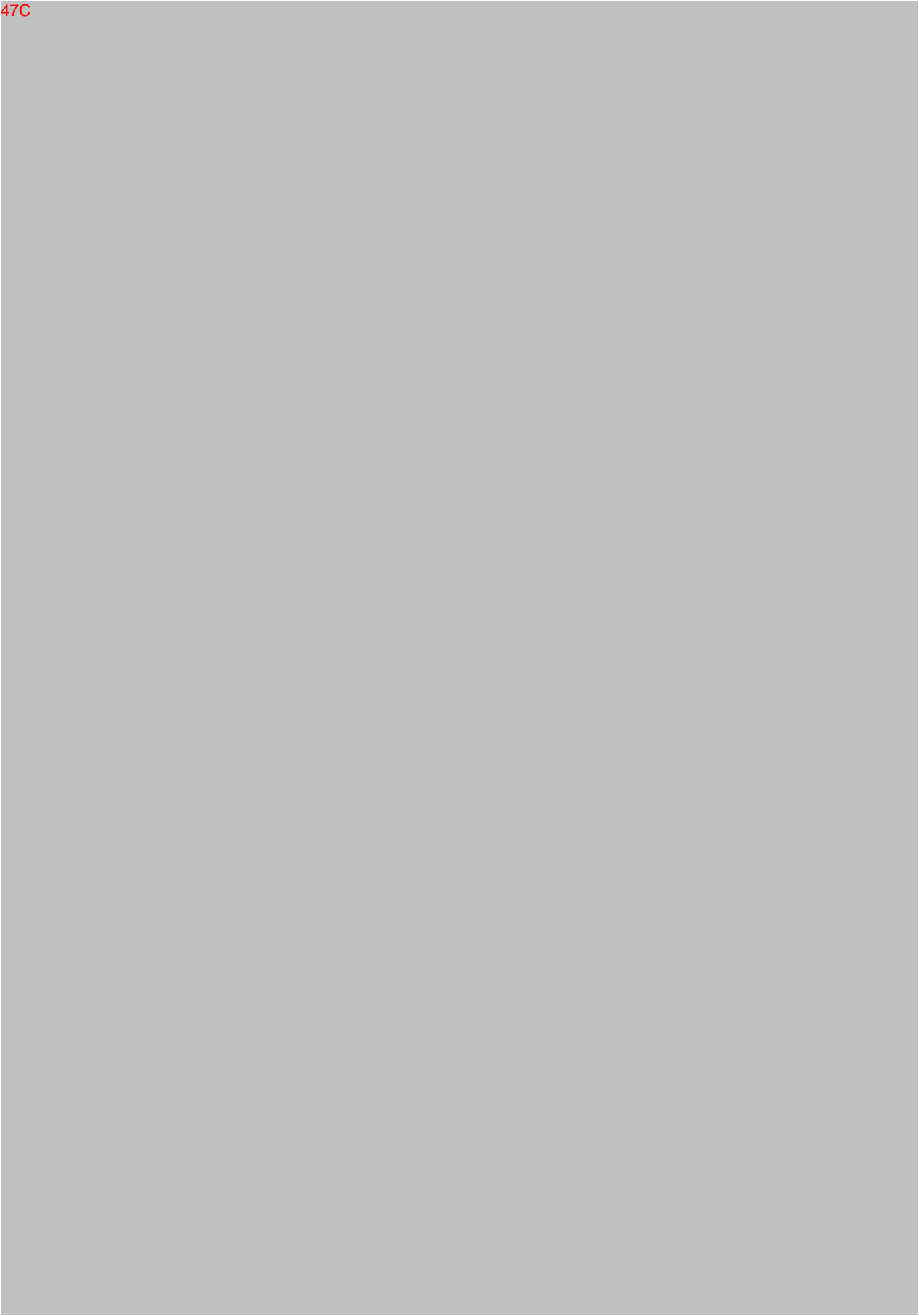
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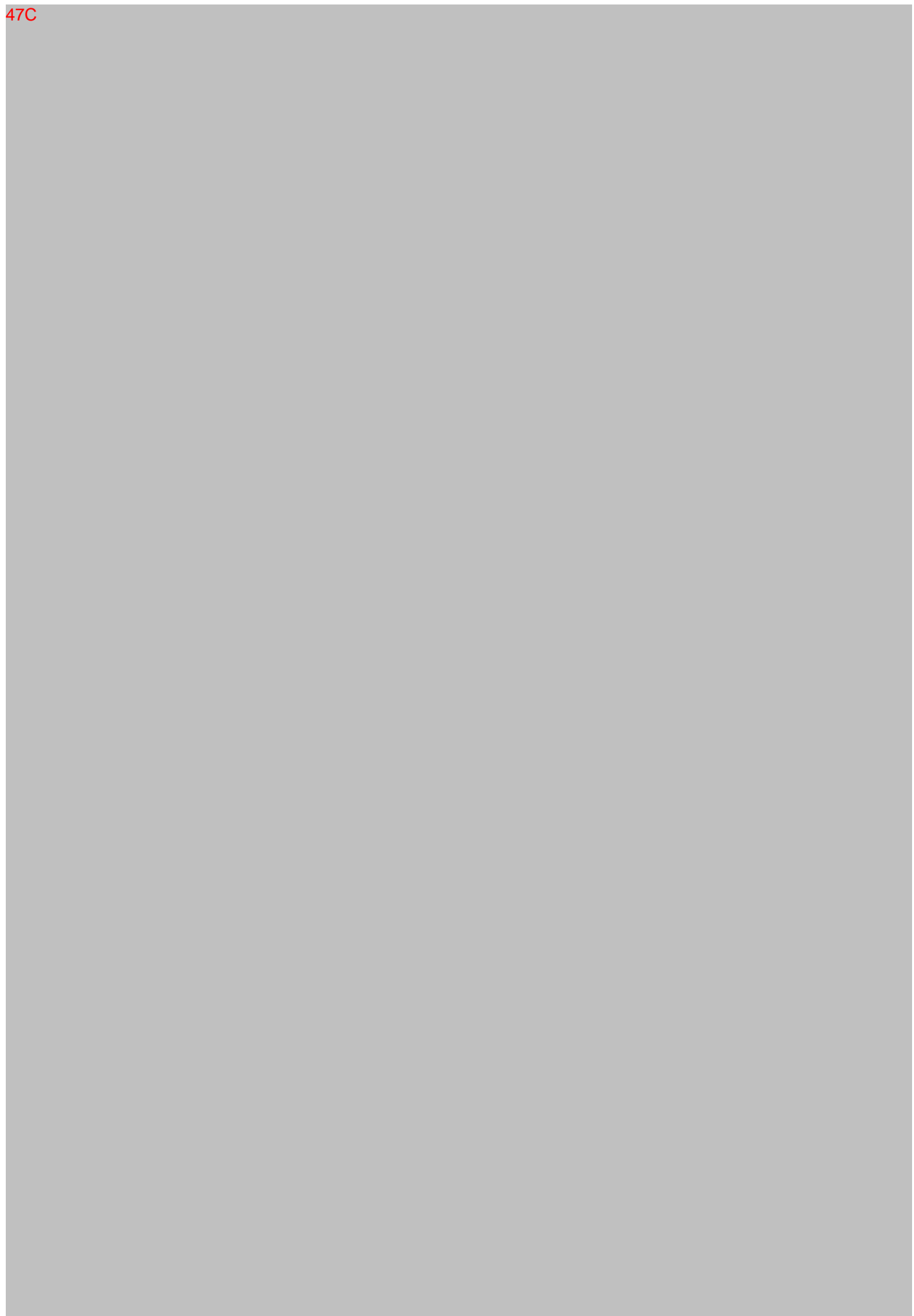
In anticipation of the ANAO report, we've pulled together the attached MR, TPs and Q&A. This is still a draft, but could you please do a fact check on it for me?

Also, if you've finalised your own statement it would be great to take a look at that too.

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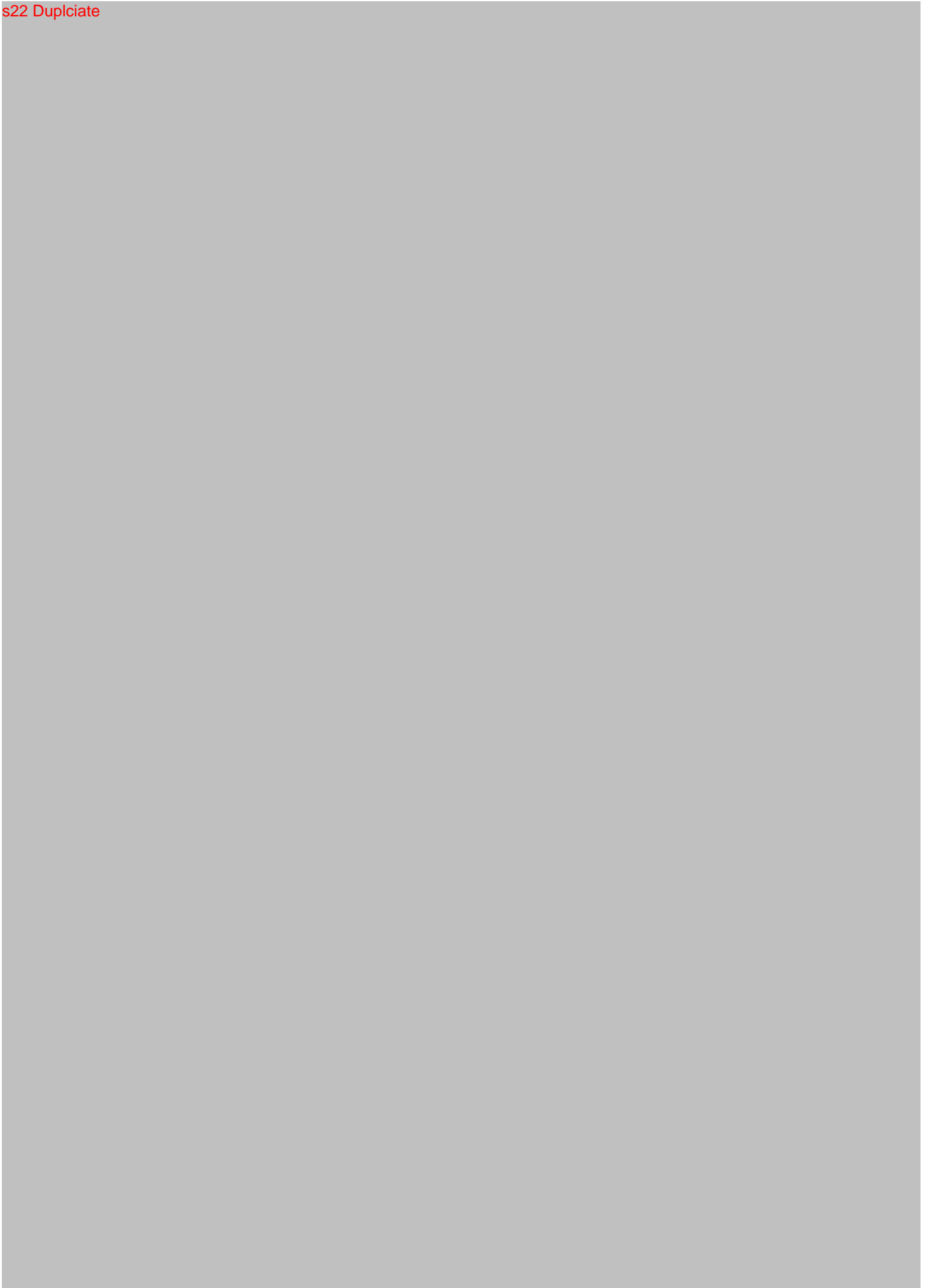
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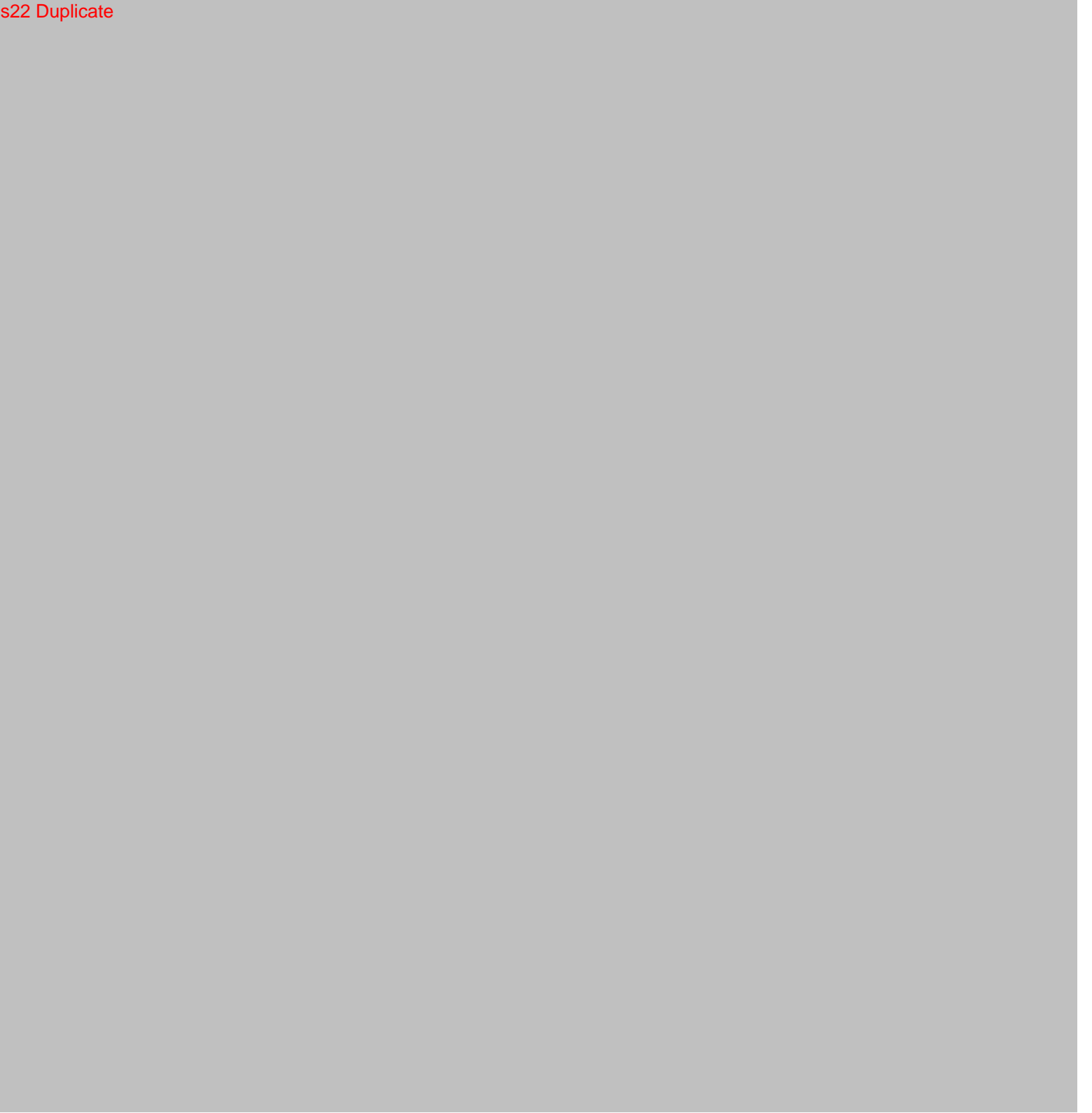
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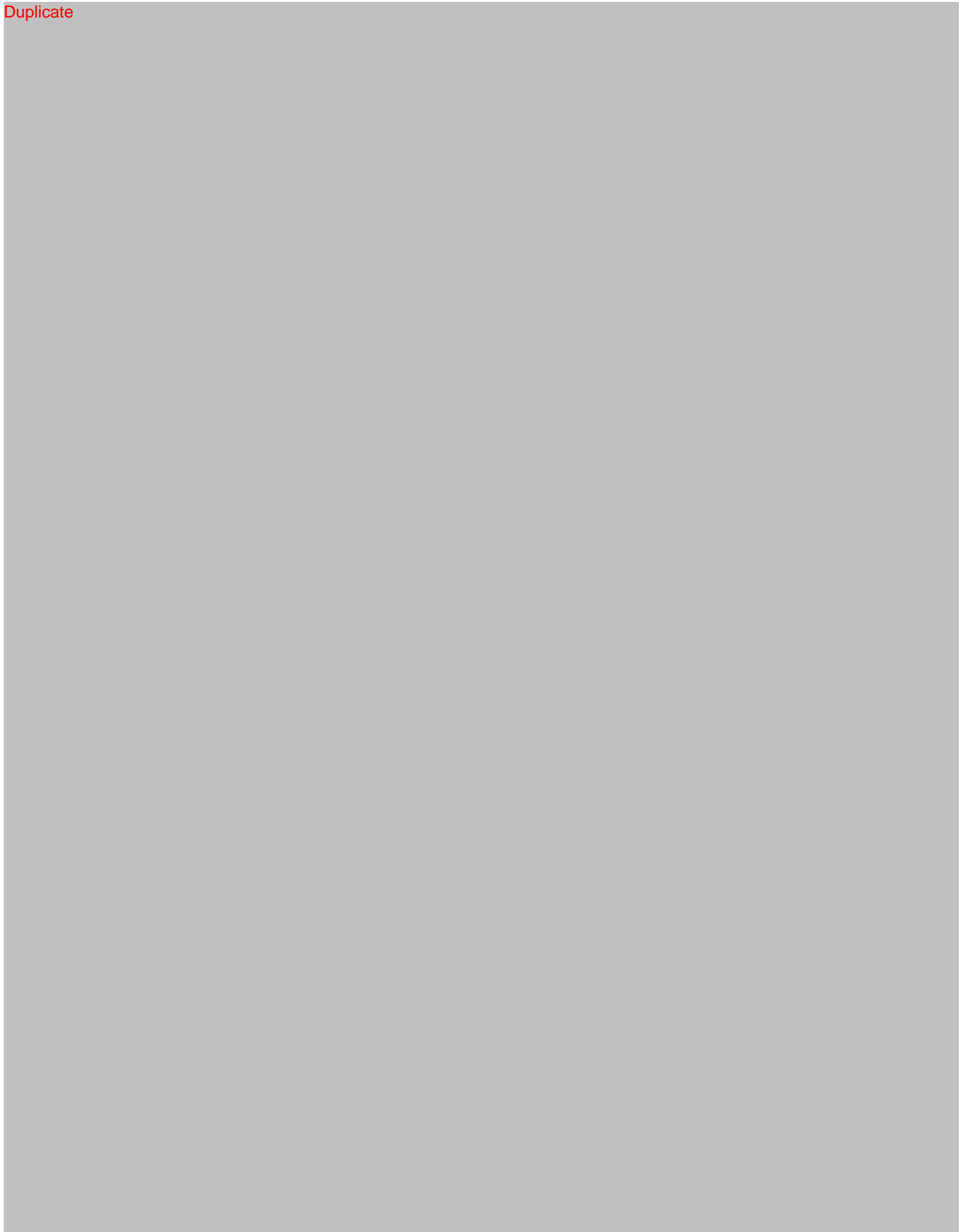
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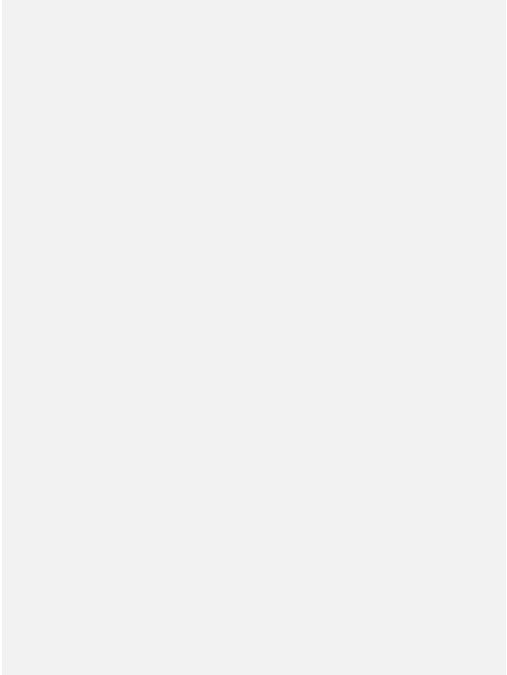


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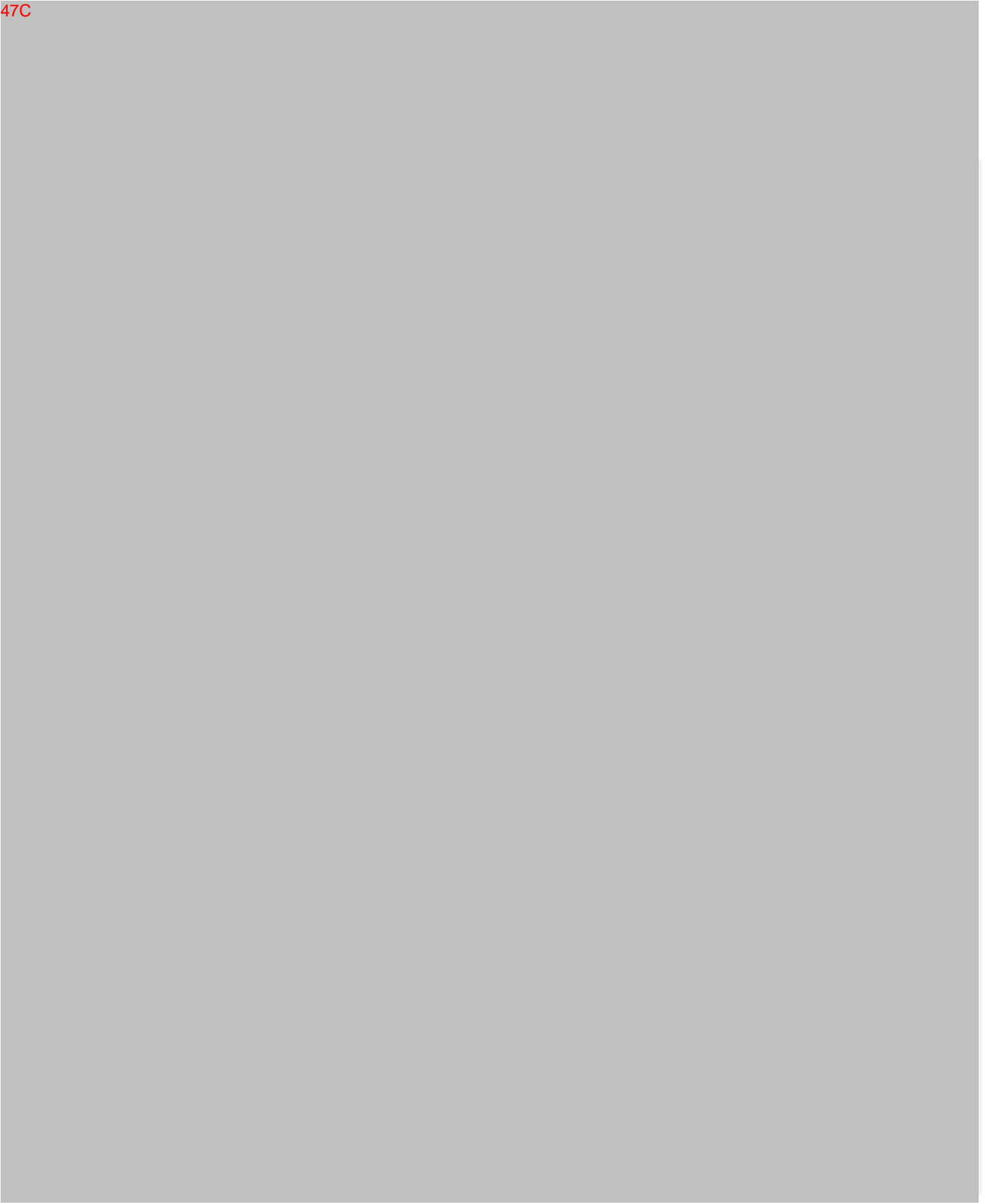




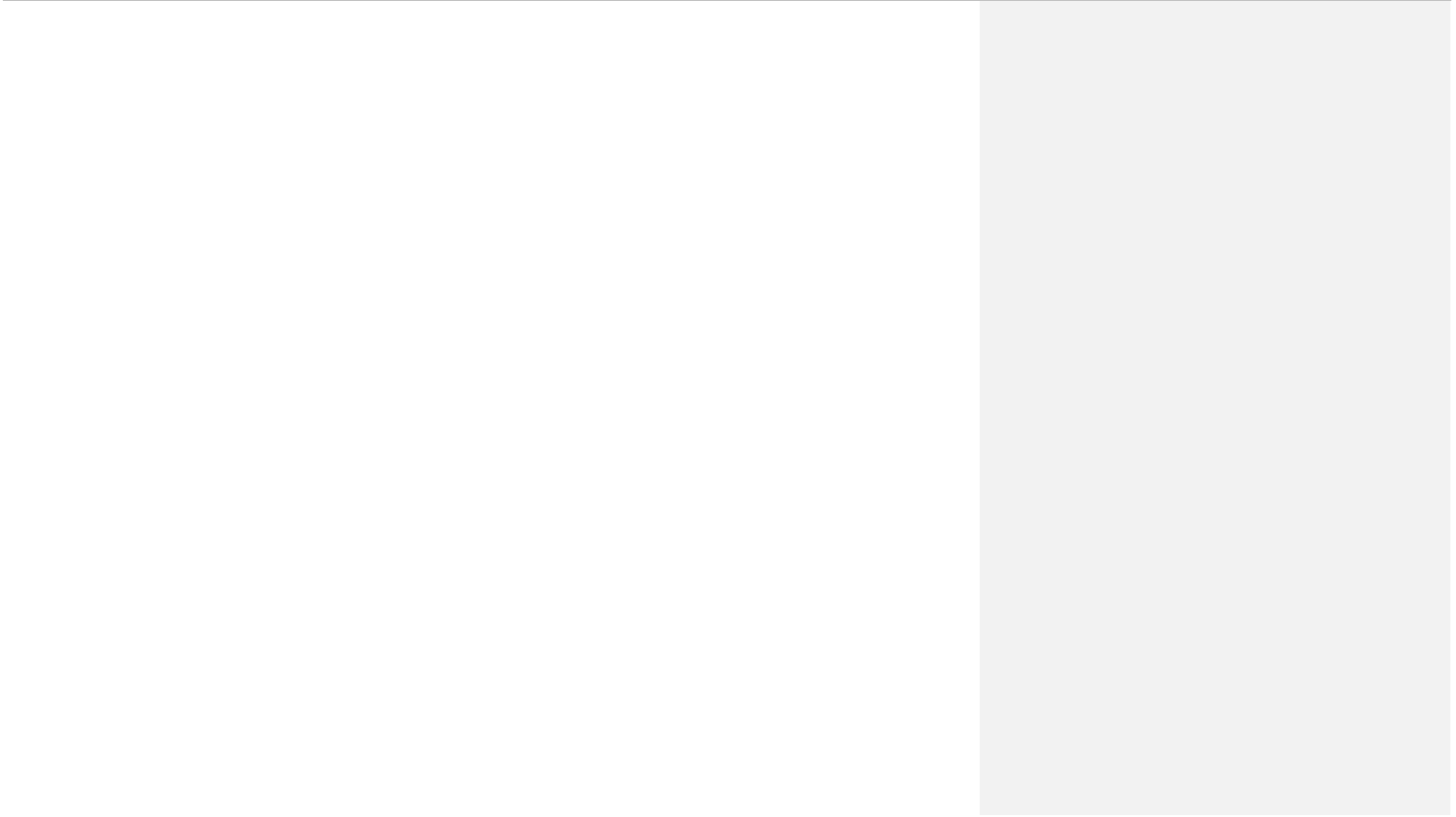
















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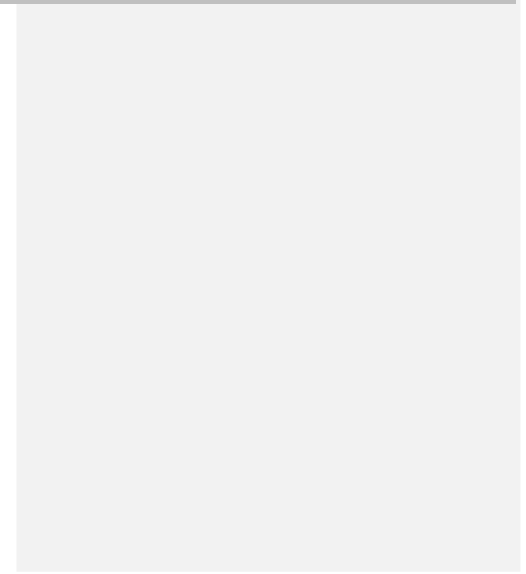


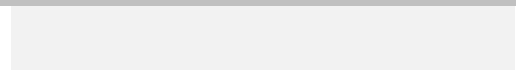
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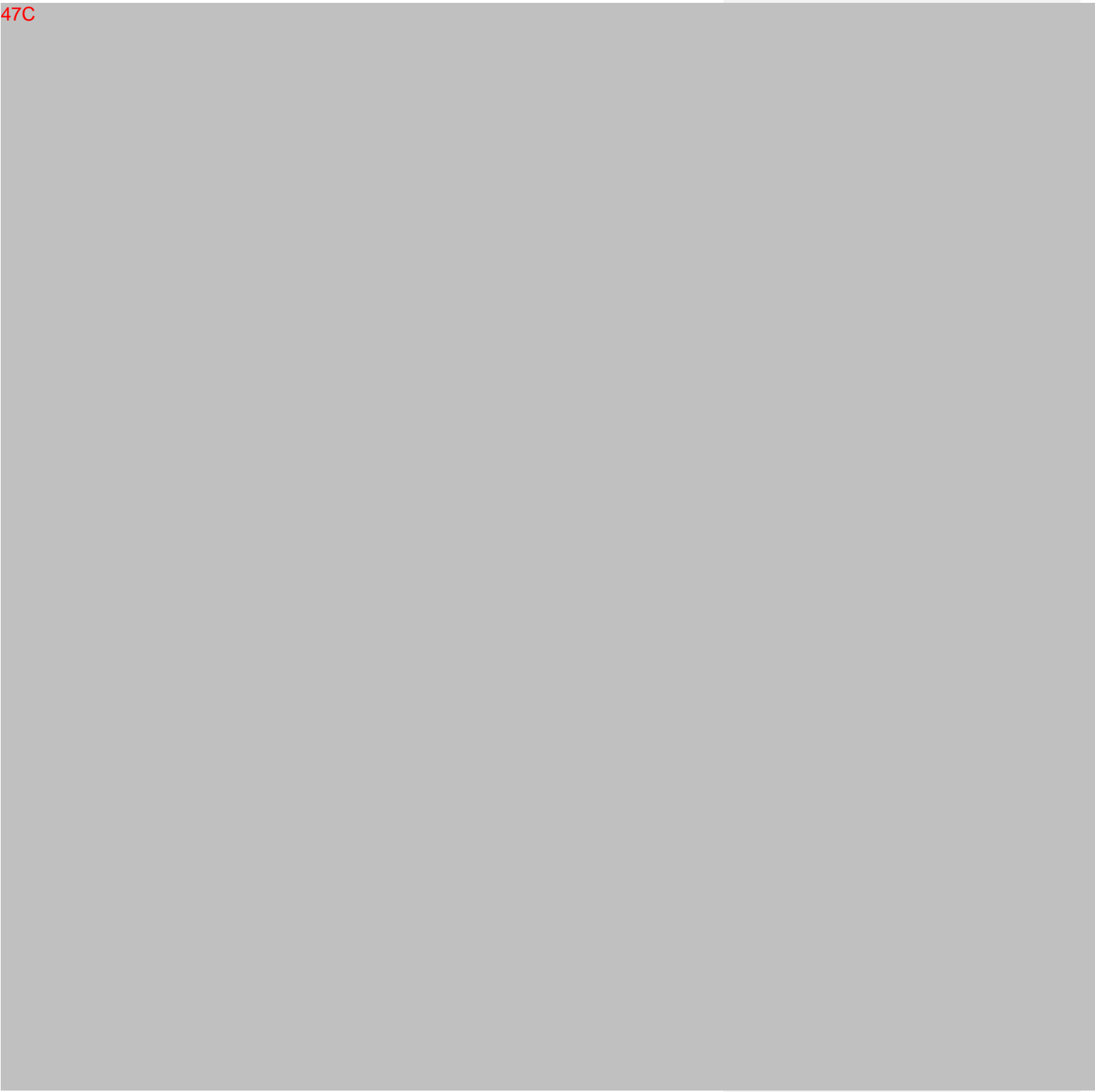
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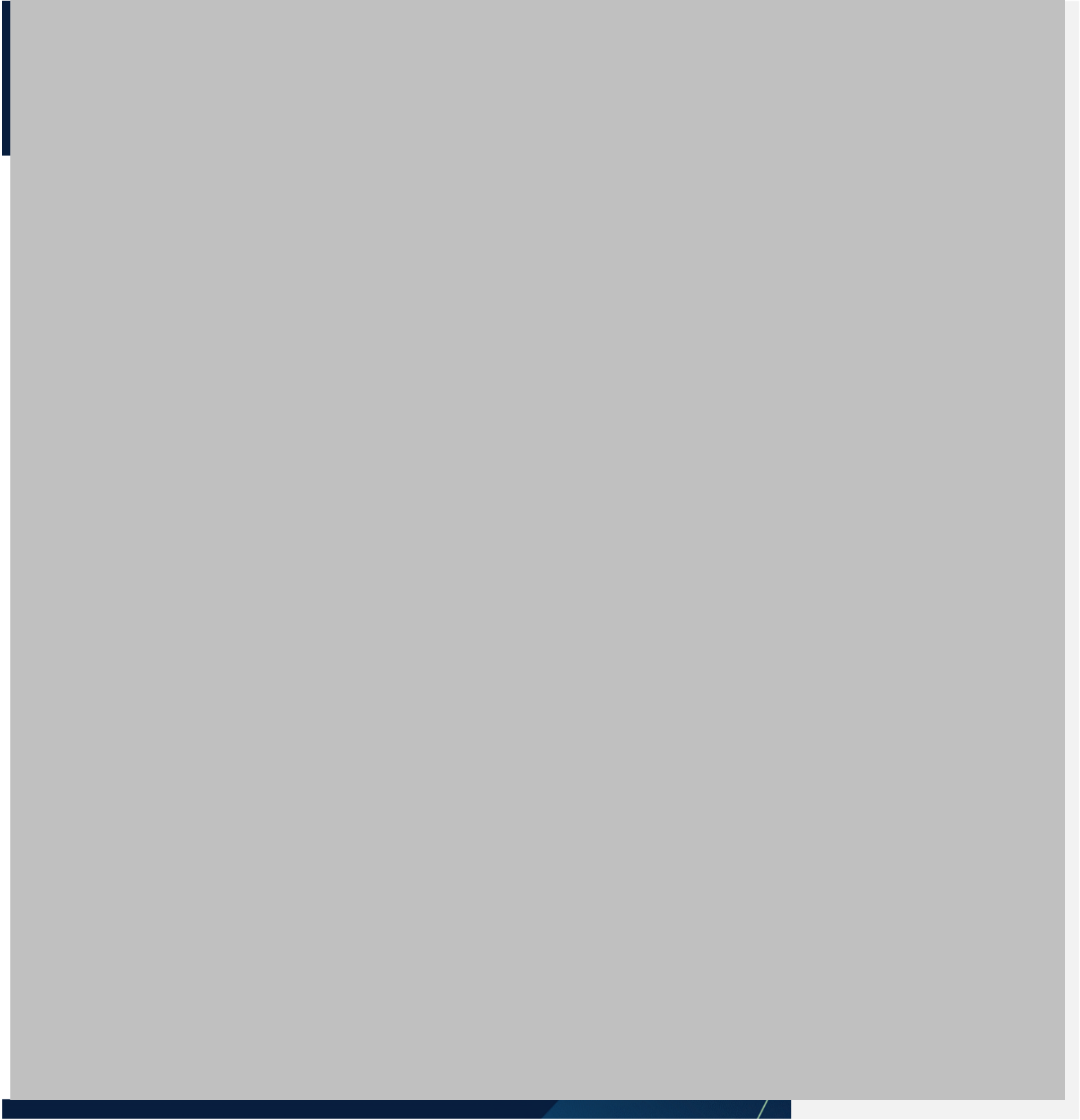
















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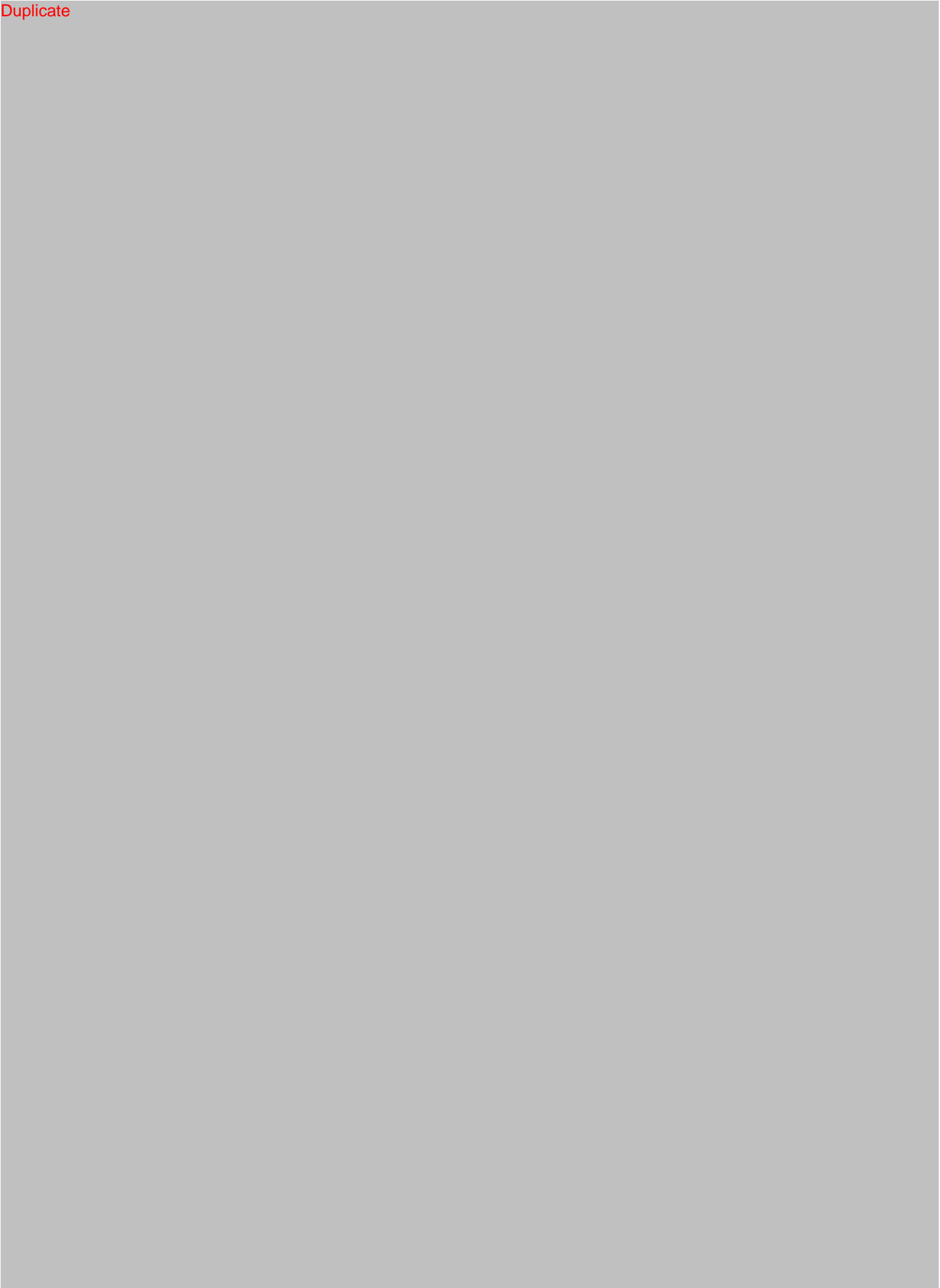
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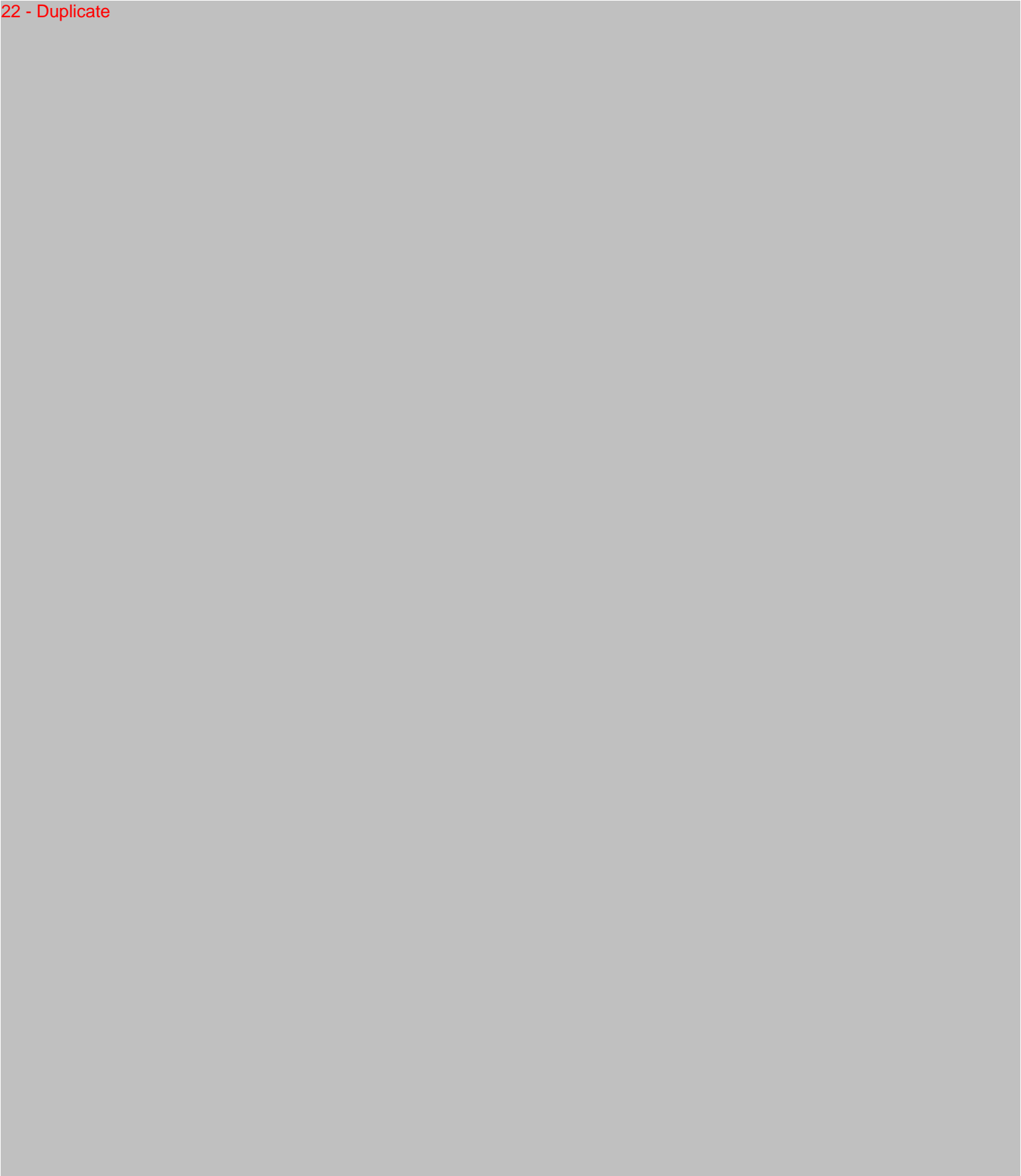
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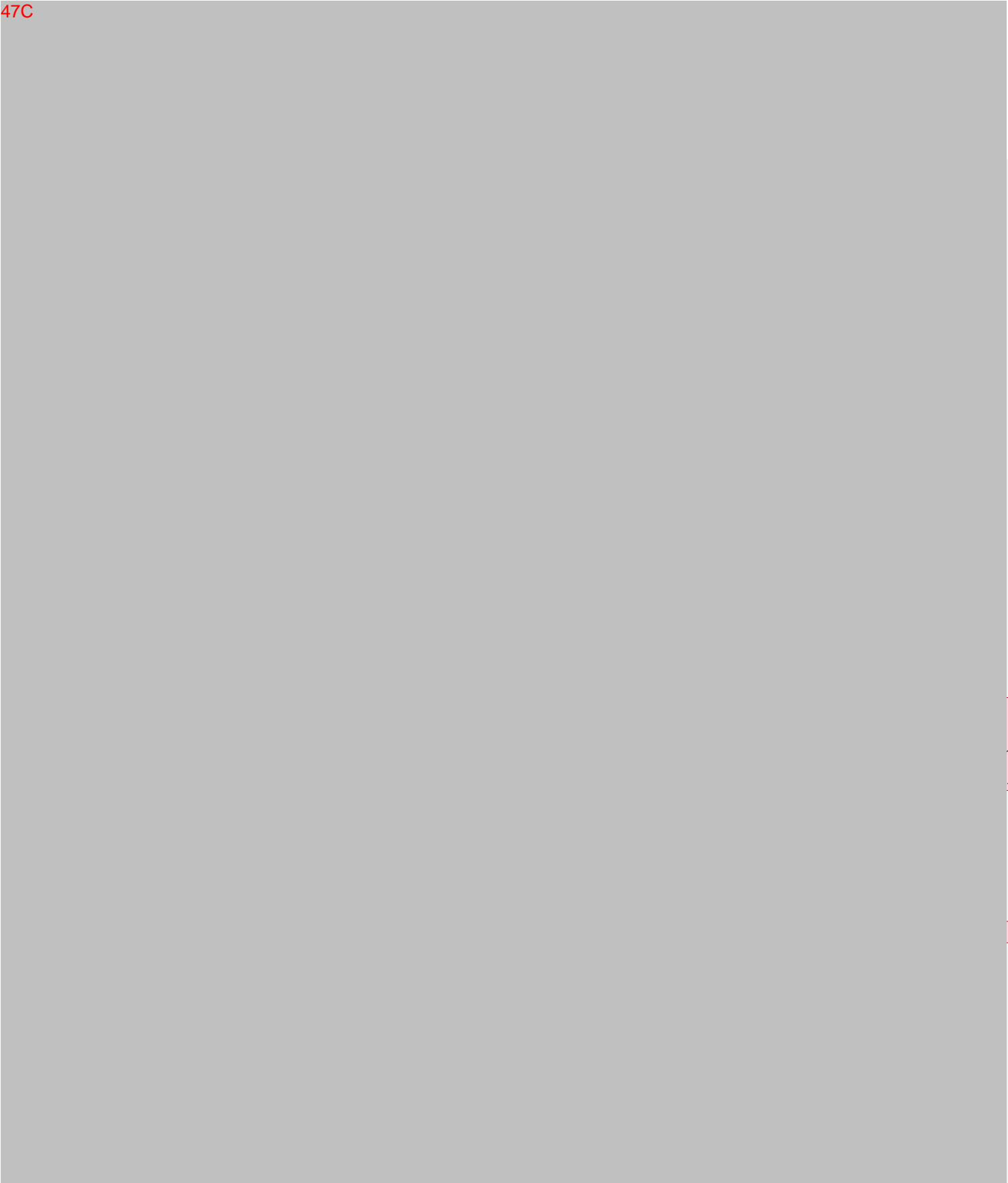
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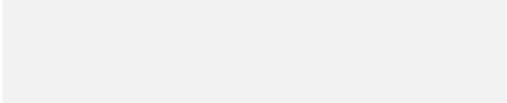
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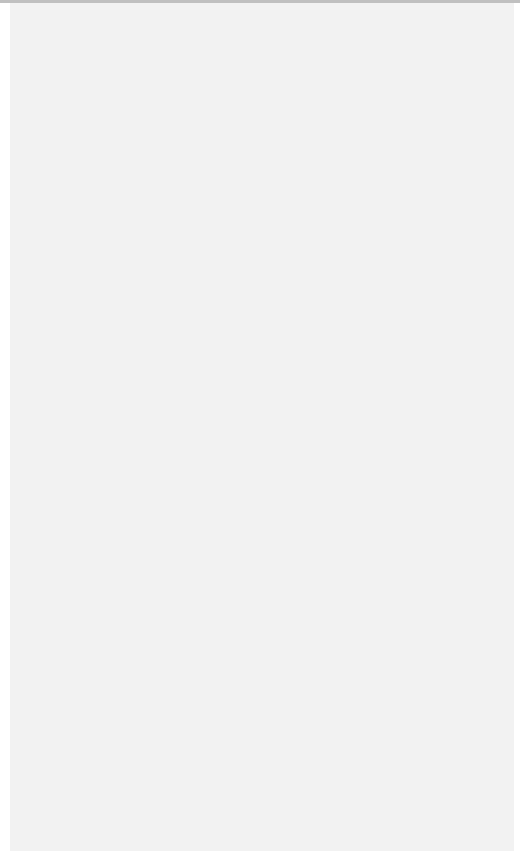




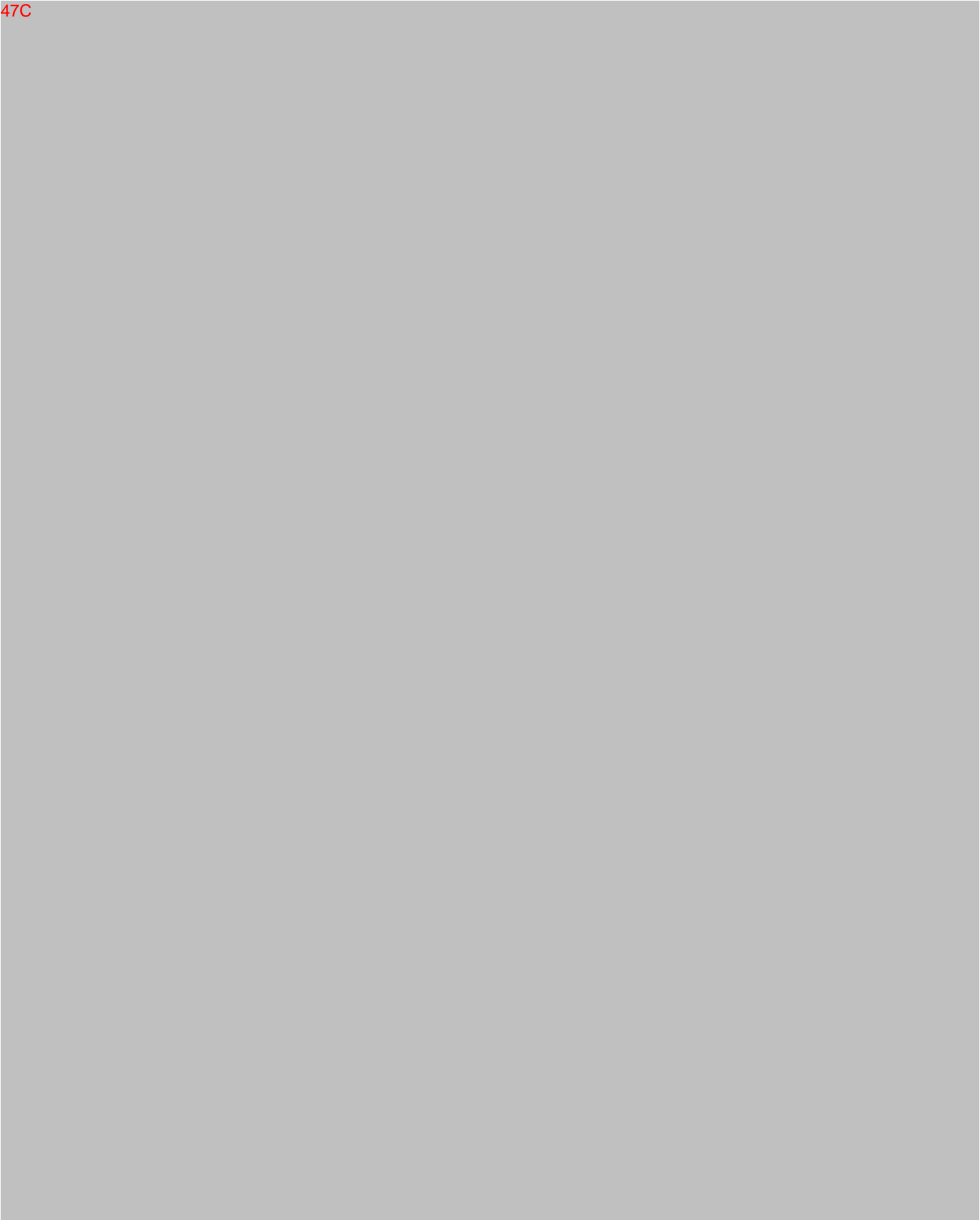


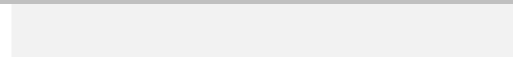
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Hi all

Thanks Shona, I will incorporate your changes into the combined versions at the links attached. If you haven't yet reviewed, can you please make updates at these links and let me know as soon as possible, in line with Phil's comments.

Please note in the media response document there is a significant amount of content further below the media article with Phil's comments.

Please do not circulate too far given the report has not yet been released.

47E who is the best person in 47E(c) team to fact check this in his absence?

Thanks

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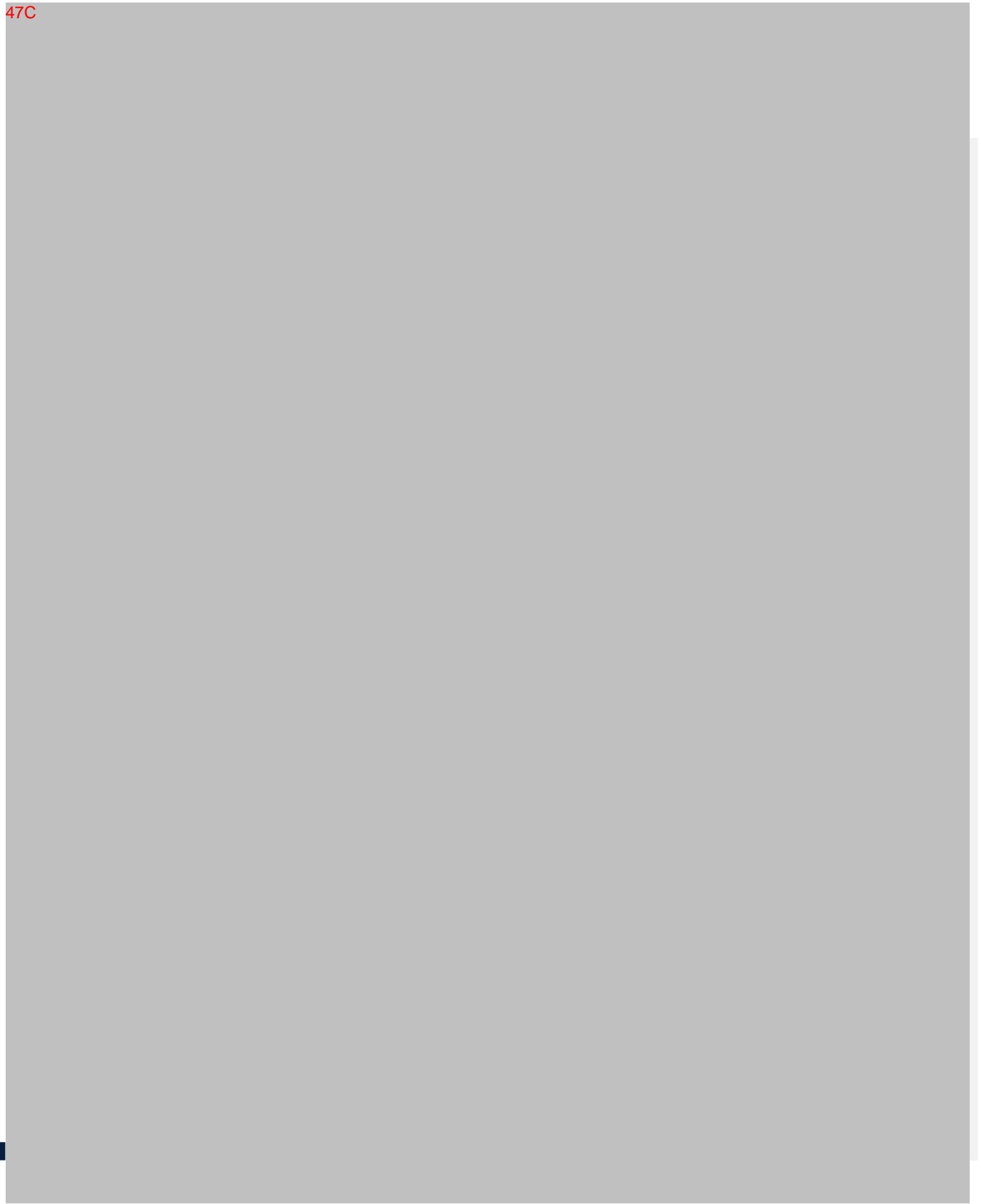
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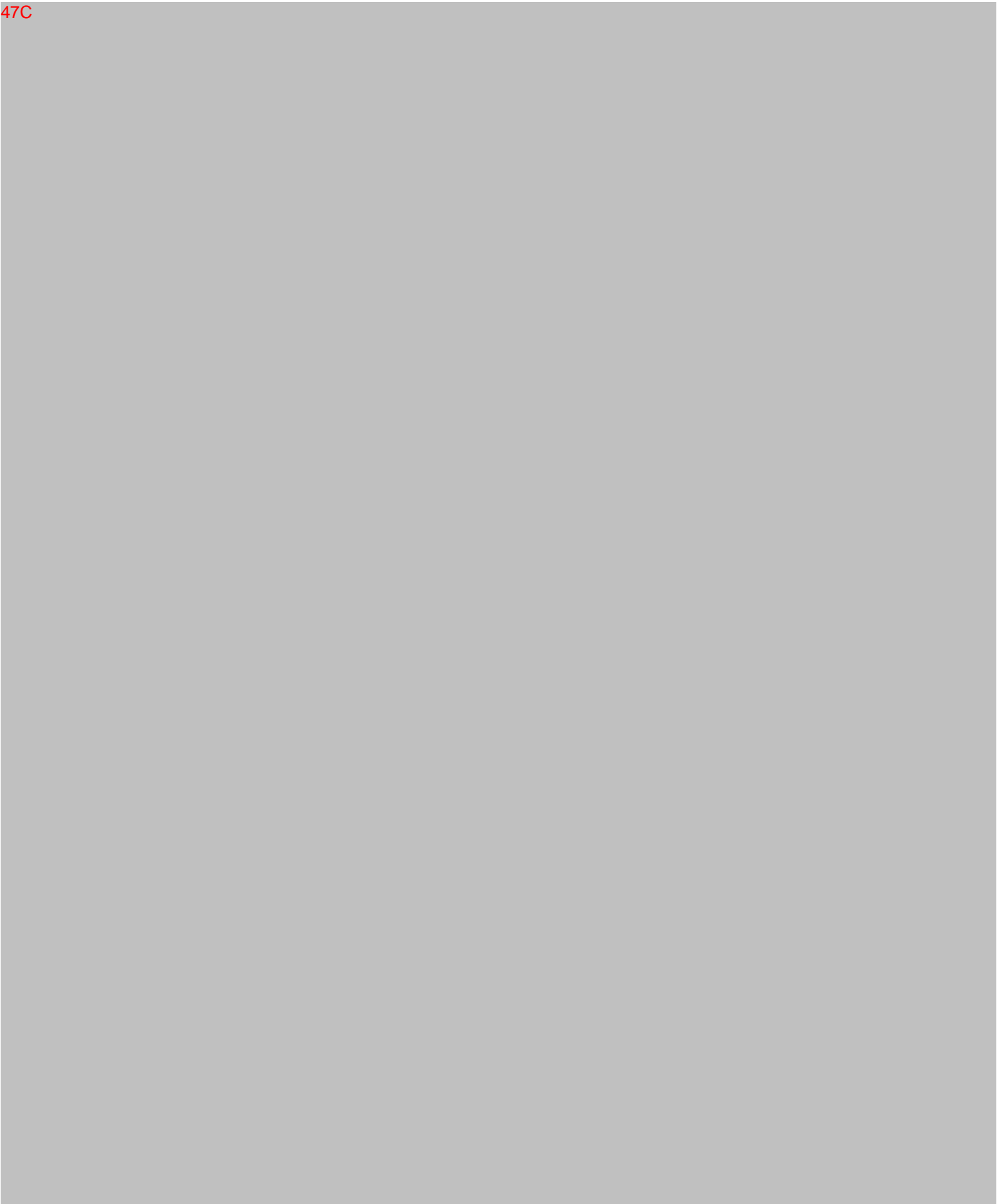
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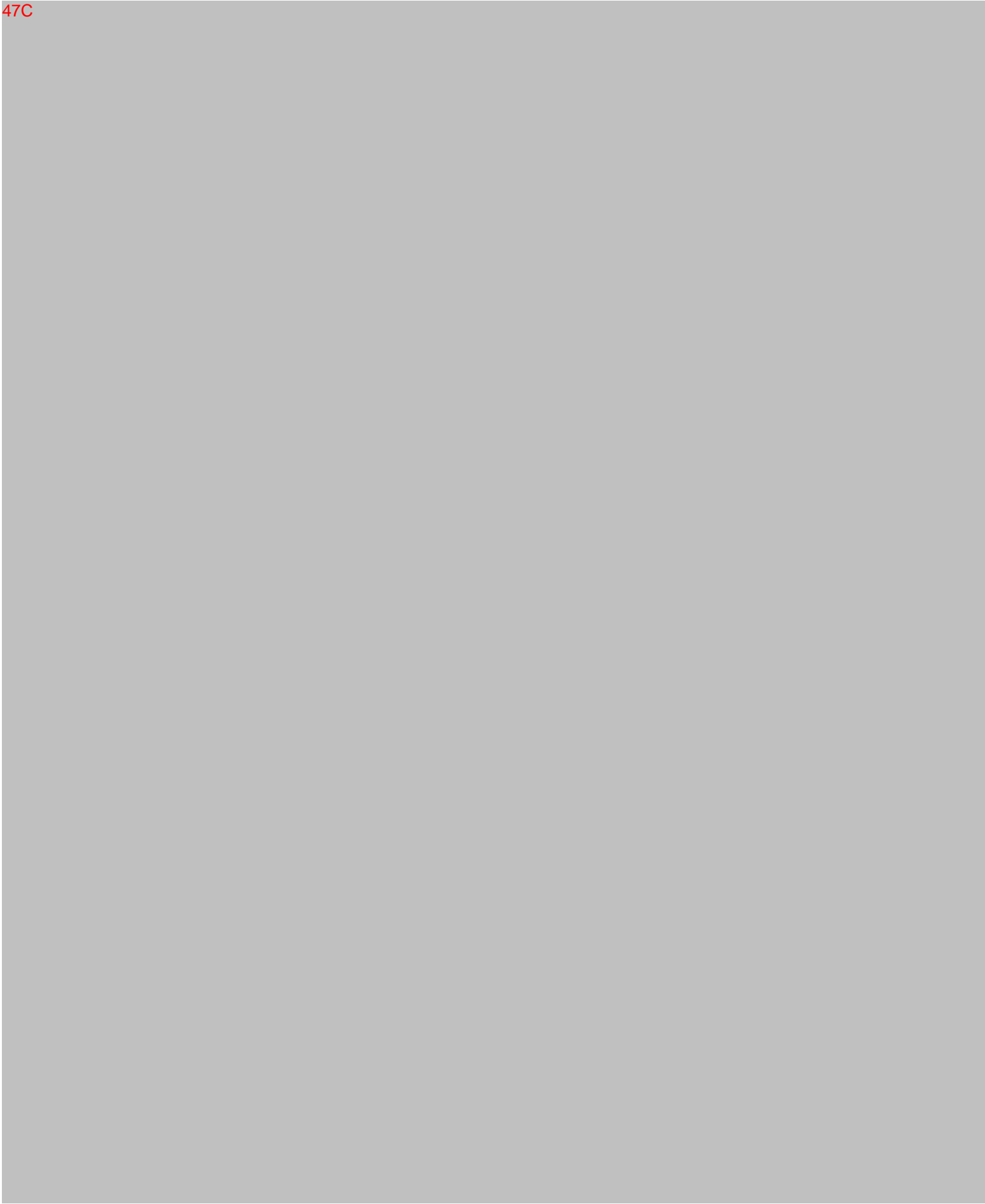














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RE: ANAO media materials [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Good morning 47E(c)

We're clearing the updated version now and have comments back with you ASAP. The department's statement is also in clearances which I'll share with you once it's ticked off.

A quick update on our discussion Thursday regarding UCF and WSA project content to support media engagement.

I'm meeting with both areas this week and will be looking to provide options for you to lock down at this week's meeting. As the WSA program area are considering comms based resources (staff) they may wish to open up a direct line to you on what can be achieved.

Talk soon

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Hi 47E

I've made some minor changes to the MR in the attached following some feedback from the Minister. Key changes are highlighted, and are in particular need of fact checking please!

Thanks

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Sent: Friday, 18 June 2021 12:23 PM

To: 47E(c)

Subject: RE: ANAO media materials [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi 47E(c)

Confirming receipt – we'll come back to you.

Noting the significant sensitivities, if you wouldn't mind handling this directly with 47E(c) until such time as the report is released publicly, that would be great.

Thanks,

47E(c)

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Hi guys

In anticipation of the ANAO report, we've pulled together the attached MR, TPs and Q&A. This is still a draft, but could you please do a fact check on it for me?

Also, if you've finalised your own statement it would be great to take a look at that too.

Thanks
47E(c)



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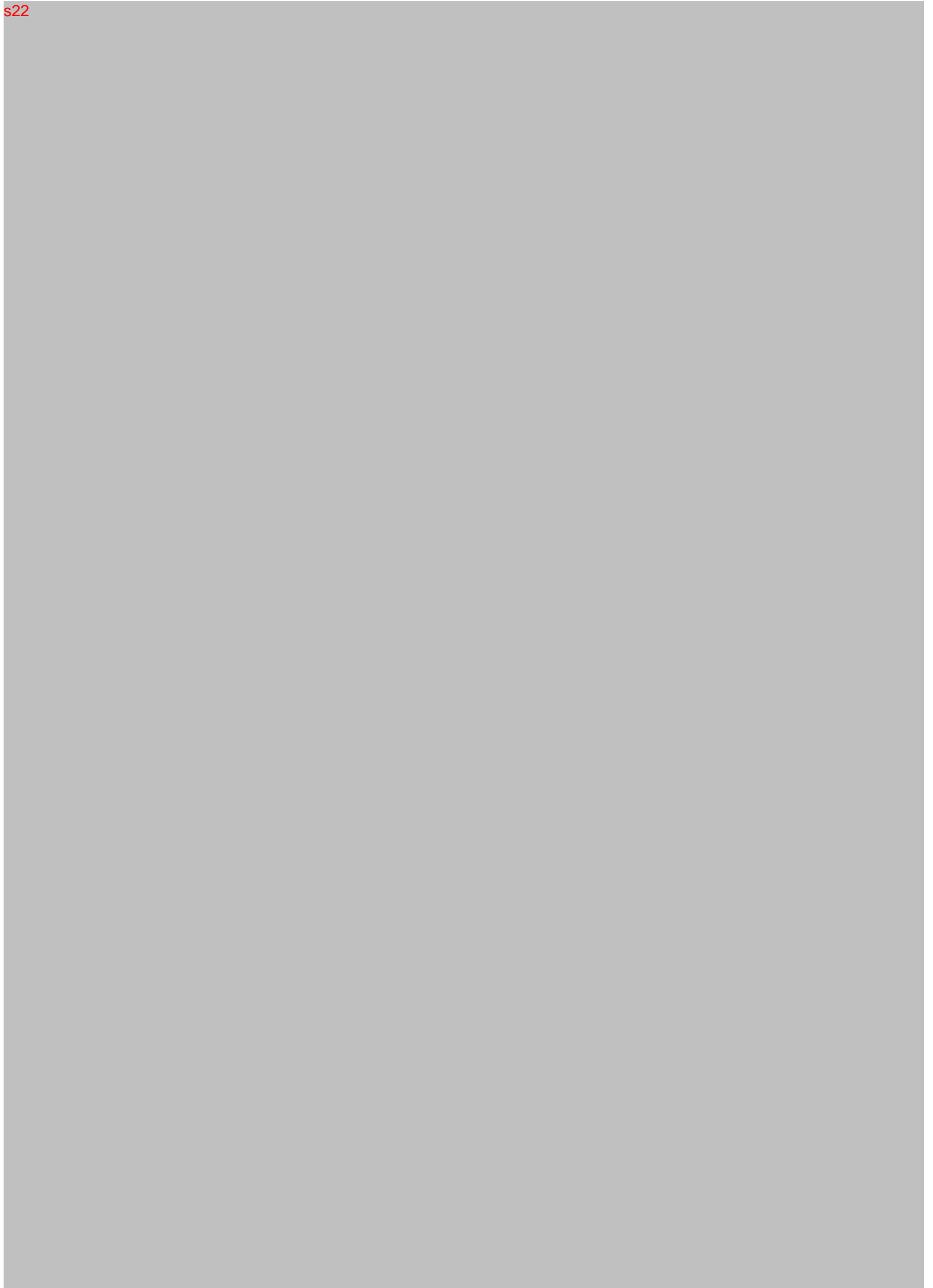
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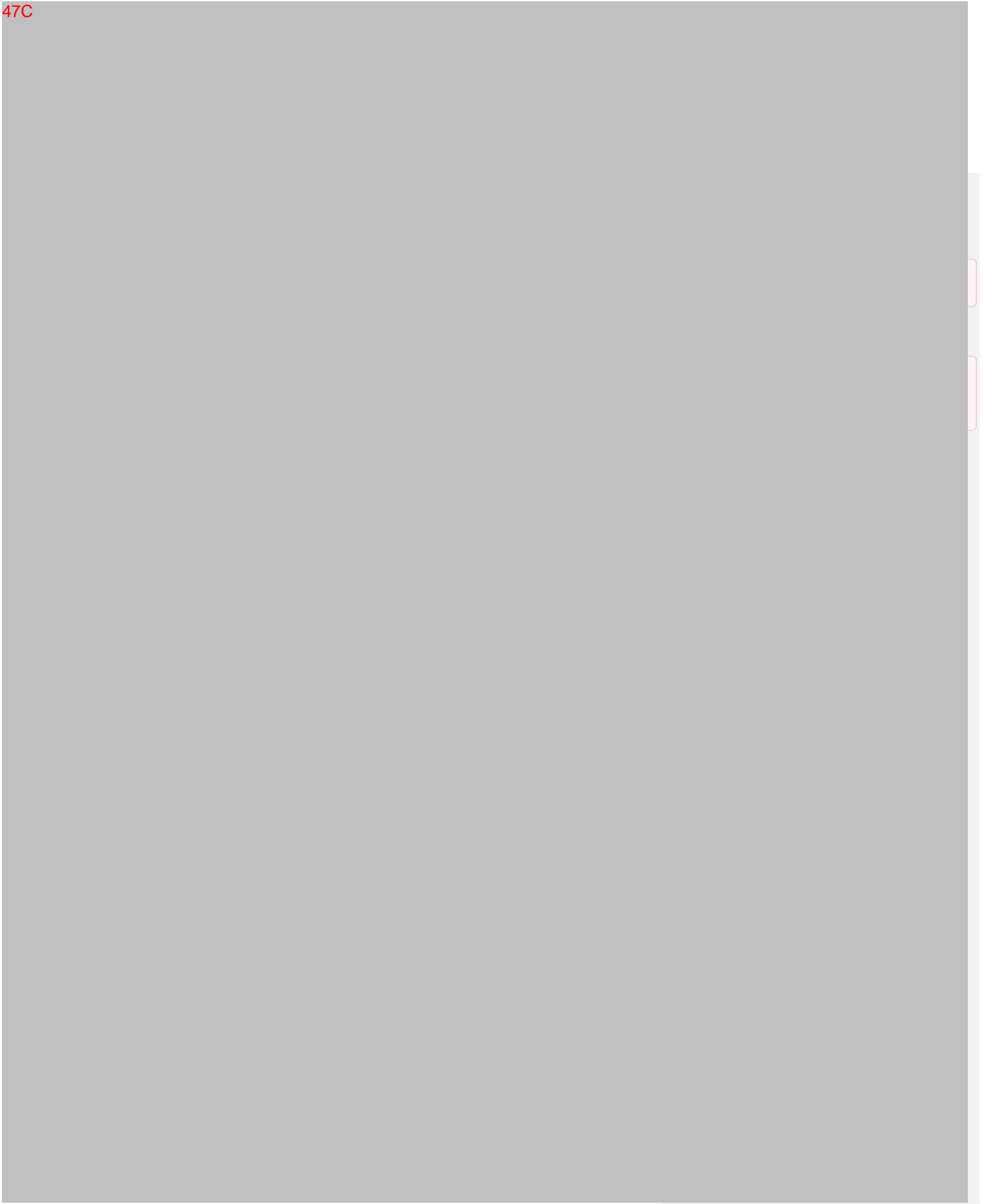
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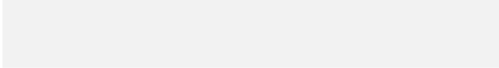
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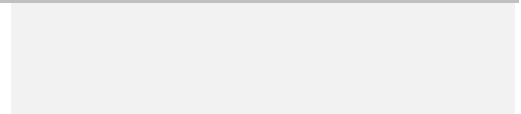
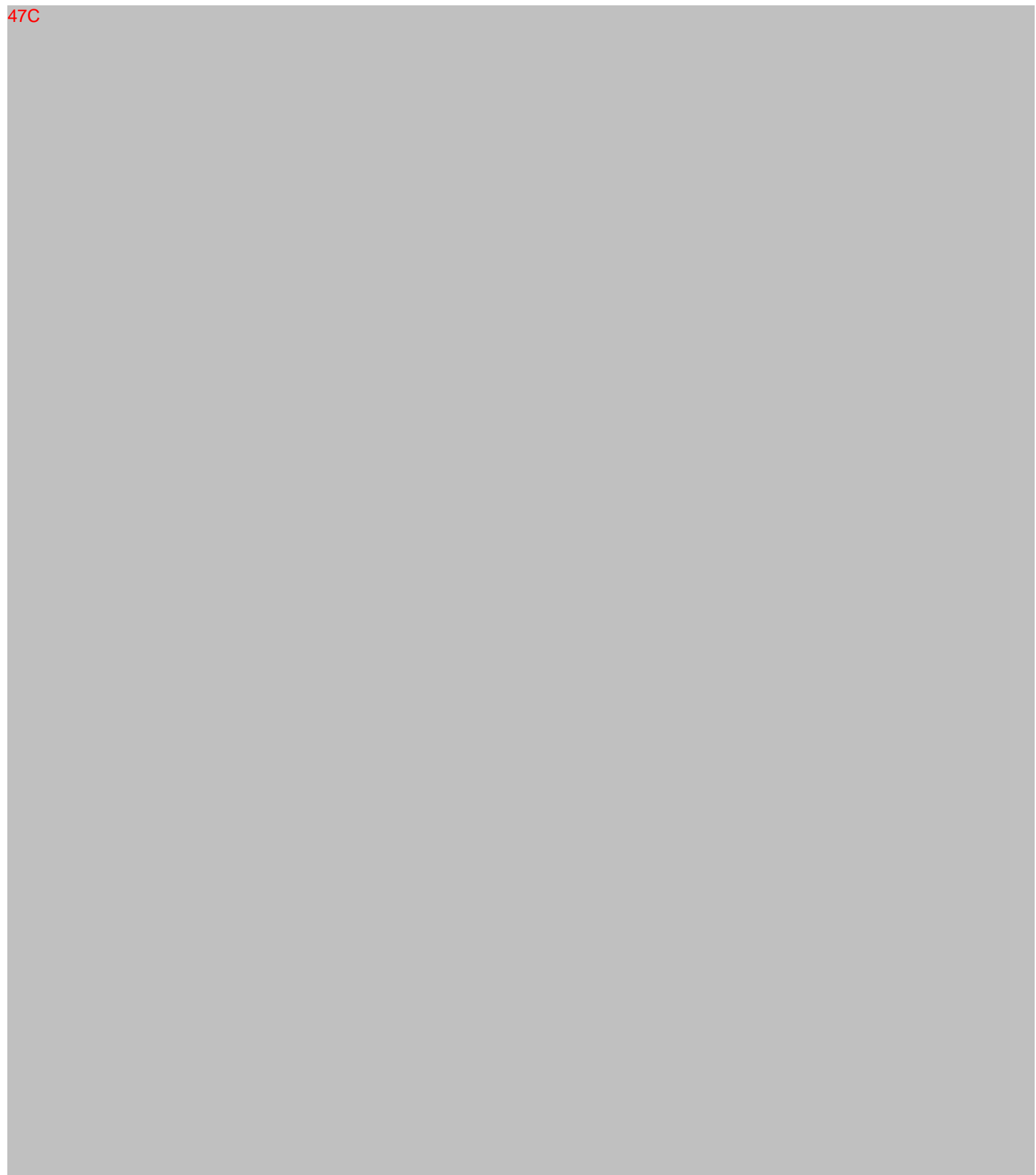
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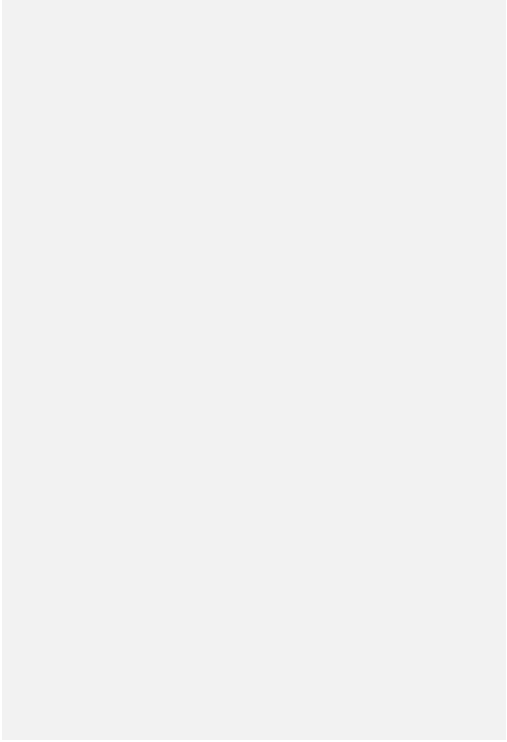
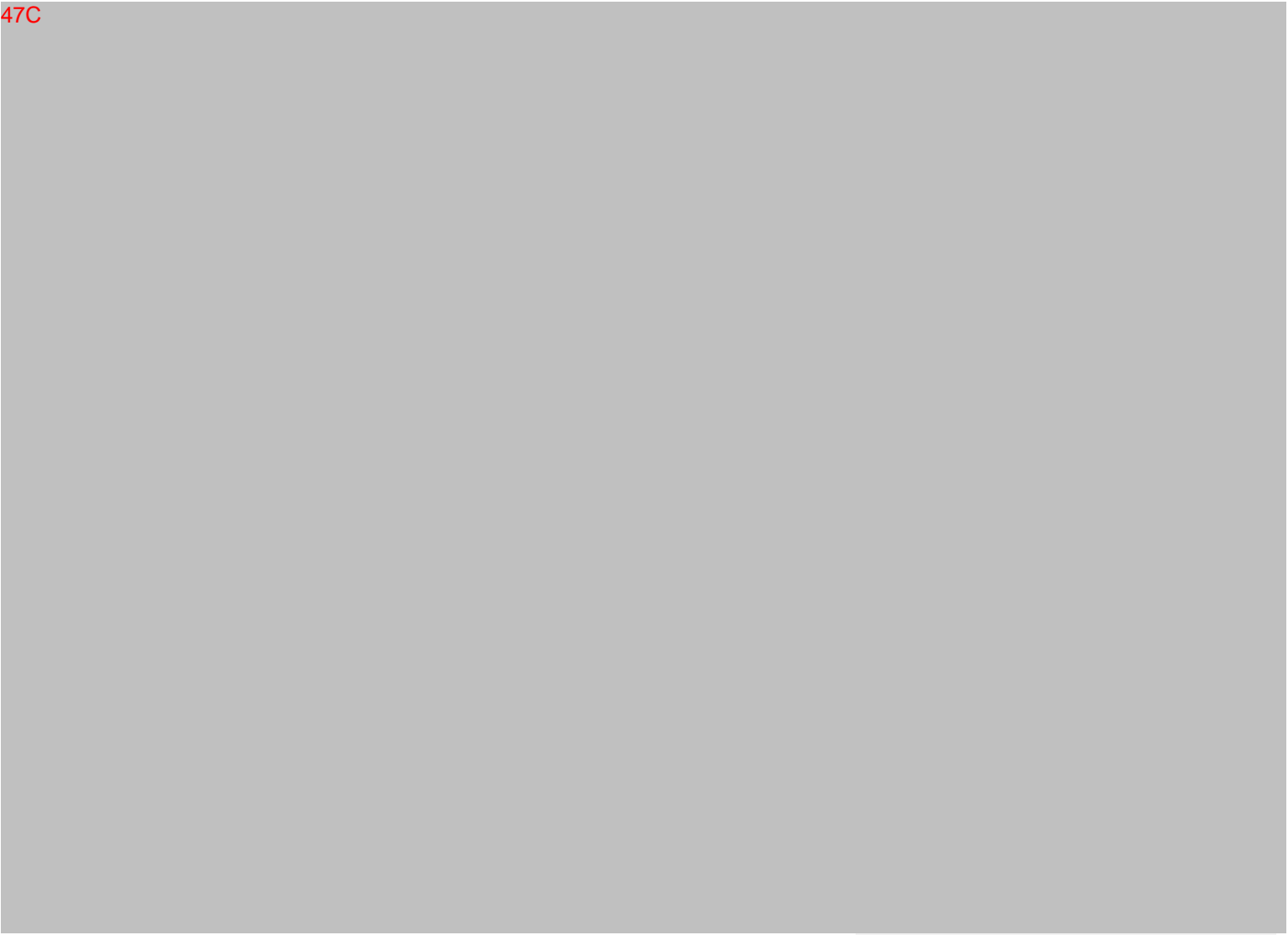
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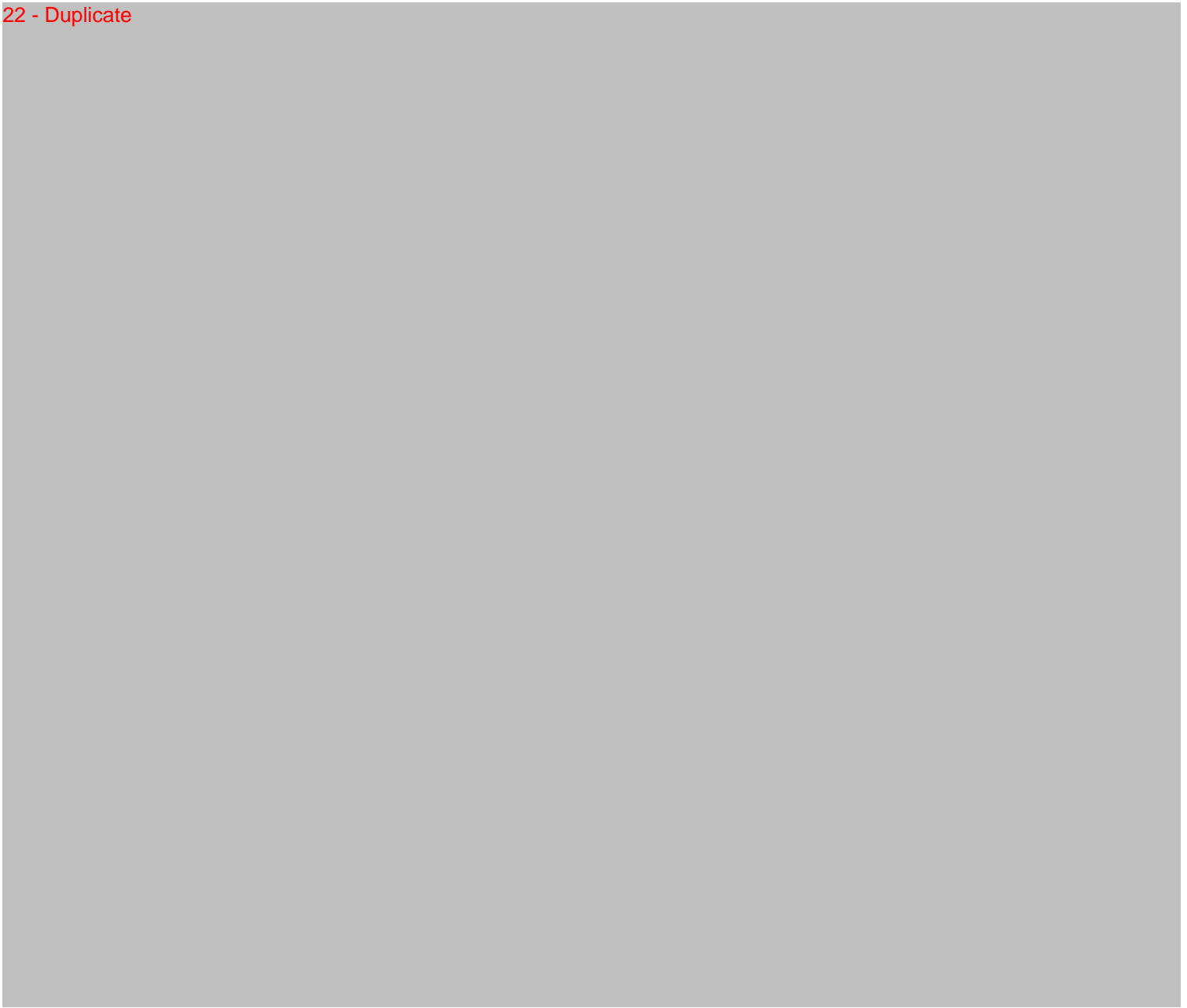
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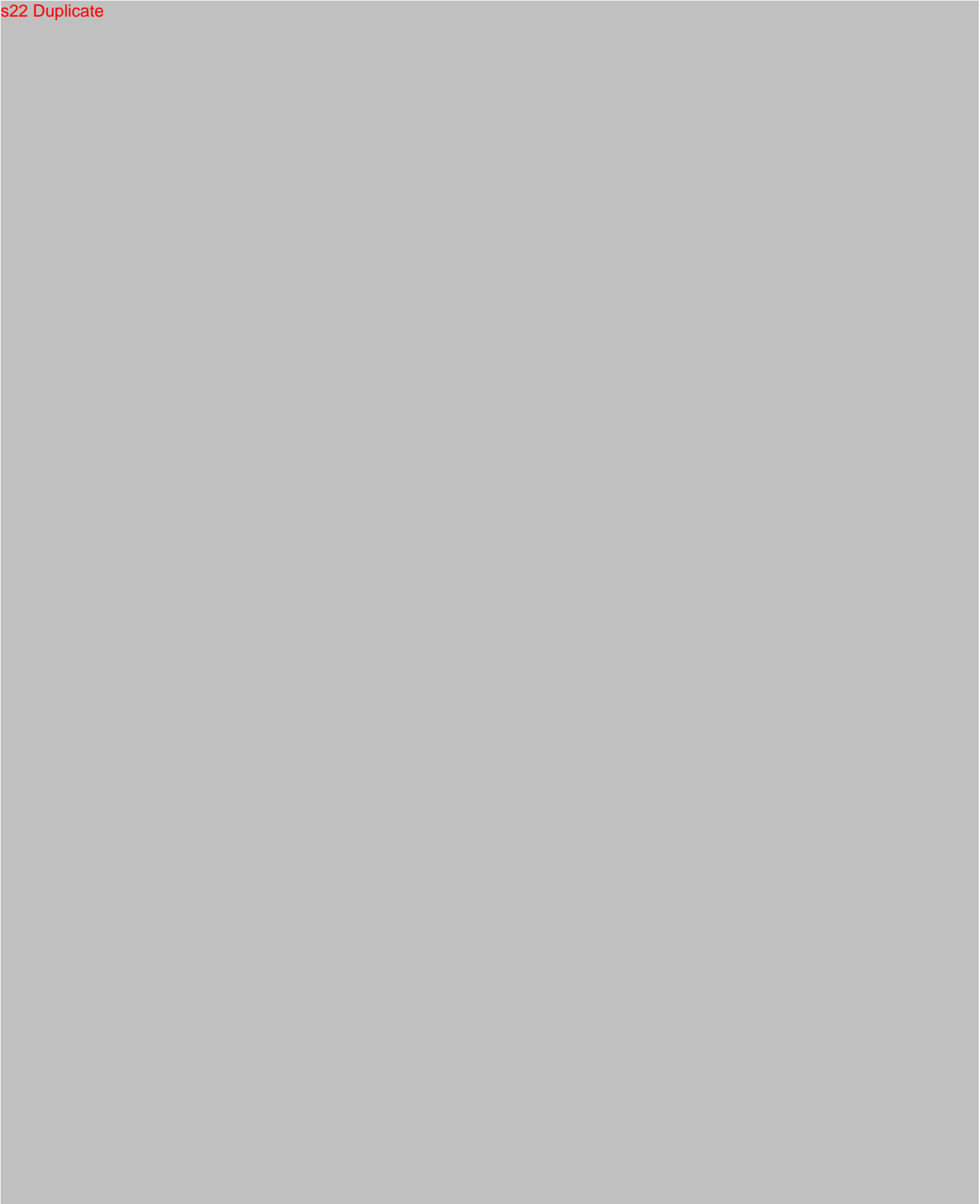
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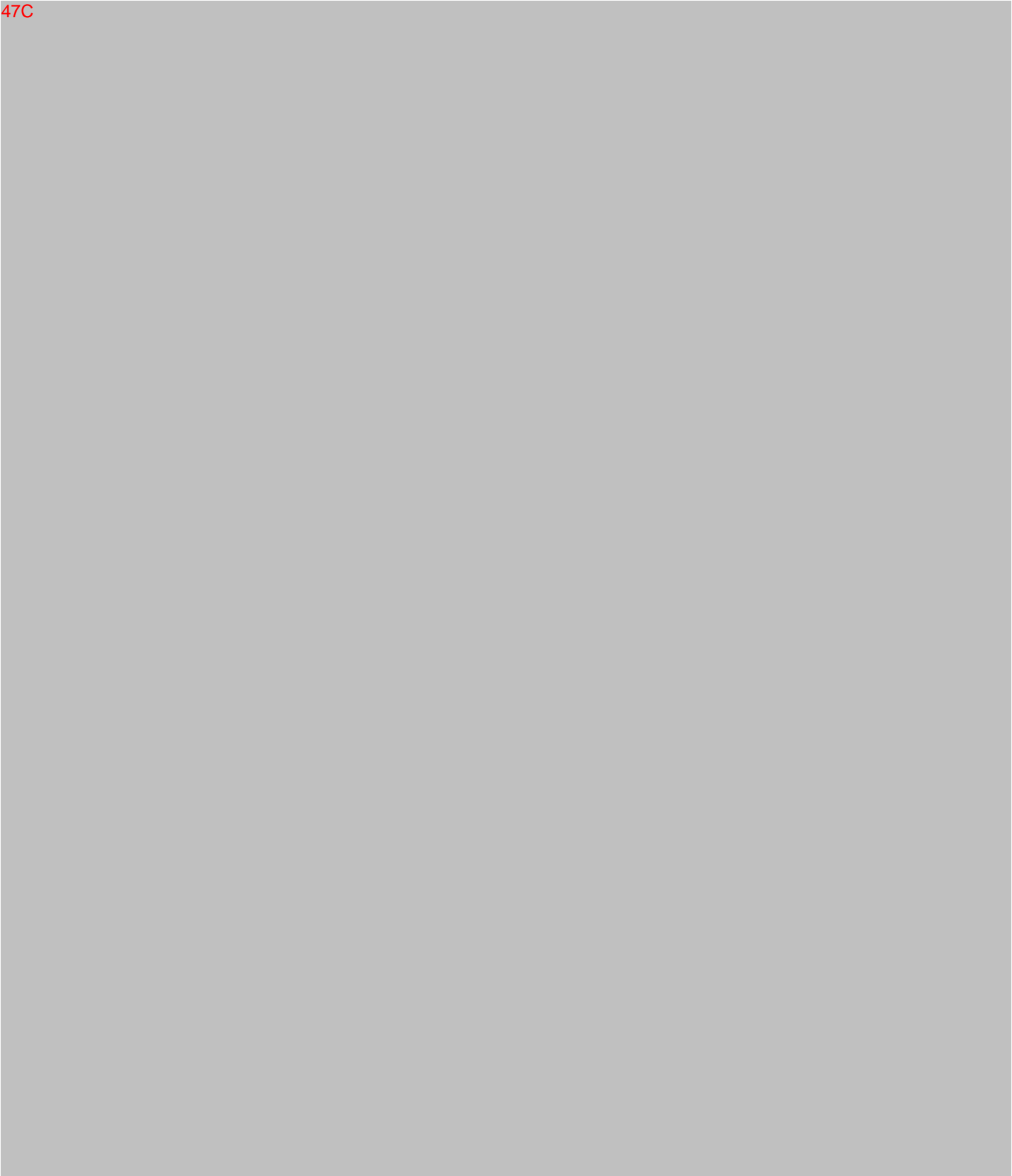












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Hi 47E(c)

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Thanks,

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Hi 47E

Confirming that Dave H will need to clear these items. Once the final population fact has been checked by BITRE, can you please arrange clearance?

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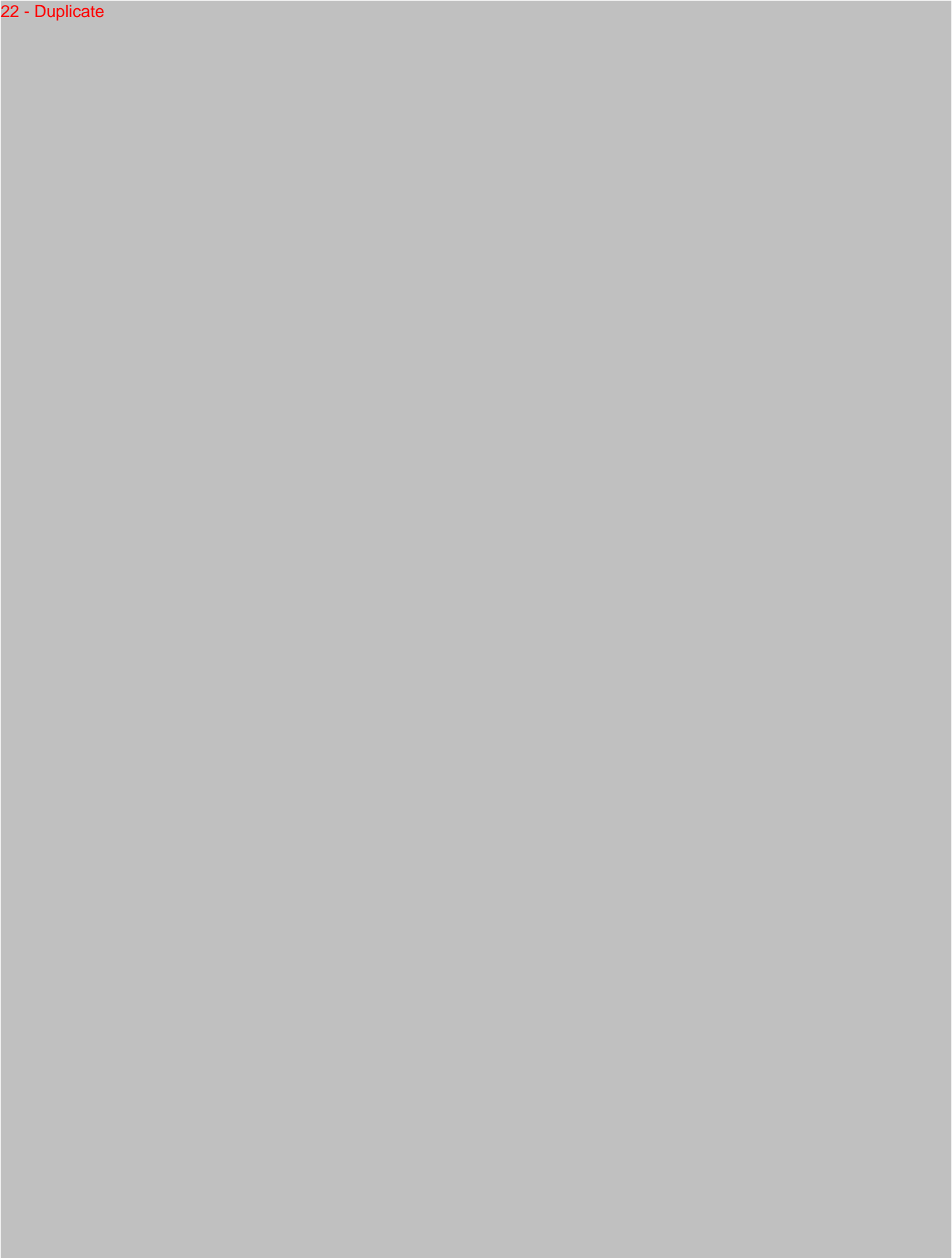
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- Draft public statement to be published on www.infrastructure.gov.au following tabling of the ANAO report
- MO drafted media release, talking points and QA for MO proactive and reactive media engagement
- Updated talking points to reflect questions on systemic issues and the future of CCP projects

All items have been cleared through Phil and IID.

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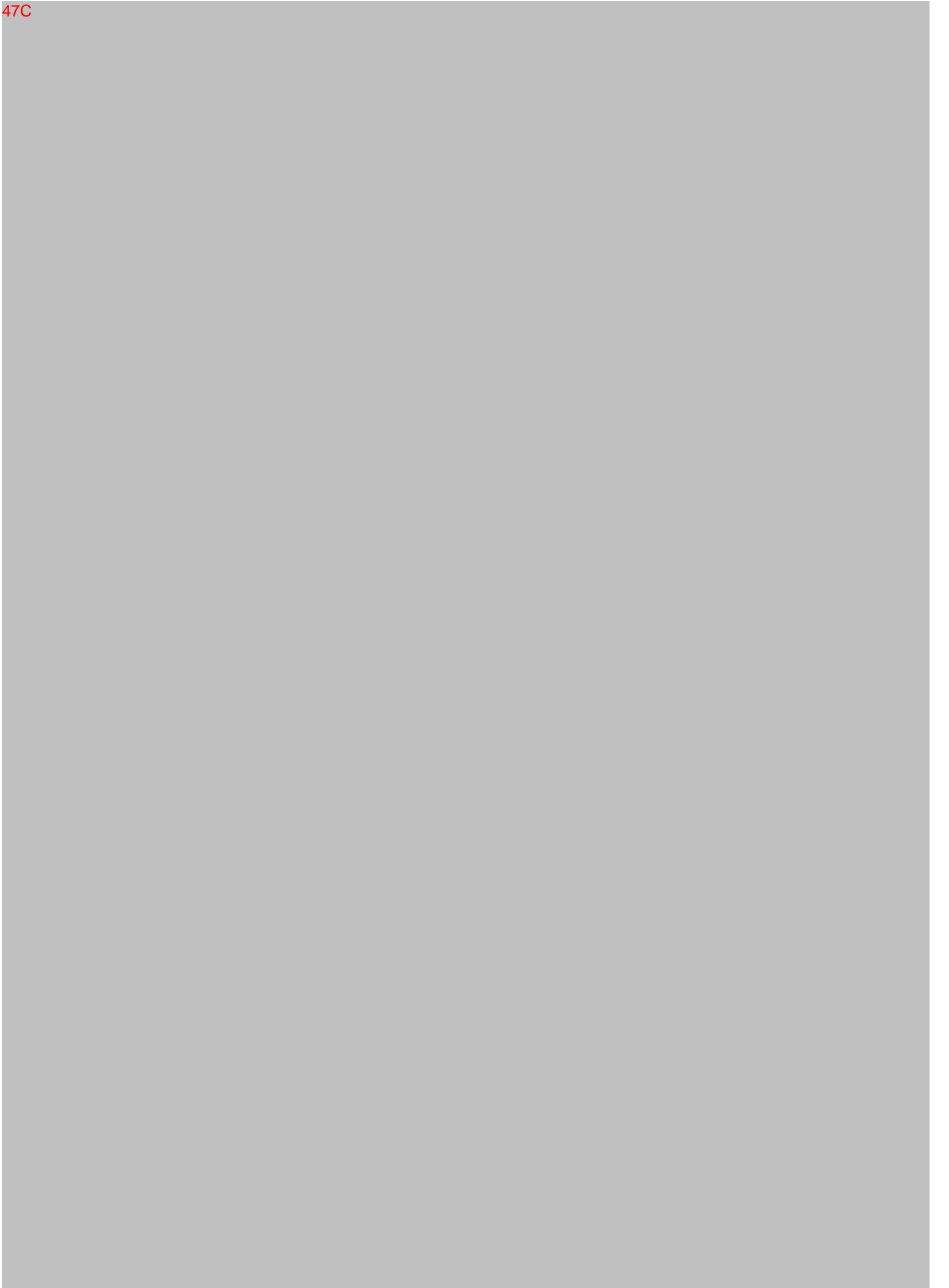


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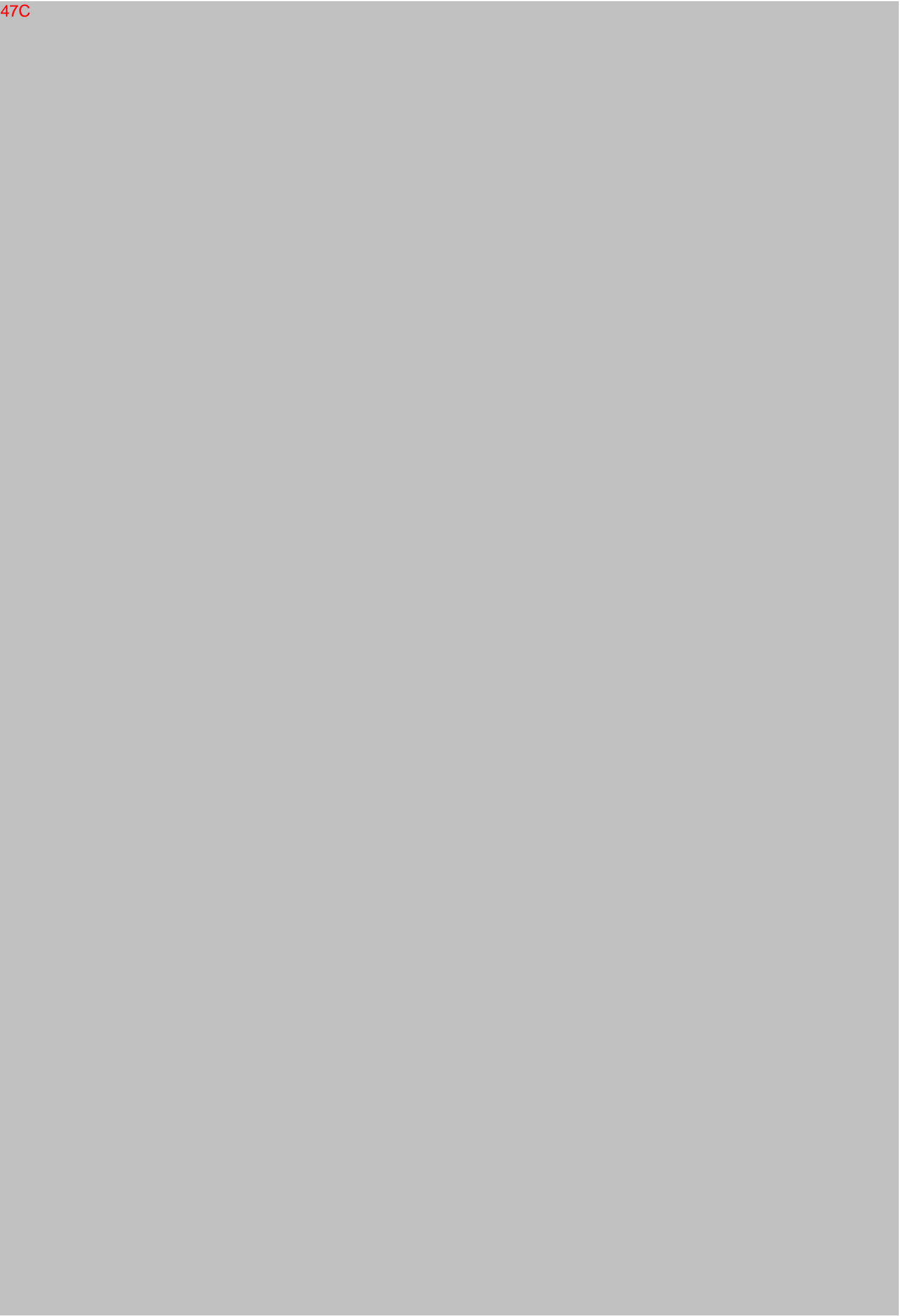


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Cc: CARUSO Daniel <Daniel.Caruso@infrastructure.gov.au>; Smith Philip <Philip.Smith2@infrastructure.gov.au>; ROSENGREN Shona <Shona.Rosengren@infrastructure.gov.au>; LEGG Robyn <Robyn.Legg@infrastructure.gov.au>; 47E(c)
 47E(c) <[redacted]@infrastructure.gov.au>
Subject: For clearance: Communication materials for release of ANAO report into CCP Projects [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Importance: High

OFFICIAL:Sensitive

Good afternoon Dave.

For your clearance, please find the attached communication materials to support public and media engagement following the release of the ANAO review of the commuter car park program.

- Draft public statement to be published on www.infrastructure.gov.au following tabling of the ANAO report
- MO drafted media release, talking points and QA for MO proactive and reactive media engagement
- Updated talking points to reflect questions on systemic issues and the future of CCP projects

All items have been cleared through Phil and IID.

Thank you,

47E(c)

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47E(c)

From: 47E(c)
Sent: Thursday, 24 June 2021 3:44 PM
To: 47E(c)
Cc:
Subject: RE: ANAO media materials [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Attachments: UCF - ANAO - media response v2 (002).DOCX

OFFICIAL:Sensitive

Hi 47

Please find the attached dept fact checked release and TP's with suggested edits.

The department's statement is still in clearance and I'll provide as soon as I get the green light. Happy to show you a draft to alleviate any concerns.

Happy to talk through if required.

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From: 47E(c)
Sent: Thursday, 24 June 2021 9:44 AM
To: 47E(c)
Subject: RE: ANAO media materials [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL:Sensitive

Hi guys

Would I be able to get this back by lunchtime if possible please?

Thanks

47E(c)

[REDACTED]

OFFICIAL:Sensitive

From: 47E(c) [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@infrastructure.gov.au)>

Sent: Monday, 21 June 2021 10:59 AM

To: 47E(c) [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: ANAO media materials [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL:Sensitive

Good morning 47E [REDACTED]

We're clearing the updated version now and have comments back with you ASAP. The department's statement is also in clearances which I'll share with you once it's ticked off.

A quick update on our discussion Thursday regarding UCF and WSA project content to support media engagement.

I'm meeting with both areas this week and will be looking to provide options for you to lock down at this week's meeting. As the WSA program area are considering comms based resources (staff) they may wish to open up a direct line to you on what can be achieved.

47E(c) [REDACTED]

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From: 47E(c) [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@COMMUNICATIONS.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@COMMUNICATIONS.gov.au)>

Sent: Monday, 21 June 2021 9:33 AM

To: 47E(c) [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: ANAO media materials [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL:Sensitive

Hi 47E [REDACTED]

I've made some minor changes to the MR in the attached following some feedback from the Minister. Key changes are highlighted, and are in particular need of fact checking please!

Thanks

47E(c) [REDACTED]

47E(c)

OFFICIAL:Sensitive

From: 47E(c) <[redacted]@infrastructure.gov.au>

Sent: 47E(c)

Subject: RE: ANAO media materials [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL:Sensitive

Hi 47E(c)

Confirming receipt – we'll come back to you.

Noting the significant sensitivities, if you wouldn't mind handling this directly with 47E(c) myself until such time as the report is released publicly, that would be great.

Thanks,

47E(c)

47E(c)

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From: 47E(c)

Sent: Friday, 18 June 2021 12:20 PM

To: Media (Infrastructure) <media@infrastructure.gov.au>

Cc: 47E(c)

Subject: ANAO media materials [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi guys

In anticipation of the ANAO report, we've pulled together the attached MR, TPs and Q&A. This is still a draft, but could you please do a fact check on it for me?

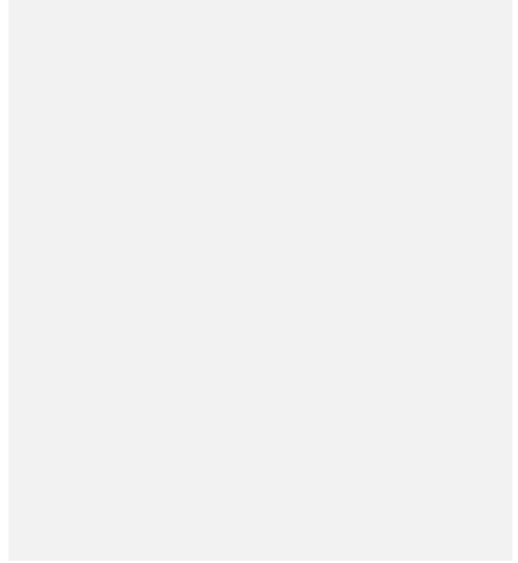
Also, if you've finalised your own statement it would be great to take a look at that too.

Thanks

47E(c)



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47E(c)

From: 47E(c)
Sent: Thursday, 24 June 2021 5:53 PM
To: CARUSO Daniel
Subject: RE: Under Embargo: Final Auditor-General report - Administration of Commuter Car Park Projects within the Urban Congestion Fund [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive] [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Outstanding! Thanks Dan.

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From: CARUSO Daniel <Daniel.Caruso@infrastructure.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 24 June 2021 5:39 PM
To: 47E(c) infrastructure.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Under Embargo: Final Auditor-General report - Administration of Commuter Car Park Projects within the Urban Congestion Fund [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive] [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

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From: HALLINAN David <David.Hallinan@infrastructure.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 24 June 2021 5:36 PM
To: 47E(c) communications.gov.au>; CARUSO Daniel <Daniel.Caruso@infrastructure.gov.au>
Cc: Smith Philip <Philip.Smith2@infrastructure.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Under Embargo: Final Auditor-General report - Administration of Commuter Car Park Projects within the Urban Congestion Fund [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive] [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

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47E(c) aniel

Assuming this has come through to you via the Auditor General's office.

If not, find attached under Embargo UCF audit, planned to be table this coming Monday – after tabling the embargo lifts.

The team has worked up communications materials which should be working their way through the system – we will liaise with your offices tomorrow on materials.

Regards

Dave

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From: ANAO Tabling <tabling@anao.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 24 June 2021 5:12 PM
To: ATKINSON Simon <Simon.Atkinson@infrastructure.gov.au>
Cc: HALLINAN David <David.Hallinan@infrastructure.gov.au>; Smith Philip <Philip.Smith2@infrastructure.gov.au>; CAELLI Liz <Liz.Caelli@infrastructure.gov.au>
Subject: Under Embargo: Final Auditor-General report - Administration of Commuter Car Park Projects within the Urban Congestion Fund [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Importance: High

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Auditor-General for Australia



Mr Simon Atkinson
Secretary of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
By email: simon.atkinson@infrastructure.gov.au

Dear Mr Atkinson

I have undertaken an independent performance audit titled *Administration of Commuter Car Park Projects within the Urban Congestion Fund*. In accordance with the authority contained in the *Auditor General Act 1997*, I plan to present the report of this performance audit in the Parliament on 28 June 2021.

An embargoed final copy of the report is attached for your information. As you will appreciate, the confidentiality of the report should be preserved pending the tabling of the report.

My office would be happy to provide you with a briefing on the performance audit before the report is tabled or at another convenient time. To arrange a briefing, please contact our External Relations area at external.relations@anao.gov.au.

Copies of the report and an offer of a briefing on the performance audit have also been provided to:

- the Prime Minister;
- the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development;
- the Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts; and
- the Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Yours sincerely



Grant Hehir
Auditor-General

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From: 47E(c)
Sent: Thursday, 24 June 2021 6:13 PM
To: 47E(c)
Subject: t in response to the ANAO audit into Commuter Car Park fund
[SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Media holding statement_ANAO report UCF-CCPF.DOCX

OFFICIAL

Hi 47

Please find the attached department statement in response to the ANAO audit Commuter Car Park fund for your awareness.

This statement will be published on the front page of www.infrastructure.gov.au when the report is tabled.

Kind regards,

47E(c)

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From: 47E(c)
Sent: Friday, 25 June 2021 3:08 PM
To: 47E(c)
Subject: RE: Public statement in response to the ANAO audit into Commuter Car Park fund [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Thanks for this 47E Would you mind sharing the URL once you have it as we'll include it in our MR as well.

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From: 47E(c) @infrastructure.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 24 June 2021 6:13 PM
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47E(c)

From: 47E(c)
Sent: Monday, 28 June 2021 10:37 AM
To: 47E(c)
Subject: RE: Public statement in response to the ANAO audit into Commuter Car Park fund [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Our policy guys are chasing a definitive time 47 Nothing coming out of the ANAO as yet this morning, but they continue to push for a time.

The minute I have it you will too ☺

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From: 47E(c) <[REDACTED]@COMMUNICATIONS.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 28 June 2021 10:27 AM
To: 47E(c) <[REDACTED]@infrastructure.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Public statement in response to the ANAO audit into Commuter Car Park fund [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi 47E(c) n I just check, when do you think you will have that URL?

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From: 47E(c) <[REDACTED]@infrastructure.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 25 June 2021 3:09 PM
To: 47E(c) <[REDACTED]@COMMUNICATIONS.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Public statement in response to the ANAO audit into Commuter Car Park fund [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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No worries.

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From: 47E(c) <[redacted]@infrastructure.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 25 June 2021 3:08 PM
To: 47E(c) <[redacted]@infrastructure.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Public statement in response to the ANAO audit into Commuter Car Park fund [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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47E(c)

From: 47E(c)
Sent: 17 PM
To: 47E(c); ARUSO Daniel; 47E(c)
Cc: 47E(c)
Subject: RE: ANAO report - link below to version on APH web site (note there is a PDF as well) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Now live on the ANAO site - <https://www.anao.gov.au/work/performance-audit/administration-commuter-car-park-projects-within-the-urban-congestion-fund>

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From: 47E(c)@communications.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 28 June 2021 2:47 PM
To: CARUSO Daniel <Daniel.Caruso@infrastructure.gov.au>; 47E(c)@infrastructure.gov.au>; 47E(c)
Subject: RE: ANAO report - link below to version on APH web site (note there is a PDF as well) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Thanks mate

47E(c)

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 Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts

47E(c)

From: CARUSO Daniel <Daniel.Caruso@infrastructure.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 28 June 2021 2:47 PM

To: 47E(c)

Subject: ANAO report - link below to version on APH web site (note there is a PDF as well) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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In case you haven't seen.

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From: 47E(c) <[REDACTED]@aph.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 28 June 2021 2:41 PM

To: CARUSO Daniel <Daniel.Caruso@infrastructure.gov.au>

Subject: FW: Documents presented out of sitting - 28 June 2021

From: Table Office, Docs (SEN) <Table.Docs@aph.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 28 June 2021 2:27 PM

Subject: Documents presented out of sitting - 28 June 2021

A U S T R A L I A N S E N A T E



Documents presented out of sitting

Committee reports

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Importance of a viable, safe, sustainable and efficient road transport industry—Progress report, dated 24 June 2021

Auditor-General reports

Audit report no. 46 of 2020-21—Performance audit—Administration of the National Bushfire Recovery Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Audit report no. 47 of 2020-21—Performance audit—Administration of commuter car park projects within the Urban Congestion Fund: Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

Government documents

Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for the period 1 July to 31 December 2020

Research Involving Human Embryos Act 2002—Report for the period 1 September 2020 to 28 February 2021 on the operation of the Act

Further information

Not all documents are available online at the time this email is distributed. Visit the [webpage](#), for the most up-to-date information and the complete list of documents presented since the Senate last sat.

Copies of documents can be requested from the Table Office.

Senate: 02 6277 3010

House: 02 6277 4808

All other inquiries should be directed to the Documents Officer.

table.docs@aph.gov.au

02 6277 3037

47E(c)

From: 47E(c)
Sent: 37 PM
To: 47E(c)
Cc: Web Services; CHARLES Susan; CARUSO Daniel; Smith Philip
Subject: RE: For immediate action: Statement in response to ANAO report into CCP program [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Media holding statement_ANAO report UCF-CCPF.DOCX
Importance: High

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Sorry 47E

Just this version please, ignore the second document.

Thanks,

47E(c)

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From: 47E(c)
Sent: Monday, 28 June 2021 3:31 PM
To: 47E(c); CHARLES Susan <Susan.Charles@infrastructure.gov.au>; CARUSO Daniel <Daniel.Caruso@infrastructure.gov.au>; Smith Philip <Philip.Smith2@infrastructure.gov.au>
Subject: For immediate action: Statement in response to ANAO report into CCP program [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon 47

As discussed, an you please publish the attached statement to the front page of the department's website immediately.

Thank you,

47E(c)

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ANAO Performance Audit on the Administration of Commuter Car Park Projects within the Urban Congestion Fund

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications welcomes the performance audit into the administration of commuter carparks within the Urban Congestion Fund.

The department has agreed to all recommendations made by the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) and has already put a number of improvements in place.

The report – *ANAO Performance Audit on the Administration of Commuter Car Park Projects within the Urban Congestion Fund* – and the department’s full response can be accessed at <https://www.anao.gov.au/work/performance-audit/administration-commuter-car-park-projects-within-the-urban-congestion-fund>.

The department has a long history of operating in line with the highest standards of integrity and ethics and is committed to strengthening processes and ensuring best-practice administration across programs.

While the selection of projects is ultimately a decision of Government, the department welcomes the opportunity presented by the ANAO’s audits to further strengthen processes to ensure the highest levels of performance in delivering the Australian Government’s infrastructure investment commitments.

47E(c)

From: 47E(c)
Sent: Tuesday, 29 June 2021 3:35 PM
To: HALLINAN David
Cc: CHARLES Susan; 47E(c)
Subject: For clearance: response to 47E(c) inquiry following ANAO report on CCP [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon Dave

Please find the below media enquiry and response for your clearance.

To date this is the only enquiry we've had following the tabled ANAO report yesterday. The response is in line with our agreed strategy on media engagement for this issue.

Thanks

47E(c)

Enquiry:

I'm looking at para 25 of the ANAO's report into the commuter car park program, which includes some detail about the eligibility of project under the National Land Transport Act.

Could I please ask:

- Which were the three projects that the ANAO identified as not eligible under section 10(e) of the Act, but eligible under another section? Which section provided the alternate basis for eligibility?
- Which project was found to be ineligible - and how is the department proposing to rectify this?
- How did the ANAO respond to the concerns about the eligibility of 10 carparks not attached to rail stations?
- What were the "clerical errors" referred to in the department's response that gave rise to the ANAO conclusion of a lack of understanding of legal eligibility?
- When and by who was legal advice provided to the department about project eligibility?
- Why was further advice sought in February 2021
- Will you release the legal advice underpinning the conclusion the projects were eligible?

Thanks for considering. Am seeking a response ASAP, preferably by COB.

47E(c)

Suggested response:

Thank you for your enquiry 47E

The department has published a statement on the ANAO report into the Commuter Car Park projects, which is available on our website at <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au>.

The statement links to the department's more detailed response to the ANAO report which, in addition to the published statement, constitutes our full response.

Kind regards,

OFFICIAL

47E(c)

From: Media (Infrastructure)
Sent: Tuesday, 29 June 2021 3:42 PM
To: 47E(c)
Cc:
Subject: MEDIA ENQUIRY: Commuter Car Parks [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

OFFICIAL

Hi 47E

As discussed – just wondering what we can give the MO at short notice about the ‘benchmarking’ aspect of the below enquiry?

47C

Thanks,
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47E(c)

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From: 47E(c) gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 29 June 2021 3:25 PM
To: Media (Infrastructure) <media@infrastructure.gov.au>
Cc: 47E(c)
Subject: FW: Commuter Car Parks [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

UNOFFICIAL

Hi guys – could you please provide me with any background you have on Q1 and Q3 asap please? Thanks

47E(c)

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47E(c)

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From: 47F
Sent: Tuesday, 29 June 2021 3:22 PM
To: 47E(c) <[redacted]@COMMUNICATIONS.gov.au>
Subject: Commuter Car Parks

Hi 47E(c)

I just spoke to your colleague 47E(c) who said it was best I send questions regarding the commuter car parks report over to you.

I'm writing a story on the NSW projects, particularly the Woy Woy and Panania car parks, which were identified in the report as being well above the benchmark price. I understand they're still categorised as being in the 'planning stage'.

Panania

Cost per space = \$166,000
Benchmark = 522% above

Woy Woy

Cost per space = \$211,429
Benchmark = 434% above benchmark

QUESTIONS

1) Why were these two projects given the go-ahead despite being more than 500 and 400 per cent above the benchmark price per car park respectively?

2) What is the minister's response to allegations of pork barrelling?

3) Had the local members been calling for these projects?

I understand there is a 50/50 split in Coalition/Labor electorates with where the car parks were assigned in NSW, and that will be included in my report.

It would be great to get a response ASAP.

Thanks for your time,

47F

47E(c)

From: Media (Infrastructure)
Sent: Tuesday, 29 June 2021 4:29 PM
To: FOI
Cc: Media (Infrastructure); 47E(c)
Subject: FW: ANAO commuter car park report [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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FYI as discussed.

47E(c)

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Sent: Tuesday, 29 June 2021 4:25 PM
To: 47F
Cc: Media (Infrastructure) <media@infrastructure.gov.au>
Subject: RE: ANAO commuter car park report [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thank you for your enquiry 47F

The department has published a statement on the ANAO report into the Commuter Car Park projects, which is available on our website at <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au>.

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Regards,

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From: 47F

Sent: Tuesday, 29 June 2021 11:17 AM

To: Media (Infrastructure) <media@infrastructure.gov.au>

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- Why was further advice sought in February 2021
- Will you release the legal advice underpinning the conclusion the projects were eligible?

Thanks for considering. Am seeking a response ASAP, preferably by COB.

Cheers,

47F

47E(c)

From: 47E(c)
Sent: Tuesday, 29 June 2021 4:37 PM
To: Media (Infrastructure)
Cc: 47E(c); LEGG Robyn; LA RANCE Lisa; HALLINAN David
Subject: RE: MEDIA ENQUIRY: Commuter Car Parks [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi 47

We wouldn't answer question 3.

In response to question 1, we would say that 47C

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47E(c)

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Cc: Media (Infrastructure) <media@infrastructure.gov.au>; 47E(c)
Subject: MEDIA ENQUIRY: Commuter Car Parks [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

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Hi 47E(c)

As discussed – 47C



From: 47F
Sent: Tuesday, 29 June 2021 3:22 PM
To: 47E(c)
Subject: Commuter Car Parks

Hi 47E(c)

I just spoke to your colleague 47F who said it was best I send questions regarding the commuter car parks report over to you.

I'm writing a story on the NSW projects, particularly the Woy Woy and Panania car parks, which were identified in the report as being well above the benchmark price. I understand they're still categorised as being in the 'planning stage'.

Panania

Cost per space = \$166,000

Benchmark = 522% above

Woy Woy

Cost per space = \$211,429

Benchmark = 434% above benchmark

QUESTIONS

1) Why were these two projects given the go-ahead despite being more than 500 and 400 per cent above the benchmark price per car park respectively?

2) What is the minister's response to allegations of pork barrelling?

3) Had the local members been calling for these projects?

I understand there is a 50/50 split in Coalition/Labor electorates with where the car parks were assigned in NSW, and that will be included in my report.

It would be great to get a response ASAP.

Thanks for your time,

47F

47E(c)

From: 47E(c)
Sent: Tuesday, 29 June 2021 5:18 PM
To: Media (Infrastructure)
Cc: 47E(c) CHARLES Susan
Subject: RE: Commuter Car Parks [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks 47E(c)

47E(c)

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 ; CHARLES Susan <susan.charles@infrastructure.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Commuter Car Parks [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi 47E(c)

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Happy to discuss (on the mobile number),

47E(c)

47E(c)

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To: Media (Infrastructure) <media@infrastructure.gov.au>

Cc: 47E(c) <[47E\(c\)@47E\(c\)](mailto:47E(c)@47E(c))>

Subject: FW: Commuter Car Parks [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

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Hi guys – could you please provide me with any background you have on Q1 and Q3 asap please? Thanks

47E(c)

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47E(c)

From: 47E(c)
Sent: Wednesday, 30 June 2021 4:24 PM
To: Media (Infrastructure)
Cc: 47E(c) LA RANCE Lisa
Subject: Re: question re ANAO report on Commuter Car Park Fund [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi 47E(c)

No issues, and perhaps even a question for PMC

It wouldn't surprise me if the journalist has also directed the same question to them.

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From: "Media (Infrastructure)" <media@infrastructure.gov.au>
Date: Wednesday, 30 June 2021 at 4:11:59 pm
To: 47E(c) @infrastructure.gov.au
Cc: "Media (Infrastructure)" <media@infrastructure.gov.au>, 47E(c)
Subject: FW: question re ANAO report on Commuter Car Park Fund [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi 47E(c)

Just flagging the below enquiry for response by **mid-morning tomorrow**.

47E(c) and I have briefly discussed a few possible flat responses with Dan but we'd ultimately like to stick to the existing agreed approach:

Thank you for your enquiry 47E(c)

The department has published a statement on the ANAO report into the Commuter Car Park projects, which is available on our website at <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au>.

The statement links to the department's more detailed response to the ANAO report which, in addition to the published statement, constitutes our full response.

Can you let us know ASAP if you have any issues – happy to discuss.

Thanks,

47E(c)

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From: 47F
Sent: Wednesday, 30 June 2021 3:52 PM
To: Media (Infrastructure) <media@infrastructure.gov.au>
Subject: question re ANAO report on Commuter Car Park Fund

Hi folks,

I have a question regarding an aspect of the response from the department to the ANAO during its inquiries relating to the examination of the Commuter Car Park Fund.

The ANAO queried the lack of documentation for 2 of the projects announced by the Prime Minister, one on February 7 2019 and the other on March 27 2019. The department responded that in each case, the project was authorised by an announcement from the Prime Minister.

In paragraph 3.9 on page 40 of the report, the department is quoted as saying the following:

There is precedent established by the Department for the Prime Minister and Cabinet that a media announcement by the Prime Minister constitutes relevant authority to progress a project.

My question is:

**What is the precedent to which the department refers in the above paragraph?
Please provide details.**

I would be grateful for a response **as soon as possible**. The **deadline** for the news feature I'm writing is **tomorrow morning, Thursday**. We go to press on **Thursday** for publication on Saturday.

Many thanks in anticipation,

47F

47E(c)

From: Media (Infrastructure)
Sent: Wednesday, 30 June 2021 4:29 PM
To: PMC Media - (PMC)
Cc: Media (Infrastructure)
Subject: FW: question re ANAO report on Commuter Car Park Fund [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi PM&C Media

Just wanted to flag the below for your awareness.

Pending final executive approvals, we're proposing to refer back to our holding statement on www.infrastructure.gov.au, which in turn points to our detailed response to the ANAO.

Happy to discuss,

47E(c)

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47E(c)

From: HALLINAN David
Sent: Wednesday, 30 June 2021 6:02 PM
To: 47E(c)
Cc: 47E(c) CHARLES Susan; Media (Infrastructure)
Subject: Re: For clearance: response to 47F re ANAO report on Commuter Car Park Fund [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks 47E(c)

Ok to go.

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From: 47E(c) <[redacted]@infrastructure.gov.au>
Date: Wednesday, 30 June 2021 at 5:22:34 pm
To: "HALLINAN David" <David.Hallinan@infrastructure.gov.au>
Cc: 47E(c) <[redacted]@infrastructure.gov.au>, "CHARLES Susan" <Susan.Charles@infrastructure.gov.au>, "Media (Infrastructure)" <media@infrastructure.gov.au>
Subject: For clearance: response to 47F re ANAO report on Commuter Car Park Fund [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good afternoon 47E(c)

One further enquiry late today stemming from the ANAO report for your clearance.
 We've touched base with PM&C who are comfortable with our response in line with our agreed approach.
 Happy to discuss
 Thanks. 47E(c)

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Proposed response:

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