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Dear Mr ~~Sharpe~~ David,

Congratulations again on your appointment as the inaugural Chief Executive Officer of Sport Integrity Australia. As you are aware, the agency is the centrepiece of the Australian Government's sport integrity response and its success will be a key part in continuing and building on the Government's and Australia's world leading approach to protecting our sports and our sporting culture.

I am writing to outline the Government's expectations of Sport Integrity Australia for financial year 2020–21 through this Statement of Expectations (Statement).

The Statement outlines the Government's priorities for the new agency in the upcoming financial year. I also intend the Statement to reinforce the importance of Commonwealth agencies meeting their statutory obligations, in particular efficient, effective and ethical management of public resources and maintaining proper accounts and records of the receipt and expenditure of public money.

I would appreciate you responding to this Statement with your own Statement of Intent, outlining how you propose Sport Integrity Australia will meet the Government's expectations and ensure you reflect the Government's priorities in your business plans. The format of the Statement of Intent is a matter you.

This Statement outlines Government's expectations. You should not regard it as a Ministerial Direction, a term of condition of office, or a delegation of power.

Expectations of Sport Integrity Australia 2020–21

As a new agency, it will be critical Sport Integrity Australia establishes itself within Australia's sporting landscape as a trusted and vital partner in supporting the sports sector to address sport integrity threats, consistent with the vision set out in Safeguarding the Integrity of Sport, the Government's response to the Wood Review. In fulfilling this responsibility, Sport Integrity Australia will act as a one-stop shop for sports integrity matters at the Commonwealth level, providing assistance and advice in accordance with the needs of the sector in a collaborative and cooperative fashion.

As part of this, I think it important that you anticipate, and plan for, an independent review of the implementation and suitability of the Government's new sport integrity arrangements in two years' time, to report to the Minister for Sport at that time. The review would look at the value of the organisation both domestically and internationally and provide advice on any unanticipated issues with these ground-breaking new arrangements.

I expect Sport Integrity Australia to effectively discharge the requirements of the National Anti-Doping Scheme, incorporating recent legislative changes to enhance national capability to combat doping, particularly the threat posed by third party facilitators. Sport Integrity Australia will need to carry out its new roles and responsibilities within the legislative framework set out by the *Sport Integrity Australia Act 2020* and associated regulations. As part of this, I expect Sport Integrity Australia to provide me with high-quality advice on all sports integrity threats and policy matters, including doping, match fixing and sports wagering, and participant safeguarding concerns.

Priorities

Safeguarding the Integrity of Sport – Stage 2

The formation of Sport Integrity Australia is a significant step in the Government's sport integrity reform agenda, but further work is required, particularly the full implementation of the Government's reform agenda through the development of Stage 2 of the Government's response. While it brings together existing Commonwealth functions, there is an expectation the agency will deliver enhanced functions to sports through the development of Stage 2 of the Safeguarding the Integrity of Sport initiative.

This includes, in particular, the development of the Australian Sports Wagering Scheme to give consistency and visibility of sports wagering across the country and enhancing the national ability to detect and respond to match-fixing and related sports corruption. I expect a fully developed scheme will be presented to Government for decision by Budget 2021, along with fully costing funding model to support all of the enhanced functions envisaged in Safeguarding the Integrity of Sport.

Commonwealth match-fixing offences

The legislation to incorporate offences for match-fixing and related corrupt behaviour is an important part of empowering the Commonwealth to take action in this area and I would like to see its passage through Parliament as soon as possible.

Ratification of the Macolin Convention

The ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions (Macolin Convention) remains a key aspect of the reform agenda and I request Sport Integrity Australia continue efforts to achieve ratification as soon as is practicable.

Stakeholder relationships

Sport Integrity Australia and the Department of Health operate within the same broad policy program. The Secretary of the Department plays an important role in providing me with policy advice in my oversight of portfolio agencies. I would be grateful if you could keep the Secretary informed, along with the Office for Sport, of relevant issues and information affecting the portfolio as they may arise.

The sport integrity effort is built on partnerships with governments and the stakeholders in the sporting world, including sporting organisations, wagering service providers, the state and territory governments, regulators and sports participants. I expect Sport Integrity Australia to be a collaborative partner and valuable resource for these stakeholders, to promote the Government's objectives of protecting sport together.

Financial compliance

I request you exercise prudence in your financial management of the Australian Sports Anti-doping Authority in the context of your legislative framework and the requirements of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*.

Sport Integrity Australia as an employer

I ask Sport Integrity Australia strives to be a responsible employer, develops a positive work culture and effectively manages workforce planning including staff turnover and retention. It needs to be seen as a good place to work, family friendly and inclusive of our diverse community. Sport Integrity Australia employees are reminded of the obligation to adhere to the Public Service Code of Conduct and the *Public Service Act 1999*.

I would appreciate receiving your Statement of Intent by 31 July 2020, outlining how you plan to achieve the priorities outlined in the above statement. Should this timing pose a difficulty, or should you need to discuss any other matters, the relevant contact is Ms Lara Musgrave, Assistant Secretary of the Office for Sport on (02) 6289 9696.

I look forward to the exciting times ahead as you work to establish Sport Integrity Australia as a central player in Australia's sporting culture.

Yours sincerely



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