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Hi § 22

Please find attached ASADA's Incoming Minister Brief that has been reviewed by Aurora and Bill.

In the attached Brief we have included a section on the review of the World Anti-Doping Code. However, if you have included a similar section in your Brief we do not have an issue if you remove the reference in our Brief.

Regards

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INCOMING MINISTER BRIEF

AUSTRALIAN SPORTS ANTI-DOPING AUTHORITY (ASADA)

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Major Activities

Investigation arising from the ACC's Project Aperio

ASADA's involvement started some 18 months ago when ASADA was assessing intelligence about the use of peptides and hormones in sport. ASADA's intelligence identified possible criminal links regarding the distribution of these substances in sport. As a result of these links ASADA involved the ACC, which was also investigating similar activities, and supported them through their investigation.

The focus of ASADA's investigation (Project Cobia) is on the possible use of banned substances in the Australian Football League (AFL) and the National Rugby League (NRL). Based on the findings of the ACC's Project Aperio, ASADA will also investigate possible anti-doping rule violations in other sports.

ASADA has maintained an open dialogue with the AFL and NRL throughout the investigation. Discussions primarily focussed on the investigation process, concern for the welfare of athletes and support people, and the rights players are entitled to under the Code.

ASADA's investigation has been conducted in accordance with the [Australian Government Investigations Standards \(2011\)](#). At no time has ASADA publicly released information that contravenes the Australian Government Investigations Standards (2011), or the privacy provisions within the Privacy Act, the [ASADA Act](#) and the [National Anti-Doping scheme](#) (the relevant ASADA regulations).

An additional \$1.8 million was provided through the 2012–13 Budget to ASADA to enable a doubling of investigation resources until at least 2014–15, to ensure ASADA can explore all possible avenues of inquiry.

The Cobia investigation and associated enforcement activities will continue into the 2013–14 financial year.

Key facts and figures:

- Investigative resources have doubled from six to 12 people
- 55,000 documents reviewed
- 185 interviews conducted
- One and a half to eight hours per interview (this excludes time to plan, travel, transcribe and review material).

AFL update

On 2 August 2013 ASADA provided the AFL with an interim report on its investigation into the possible use of banned substances at the Essendon Football Club. ASADA is permitted to disclose information to sporting administration bodies in accordance with its legislation and regulations; for example clause [4.21 of the National Anti-Doping scheme](#).

On 13 August 2013 the AFL charged the Essendon Football Club, senior coach James Hird, club doctor Dr Bruce Reid, Football Manager Danny Corcoran and assistant coach Mark Thompson under the AFL Rules in relation to the supplements program at the club in 2011 and 2012. All were charged with engaging in conduct that was unbecoming or likely to prejudice the interests or reputation of the AFL or to bring the game of football into disrepute, contrary to AFL rule 1.6.

On 27 August 2013 the [AFL Commission handed down sanctions](#) against all charged, except club doctor Dr Bruce Reid.

The ASADA investigation into the possible use of banned substances in the AFL is ongoing.

NRL update

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