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Committee Secretary
Joint Standing Committee on Migration
PO Box 6021
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Committee Secretary

I am writing in regard to your current inquiry into the efficacy of current regulation of Australian migration agents.

As you will be aware, the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) is Australia's national criminal intelligence agency, uniquely equipped with intelligence, investigative and information delivery functions.

In June 2016 the ACIC Board approved the Criminal Exploitation of Australia's Migration System Special Operation (CEAMS SO); the aim of which is identifying, investigating and disrupting serious organised crime groups involvement in visa and migration fraud. The CEAMS SO delivers intelligence to support an enhanced understanding of the legislative, regulatory or other vulnerabilities within the migration system and the impact on Australia. This intelligence can be used to inform responses to strengthen the system to prevent ongoing exploitation.

The ACIC has intelligence holdings that relate to the Terms of Reference of your current inquiry. This intelligence is of a classified and sensitive nature, as such, it is not appropriate for public release. However, the ACIC, would be available to provide in-camera evidence should you consider it beneficial to your inquiry.

Should your office require further information please have them contact Mr Jeremy Johnson, Chief of Staff on [REDACTED] or via email to [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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