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Dear Sir/Madam

Estimates hearing 2 June 2015

I am writing further to the Estimates hearing of 2 June 2015 to outline subsequent activity related to the line of questioning and to clarify some matters given in evidence. I refer specifically to pages 117-120 of the Hansard and questions relating to Football Federation Australia's (FFA) bid to host the 2022 FIFA World Cup.

I wish to advise that following the hearing I contacted the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) to offer assistance in relation to any possible ANAO review into FFA's bid and specifically taxpayer funding associated with that bid. The ANAO independently determined to undertake a review and the Department of Health is fully cooperating with the ANAO as well as the Australian Federal Police.

In relation to the \$500,000 payment to the Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association Football (CONCACAF), the Department holds very detailed acquittals of funds expended from the Australian Government grant of \$42.25 million (ex GST). The Department is not aware of any evidence of co-mingling of funds. However, in light of the issues raised the Department is corresponding with FFA to obtain further assurance in relation to the payment to CONCACAF.

I would also like to make some more detailed clarifications in relation to the evidence given at the hearing. On page 117, point 7, it is noted that the funding provided to FFA to support its bid was \$42.25 million. I wish to clarify that this is the GST exclusive amount. The GST inclusive figure is \$46.5 million.

On page 118, point 4, it was noted that six progress reports were required under the funding arrangements. In addition to the Progress Reports, there was also a Draft Final Report, and Final Report. In relation to point 5 on page 118, in addition to payments linked to acceptance of Progress Reports there was also a payment made upon execution of the Funding Agreement and a payment made on acceptance of the Final Report.

I will further advise the committee on the outcomes of enquiries with FFA.

Yours sincerely



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