

OEA WEEKLY UPDATE AS AT TUESDAY 11 JUNE 2002

Activities and Decisions

Feedback from Executive Meeting

Other Business

It was apparent at the Senate Estimates Hearing that internal documents had been released without authority. Such a release undermines the confidence of the OEA's customers, its Partners, and the Minister.

Staff have indicated that they seek a participative atmosphere, and the release of the documents does nothing to encourage open communication. The action indicates that the person who released the documents believes that they know better than all their colleagues, and is indicative of a contempt for the work and commitment of their colleagues.

There are a number of avenues for staff to express views including through their manager, through the Staff Consultative Committee, and through the anonymous email feedback mechanism. Staff are encouraged to use these avenues.

The unauthorised release of the documents is potentially a criminal offence and a breach of the APS Code of Conduct. The National Investigations Unit of DEWR has been requested to conduct an investigation into the unauthorised release of the documents.

Each Senior Executive will also speak with their staff about the unauthorised release of the documents at their next Staff Meeting.

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From: SKARRATT,Ann
Sent: Tuesday, 2 July 2002 9:42
To: OEA - ALL STATES
Cc: BOURKE,Scott
Subject: Investigation into unauthorised release of documents

I refer to the Weekly Update of 11 June, which advised that the National Investigations Unit (NIU) of DEWR has been requested to conduct an investigation into the unauthorised release of documents.

Scott Bourke of the NIU has commenced the investigation. Would all staff please cooperate fully with Scott throughout his investigation.

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From: HAMBERGER,Jonathan
Sent: Wednesday, 13 August 2003 9:24
To: OEA - <ALL STATES>
Subject: Unauthorised disclosure of official information

To all staff:

You may be aware that during 2002, there was an incident of possible unauthorised disclosure of internal OEA information, to an outside party. The OEA requested the DEWR Fraud and Investigations Team to investigate this matter. The matter was then referred to the Australian Federal Police.

This email is to let you know the outcome of the investigation.

The investigation was not able to identify the person/s involved in the disclosure. Therefore, no further action will be taken in this matter.

All staff are reminded of their duties under the Code of Conduct policy, in relation to Official Information. If you have any questions about your responsibilities, you should refer them to your supervisor, or to the Senior Corporate Manager.

Weekly Update

(From Monday 3rd February 2003)

Reminders

Release of Confidential Information

A reminder that the OEA's Code of Conduct requires that staff do not disclose any official information other than as part of their official duties. The authorised release of information can have negative effects on the operation, morale and integrity of the OEA and its staff, in

addition to any action that may be commenced for a breach of the Code. For more information, speak to your Manager or read the Code of Conduct at [http://frotan104:81/graphics.asp?showdoc=/corporate info/policies and strategies/policies and strategies.asp&SubMenu=2](http://frotan104:81/graphics.asp?showdoc=/corporate%20info/policies%20and%20strategies/policies%20and%20strategies.asp&SubMenu=2).

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(From Monday 17th November 2003)

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