



ACC Submission No: 1605

MINISTER FOR JUSTICE

PROJECT APERIO MEETING BRIEF

No deadline

Purpose

To provide you with an outline of discussion topics for the briefing of yourself and the Minister for Sport, Senator Lundy.

Background

1. On Tuesday 29 January 2013, you will receive a briefing from the ACC, the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) and the Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport (DRALGAS) regarding Project Aperio.
2. Project Aperio and ASADA Project Cobia have been examining the threat posed by new generation performance and image enhancing drugs (PIEDs) to the integrity of Australian sport and the involvement of organised crime in this market.

Issue

3. The ACC has completed a classified assessment which summarises the investigation and its findings. You will be briefed on the content of the assessment and possible response options.
4. The briefing will cover the following issues:
 - The key findings of the investigation
 - The nature of the new generation PIEDs (peptides and hormones) and the reasons athletes are attracted to using them
 - The level of use of the substances in professional sport in Australia and the sources of the PIEDs
 - Organised crime involvement in the market
 - Impact of the activity of concern on the integrity of Australian sport
 - Implications, and
 - Response options.
5. The ACC is preparing a public bulletin which provides an unclassified summary of what has been learnt during Project Aperio. Should you agree, the opportunity exists for yourself and the Minister for Sport to launch this bulletin, which will incorporate discussions of policy and investigative responses to be initiated by DRALGAS and ASADA.
6. It is proposed that this media opportunity take place on 7 February 2013 and could include representation from the sporting codes. A draft strategy for a public launch

and media opportunity has been developed and will be discussed during the briefing.

Expected Reaction

- 7. There is expected to be considerable public interest in this issue due to the content of the assessment and its implications, particularly in the context of recent revelations concerning the use of PIEDs by Lance Armstrong and Mr Justice Wood's inquiry into Cycling Australia.
- 8. You will be provided with talking points and other support material to facilitate any proposed media engagement.

Recommendation

That you note the above.

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