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Source: [UKAD News](#)

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Source: [iNADO Update #44](#)

World Anti-Doping Agency former President, John Fahey [drop down]

In an interview with Fairfax Media following the announcement of Aurora's retirement, former President of the World Anti-Doping Agency, John Fahey said:

"I have the upmost respect for her integrity," Fahey said of Andruska.

"I believe she was gutsy and stood up to some bully boys in the system. And her prime objective, her only objective, was to achieve clean sport."

Source: *Age, Melbourne, 19 Feb 2014, by Samantha Lane Adrian Prosenko, Sport, page 60*

Carolyn Maher

From: Helen Thorne
Sent: Tuesday, 18 February 2014 12:40 PM
To: Aurora Andruska; Tony Baccari; Trevor Burgess; Elen Perdikogiannis
Subject: Release re ASADA CEO retirement [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hello

I've just had a call from Natasha Cole.

The Minister's MR is definitely going out this afternoon.

Advertisements for the position will appear in the press as follows :

Friday - Financial Review

Saturday - The Australian, the Canberra Times

All enquiries are to be directed to the recruitment agency (Natasha is going to send me the details).

Regards

Helen

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From: Aurora Andruska
Sent: Thursday, 8 May 2014 12:12 PM
To: Tony Baccari
Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL: Communications regarding new CEO [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Looks good to me

Thanks Tony

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Sent: 08 May 2014 11:10 AM
To: Aurora Andruska
Cc: Elen Perdikogiannis; Trevor Burgess; Michelle Heins; Helen Thorne
Subject: FOR APPROVAL: Communications regarding new CEO [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi Aurora

Michelle has spoken with the Minister's Press Secretary to ascertain when they plan to make the announcement about the new CEO. We also asked if they could provide us with the announcement so we can inform staff in line with the official announcement (i.e. so staff don't find out from the media in the first instance). At this stage the plan is to make the announcement tomorrow afternoon. The Press Secretary will contact Michelle tomorrow morning to confirm.

Please find attached for your approval:

1. Staff email – CEO appointment
2. Media holding lines – CEO appointment

I envisage we will be required to direct any media enquiries regarding the appointment to the Minister's office. However, if you did want to issue anything I put together a short statement from you (item 2).

Elen and Trevor – happy for your thoughts.

Regards
Tony

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From: Aurora Andruska
Sent: Monday, 17 February 2014 5:51 PM
To: Tony Baccari; Trevor Burgess
Subject: Fwd: draft statement [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

This looks better!

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Aurora Andruska <Aurora.Andruska@asada.gov.au>
Date: 17 February 2014 5:32:42 PM AEDT
To: "Travis.Haslam@health.gov.au" <Travis.Haslam@health.gov.au>
Subject: Re: draft statement [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear Travis

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Sent: Monday, 17 February 2014 12:18 PM
To: Tony Baccari; Trevor Burgess
Subject: FW: draft media release - for your comment please. [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Attachments: Draft MR for announcement.docx

Importance: High

Gents

Aurora has asked for your views on this. She said it's very flat, but she recognises that it conveys the message that the Minister wants to put out.

No mention of the detail of her distinguished career. No mention of her PSM. No mention of the excellent work on the current investigation, the complexity and detail of which is unprecedented.

She also said that the announcement makes it very clear that they have no intention of asking her to stay in the role until her successor commences.

Trevor, would you please have a look and then call Aurora. She's keen to speak with you.

Thanks
HT

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Sent: Monday, 17 February 2014 12:04 PM
To: Aurora Andruska
Subject: draft media release - for your comment please. [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Here are the words (same as in the attachment) – thought it would be easier to read. Has been cleared by Jane Halton (via Kay McNeice).

Draft wording for announcement of ASADA CEO Retirement

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From: Greg.Morris@health.gov.au [mailto:Greg.Morris@health.gov.au]

Sent: Monday, 17 February 2014 12:03 PM

To: Helen Thorne

Subject: Re: Aurora Andruska - length of service [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi Helen

draft MR for Aurora to review ASAP. Has cleared media guys here (who checked w Sec btw)

thanks for your help

Greg Morris

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To: "greg.morris@health.gov.au" <greg.morris@health.gov.au>, "marko.todoroski@health.gov.au" <marko.todoroski@health.gov.au>,
Date: 17/02/2014 09:58
Subject: Aurora Andruska - length of service [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Gents

Aurora commenced in the public service in September 1976.

She did have [REDACTED] so it depends on whether you want to use her commencement date of her length of service for Super purposes.

Please let me know if this is sufficient.

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Sent: Tuesday, 18 February 2014 5:36 PM
To: John Wiseman
Cc: Rohan Lindeman
Subject: Ministerial statement regarding ASADA CEO [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hi John

We are receiving a number of media enquiries regarding the Minister's statement about Aurora's retirement. Are you able to email the statement to me.

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To: Aurora Andruska
Cc: Trevor Burgess; Helen Thorne
Subject: FOR CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL: ASADA CEO retirement - web page [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: ASADA CEO retirement (no John Fahey).docx
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Hi Aurora

Thank you for letting me know you approved of the website content I sent through yesterday.

Since sending it to you I have added another section called 'Contributions to Australia's anti-doping efforts'. This section covers some key areas of work taken on by ASADA under your leadership. It is only a first draft, so please let me know if I have overlooked something that you would like included. You will find this new section at the end of the attached document.

Once approved I will work with Nick to load the page to the website.

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To: 'Aurora Andruska'
Cc: Trevor Burgess (Trevor.Burgess@asada.gov.au); Helen Thorne
Subject: FOR APPROVAL: ASADA CEO retirement - web page [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Aurora

Please find attached for your approval content for the web page regarding your retirement. This content is reached via the web slider image I passed by you yesterday.

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Contributions to Australia's anti-doping efforts [drop down]

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During her tenure Aurora has:

Implemented comprehensive anti-doping programs to protect the integrity of Australian teams competing at major sporting events:

- Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games
- Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games
- London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games
- 2014 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games
- Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2014 (program is underway)

Worked with Australian and international partners to promote the use of intelligence and investigation methods in anti-doping programs:

- Worked with anti-doping experts to develop the World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA) guidelines for Coordinating Investigations and Sharing Anti-Doping Information and Evidence
- Signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Australian Crime Commission to share information and intelligence
- Reached an agreement with UK Anti-Doping to bridge the intelligence and investigation strengths of the two anti-doping organisations
- Shared anti-doping intelligence theory and procedures with anti-doping agencies from Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Lithuania, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Qatar, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden and Switzerland
- Assisted Drug Free Sport New Zealand to establish its own intelligence program
- Partnered with Australian law enforcement bodies in joint exercises

Initiated complex investigations to establish evidence of possible anti-doping rule violations in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code and Australian legislation:

- Australian cycling investigation—commenced after two former elite Australian cyclists admitted to doping during their career
- Operation Cobia investigation—commenced after the release of the Australian Crime Commission findings into organised crime and drugs in sport

Supported Government initiatives to strengthen ASADA's anti-doping capabilities:

- Welcomed the appointment of the first Advisory Group to ASADA in 2011
- Assisted in the preparation of the *Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment Bill 2013*
- Updated the ASADA Regulations in 2013 to complement changes to the ASADA Act
- Assisted in the review of the World Anti-Doping Code in preparation for 2015

Oversaw the introduction of new initiatives into Australia's anti-doping program:

- Launched ASADA e-Learning in 2010
- Started a world-first counselling service for athletes and support personnel in 2011

- Introduced Australia's first Athlete Biological Passport program in 2012

Issued advisories to Australian athletes and sports:

- Cautioned athletes in 2010 about the use of supplements following nine positive test result in quick succession for the prohibited stimulant methylhexanamine
- Shared concerns in 2011 with sports and with international anti-doping colleagues about the increase in the acquisition and movement of peptides and hormones at the Australian border
- Alerted athletes in 2012 of the risks of meat products contaminated with the prohibited substance clenbuterol in some overseas locations including China, Mexico and countries in the European Union
- Cautioned athletes in 2013 to be aware of the black market substance GW501516 a developmental drug that was withdrawn from research when serious toxicities were discovered

Played a leading role in the development of worldwide anti-doping policy and practice by sharing Australia's experience at various international forums:

- The Conference of Parties to the International Convention Against Doping in Sport (UNESCO)
- WADA Symposium for Anti-Doping Organisations
- Association of National Anti-Doping Organisations (ceased operation in 2010)
- Institute of National Anti-Doping Organisations (Aurora was elected to the iNADO Board of Directors in 2013)
- Monitoring Group for the Council of Europe Anti-Doping Convention
- International Anti-Doping Arrangement
- World Sports Law Report Tackling Doping in Sport Conference
- Anti-Doping Norway symposium

Prior to joining ASADA, Aurora was the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Centrelink and held senior roles at the former Department of Education, Science and Training. In the 2006 Australia Day Honours List, Aurora was awarded the Public Service Medal for outstanding public service in the development and implementation of a new national framework for vocational education and training in Australia.

Carolyn Maher

From: Rohan Lindeman
Sent: Wednesday, 12 March 2014 9:51 AM
To: Kay Mcniece; Health News; 'Neil.Branch@health.gov.au'
Cc: Andrew Godkin; Aurora Andruska; Callum Campbell; 'david.learmonth@health.gov.au'; Elen Perdikogiannis; Greg Morris; John Wiseman; Michelle Heins; 'natasha.cole@health.gov.au'; Health News; Tony Baccari; Travis Haslam; Trevor Burgess
Subject: ASADA response - Canberra Times - CEO recruitment and staffing levels [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
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Hi Kay and Neil

Please note below ASADA's response to questions from Phillip Thomson at the Canberra Times:

Just had a couple of quick questions about the job ad for the new CEO of ASADA for a story I'm writing.

1. *What is the salary range for the job?*
2. *What is happening to the staffing level at ASADA? If it's being reduced, how much by over the next year? If being increased, how much by and over what timeframe?*

Please advise if you have any questions/concerns with the response. Please note his deadline of 11am.

Regards

Rohan

RESPONSE

Dear Phillip

The following can be attributed to an ASADA spokesperson:

1. What is the salary range for the job?

The recruitment process for the new ASADA CEO is being undertaken by the Department of Health. Enquiries regarding this process should be directed to the Department.

2. What is happening to the staffing level at ASADA? If it's being reduced, how much by over the next year? If being increased, how much by and over what timeframe?

There are no immediate plans to alter ASADA's staffing levels.

From: Phillip Thomson [mailto:phillip.thomson@fairfaxmedia.com.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 11 March 2014 10:21 PM
To: ASADA media
Subject: Questions-Canberra Times

Hi ASADA media,

Just had a couple of quick questions about the job ad for the new CEO of ASADA for a story I'm writing.

1. What is the salary range for the job?

2. What is happening to the staffing level at ASADA? If it's being reduced, how much by over the next year? If being increased, how much by and over what timeframe?

DEADLINE: 11am this Thursday (March 13).

Cheers

Phillip Thomson

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From: Tony Baccari
Sent: Thursday, 10 April 2014 5:35 PM
To: Health News
Cc: Andrew Godkin; Aurora Andruska; Callum Campbell; 'david.learmonth@health.gov.au'; Elen Perdikogiannis; John Wiseman; Kay Mcniece; Michelle Heins; Travis Haslam; Trevor Burgess; Melissa Munro; 'Neil.Branch@health.gov.au'; Greg Morris
Subject: Media enquiry - Channel Nine Melbourne - deadline was COB today [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: TRIM: Media enquiry - Channel 9 Melbourne
Importance: High
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Hi Kay

Please find attached a late media enquiry (sent at 4.42pm) from Channel Nine Melbourne who has requested a response by COB today. The reporter's questions vary in topic, so I have included below our response that has been approved by Aurora and Elen. Please let me know if you have any concerns regarding our response.

I will respond to the reporter, once I hear back from you.

Please note that in the response below I advise him that his ADRVP enquiry will be referred to the department.

Tony

RESPONSE:

Dear Mitch

The following is provided as background information:

A statement regarding the ASADA ADRVP meeting held today and what occurred.

The Anti-Doping Rule Violation Panel (ADRVP) operates independently of ASADA. It would be inappropriate for ASADA to comment on matters related to the ADRVP. We will refer your enquiry to the Department of Health.

Aurora Andruska's end date with ASADA.

After almost 40 years in the public sector [Ms Aurora Andruska PSM](#), Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) will retire on 9 May 2014 upon completion of her current term.

Garry Downes' end date with ASADA.

We refer you to the [media release](#) issued by the Minister for Sport, The Hon Peter Dutton MP in relation to the engagement of the Hon Garry Downes (AM QC FCI Arb). The release makes reference to certain timeframes.

Can you confirm whether Aurora Andruska is on stress leave from ASADA currently?

ASADA CEO, Aurora Andruska is at work and conducting her official duties as head of the agency.

Regards

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Carolyn Maher

From: Mitch Cleary <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 10 April 2014 4:42 PM
To: ASADA media
Subject: TRIM: Media enquiry - Channel 9 Melbourne

Hi,

Wondering if I can get a response to a few questions by COB today?

- a statement regarding the ASADA ADRVP meeting held today and what occurred
- Aurora Andruska's end date with ASADA
- Garry Downes' end date with ASADA
- Can you confirm whether Aurora Andruska is on stress leave from ASADA currently?

Thanks for your time.

Regards,

Mitch Cleary
News reporter/producer
[REDACTED]

Carolyn Maher

From: Tony Baccari
Sent: Thursday, 24 April 2014 2:14 PM
To: Glenn Barry; Andrew Godkin
Cc: Greg Morris; Aurora Andruska; Elen Perdikogiannis; Trevor Burgess; Travis Haslam; John Wiseman; 'Neil.Branch@health.gov.au'; 'david.learmonth@health.gov.au'; Michelle Heins; Callum Campbell; Kay Mcniece
Subject: ASADA proposed response to Herald Sun enquiry [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: DRAFT - Media response - Grant Baker - Herald Sun - CEO replacement.docx
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Hi Glenn and Andrew

I am forwarding this to you in Greg's absence.

Please find attached a proposed response to a media enquiry from Grant Baker (Herald Sun) about Aurora's replacement.

Please let me know if you have any concerns with the response.

Regards
Tony

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Media enquiry: Grant Baker (Herald Sun)

Enquiry:

From: Baker, Grant [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: 24 April 2014 1:11 PM
To: Tony Baccari
Subject: TRIM: Replacement for Aurora Andruska

Hi Tony,

Has a replacement for Aurora Andruska been found?

If so, who is it?

If not, when do you expect that ASADA will be in a position to name a new CEO?

Regards,

Grant

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Response:

Dear Grant

The recruitment process for the new ASADA CEO is being undertaken by the Department of Health. Enquiries regarding this process should be directed to the Department.

Regards

Carolyn Maher

From: Helen Thorne
Sent: Thursday, 8 May 2014 10:57 AM
To: Aurora Andruska
Subject: Email - Resignation from Department [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Email to jane.halton@health.gov.au

Cc to [@xx](#)

Dear Prof Halton

As you are aware, I will retire from the APS tomorrow. Please accept this email as my resignation from my substantive position as SES Band 3 from the Department of Health, effective 9 May 2014.

Yours sincerely
Aurora Andruska

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Check your substances <https://checksubstances.asada.gov.au>

Online whereabouts <https://whereabouts.asada.gov.au>

Carolyn Maher

From: Tony Baccari
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2014 2:11 PM
To: Health News
Cc: Kay Mcniece; 'david.learmonth@health.gov.au'; Greg Morris; 'Neil.Branch@health.gov.au'; Andrew Godkin; Ben McDevitt; Callum Campbell; John Wiseman; Michelle Heins; Trevor Burgess; Travis Haslam; Melissa Munro; Elen Perdikogiannis
Subject: Media enquiry - Grant Baker (Herald Sun) - Aurora's consultancy [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: Media enquiry Grant Baker (Herald Sun).docx
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Hi Kay

Please find attached a media enquiry from the Herald Sun's Grant Baker and our response.

This response has been approved by our CEO.

FYI – the reason for coming out in the first line and saying the information is incorrect is because once the consultancy finishes, I believe a number of journalists will be calling Aurora seeking comment. I would prefer we minimise the chance of this happening.

The radio report Grant refers to in his enquiry is most likely off the back of yesterday's tweet:

Subject: Tweet from The Run Home (@therunhome)



The Run Home ([@therunhome](#))

[21/05/2014 4:36 pm](#)

Rebecca Wilson says former ASADA CEO Aurora Andruska has been asked to stay on as a consultant until the end of next week

I am unavailable for the next hour and a bit, but can be contacted on mobile or via email from 3.30 pm.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Tony

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Media enquiry: Grant Baker (Herald Sun)

Enquiry:

Thanks for this.

It was said on Melbourne radio yesterday that Aurora Andruska would remain as a consultant until the end of next week (end of May).

Is that correct, is that when she will finish?

Regards,

Grant

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Response:

Dear Grant

Information circulating in the public domain regarding the completion date of Aurora Andruska's consultancy with ASADA (end of May) is incorrect.

While we are unable to confirm the length of the consultancy, Ms Andruska will act as a consultant to the ASADA CEO, Ben McDevitt for as long as he requires the service.

Mr McDevitt values Ms Andruska's contribution as he familiarises himself with a number of important matters before ASADA.

Regards