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Dear Mr Demetriou

I am writing to advise you of the decision regarding future Australian Government funding for the Australian Football League's (AFL) Illicit Drugs in Sport (IDIS) Program. In the current fiscal environment the Government has had to make some tough decisions in relation to ongoing priorities. Unfortunately, Government funding to support a number of National Sporting Organisations (NSO) IDIS programs will be affected.

I am delighted, however, to advise that the Government will provide \$2.2 million over five years to establish a National Integrity of Sports Unit (NISU) within the Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport. The establishment of the NISU is a component of the National Policy on Match-Fixing in Sport agreed by the Australian, State and Territory Governments and is an essential element of the Government's efforts to protect sport now and into the future.

The AFL's current funding agreement with the Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport for the implementation of the IDIS Program is due to expire on 30 June 2013. I confirm that the Government will honour the remaining payments due under this agreement in 2012-13. In addition, the AFL will also be able to retain its underspend identified at 30 June 2012 for use on IDIS activities.

If it is likely that the AFL will not expend its IDIS funding by 30 June 2013, I will ask the Department to extend the current agreement period to allow the remaining funds to be used in the following financial year to enable an easier transition to self-sufficiency. If the AFL wishes to take up this offer, please contact Natasha Cole on (02) 6210 2705 or via email at [natasha.cole@pmc.gov.au](mailto:natasha.cole@pmc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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