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PRIME MINISTER

17 JAN 2020

Mr Philip Gaetjens
Secretary
Department of the Prime Minister & Cabinet
1 National Circuit
Barton ACT 2600

Dear Secretary

I am writing to you seeking your guidance on recent matters arising in relation to the application of the Statement of Ministerial Standards to the Minister for Agriculture, Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie.

I refer to the matters raised in the recent Auditor-General's report when the Minister was responsible for Sport and the management of the Community Sport Infrastructure Grant Program (Auditor-General Report No. 23 of 2019-20).

The Auditor-General has observed that in approving grant applications for funding under the program, the Minister conducted a process separate from that conducted by Sports Australia. The Auditor-General has reported that this led to evidence of distribution bias in the award of grant funding.

I am seeking your advice of any apparent breaches in the Statement of Ministerial Standards in relation to the Minister's administration of this programme. In preparing your advice, I expect that you will consult with the Minister on any matter that requires clarification.

I look forward to your response and advice as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Morrison'.

SCOTT MORRISON

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