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Statement on Mr Ben McDevitt

The Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA), Mr Ben McDevitt AM APM, has advised the Government that he has decided to step down as head of ASADA, from 5 May 2017.

Mr McDevitt was appointed head of ASADA in May 2014 following a distinguished 30 year career in various national and international law enforcement roles.

As ASADA's Chief Executive Officer, Mr McDevitt brought extensive experience particularly in investigations and intelligence, which has been invaluable to ASADA's work in combatting doping in sport and to protect the clean athlete.

Mr McDevitt has also made a valuable and respected contribution to global anti-doping efforts, working closely with the anti-doping organisations of other nations and the World Anti-Doping Agency.

These efforts have contributed to Australia's reputation as a leading nation in the fight against doping and protecting the integrity of world sport.

One of Mr McDevitt's biggest challenges has been to oversee and finalise ASADA's investigations into anti-doping violations in Australian professional sport. This investigation was without precedent in terms of scale and complexity.

Mr McDevitt's departure is entirely of his own choosing.

I wish to sincerely thank him for his leadership and achievements in protecting Australian sport and the clean athlete.

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