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'Hi Anika

Re Herald Sun story tonight re: drug testing /AFL and Andrew Wilkie statement in parliament today,

I'm available to discuss any aspect with you tonight / tomorrow morning

Andrew"

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Key Lines regarding integrity in sport:

- Sport plays a vital role in our society promoting equality, inclusion, fairness and safety.
- The Albanese Labor Government is committed to participant safety in Australian sport, from playground to podium.
- The matters raised in parliament are very concerning given the AFL are a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Code. This matter has been referred to Sport Integrity Australia CEO David Sharpe for assessment. The Government will not be making any further comments about the matter pending Mr Sharpe's assessment.

If pushed, can refer to the Prime Minister's response about the matter in question time, on 27/03/24:

Mr WILKIE (Clark) (14:12): My question is to the Prime Minister. Minister. Why has your government twice prevented me from tabling these documents, which contain evidence of appalling misconduct by AFL executives and some team staff? Why are you trying to keep them a secret—or can I walk down and give them to you personally right now?

Mr ALBANESE (Grayndler—Prime Minister) (14:12): I thank the member for Clark for his question. I note that walking around the chamber is disorderly, but I do note that the member for Clark has always had access to me, as other members of parliament do. There isn't a member here, including over there, up there or behind me, who has asked to see me or made a phone call and has not had a call returned—not one. That's the way that I deal with parliamentarians, and I deal with senators the same—with respect. In general, we have an approach that, when documents are requested to be tabled, if people want that, the normal process would be to ask, as when I was a member of the opposition and wanted something to be tabled. If I was serious about getting it tabled, I would ask, show it to the person at the dispatch box and receive that. I am aware that the member for Clark has made allegations. I am not aware of whether those allegations are correct or not. I have a big job; on that job description isn't the control of the Australian Football League. But, if issues are raised, Sport Integrity Australia are aware of the issue and they have begun their assessment, and I'm sure that the member for Clark will forward any documentation to the appropriate body.

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QB24-000058**TITLE: INTEGRITY, CULTURE AND ATHLETE WELLBEING IN AUSTRALIAN SPORT****ISSUE:** Current issues relating to integrity in Australian Sport including athlete and participant safety and well-being**Key Points:**

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QB24-000058**Sensitivities:**

- The current Australian Football League (AFL) matter involving Joel Smith and the Melbourne Football Club is being managed by the AFL and Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) under the World Anti-Doping Code.
- There is no place for illicit drugs in sport.
- There are significant health impacts for athletes using illicit drugs, including the risk of stroke and heart attack.
- Culture is a matter for the AFL, but we all have a role to play.

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Background:**Anti-Doping**

- Joel Smith tested positive for Cocaine and Benzoyllecgonine on 21 September 2023 (N.B this is the date of the ASDTL A Sample Guidance Report). The Doping Control Test occurred on 20 August 2023.
- A notice of Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRVs) was issued on 3 October 2023 for the ADRV of Presence of a Prohibited Substance and its metabolite and the Use of a Prohibited Substance.
- A Further Notice of ADRV was issued on 1 February 2024 for the ADRVs of Trafficking and/or Attempted Trafficking of a Prohibited Substance (multiple ADRVs) and the Possession of a Prohibited Substance.
- The matter will progress under the term outlined in the World Anti-Doping Code and will ultimately be resolved through a negotiated outcome or AFL Tribunal Hearing.
- Once the AFL Anti-Doping Tribunal hands down any decision, it is open to the parties (including SIA) and also WADA to appeal the outcome.

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QB24-000058**MEDIA COVERAGE :**[Football NSW Statement](#), 4 April 2024'I did off-the-books drug tests of AFL players' The Australian, Edition
Changes - All-round Metro, 27/03/2024, Lily McCaffrey, Page 3

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