



RE: Letter from Nathan Smyth DOHA [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi Alan

I have spoken to [s 47F] the travel agent who arranged our entries to the 2011 NYC marathon. Attached are two emails from [s 47F] relating to the entries, including the entry made for [s 47F]. It is clear that the 14 entries do not include one for [s 47F].

Regards  
Rob

**From:** Alan.Conway@health.gov.au [mailto:Alan.Conway@health.gov.au]

**Sent:** Tuesday, 9 April 2013 9:28 AM

**To:** Robert de Castella

**Cc:** Dilani Abeysuriya; Helen.Eastburn@health.gov.au; Nathan.Smyth@health.gov.au; Tim Rowe

**Subject:** RE: Letter from Nathan Smyth DOHA [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Rob,

Thanks for that, and I hope not to take up too much of your time. However, there are still two issues which have not been resolved completely.

First, the information on flights shows that airfares were provided for the people nominated, but it does not address the issue of whether these were the only people who received airfares. I think the simplest way of resolving this is to get records from Qantas which lists of all people that were provided with airfares under the sponsorship or contra arrangement. I think it is highly likely that they would keep this information as I imagine they would claim the flight costs donated as a tax deduction.

Second, there is still an element of uncertainty about the fourteenth entry. Hopefully Travelmanagers will be able to provide some records, but the issue I see is that if [s 47F] name was submitted as an entrant then why was [s 47F] not given a registration form as the others were? If the answer is that [s 47F] entry was withdrawn then can you please try to find the email listing all those to be entered and the one effecting [s 47F] withdrawal.

I have just remembered that Dilani was also going to try to find out why the amount for the premium room for [s 47F] was listed as costing \$3,772, but the tax invoice which appears to correspond to the repayment of this was only \$2,998. Was this the repayment for the room or was it for something else?

Thanks.

Alan Conway

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 Date: 08/04/2013 17:32  
 Subject: RE: Letter from Nathan Smyth DOHA [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Alan

I've emailed and called the travel agent, s 47F Travel Managers (mobile and office) and am waiting for s 47F to call back. I don't know if s 47F is even in Australia.

I have found the attached spread sheet of Qantas flights. No record of us doing flight for s 47F or s 47F

I understand that s 47F arranged s 47F own flights and also arranged s 47F own entry into the event.

I will ask s 47F if s 47F can provide a copy of the names we reserved race entries for. Hopefully it will provide a record of the entry for s 47F which s 47F subsequently withdrew from.

As we explained, we were required to provide names for runners to the event very early, and unfortunately s 47F withdrew after this.

This is supported by the email and the spread sheet with names (see attached email – IMP New York Entries).

We then added another runner, s 47F from Alice Springs (see attached email – IMP 12 NYC entry) when s 47F offered us another spot. The other two entries, 13 and 14 were for s 47F

To summarise, we had 11 runners, one withdrawal s 47F and two mentors s 47F and s 47F. This totals the 14 entries paid. s 47F refunded their entry, and we lost s 47F entry.

When I hear back from s 47F I'll update you, if required.

Also attached is the Journal entry re the refund of s 47F accommodation from our donations.

I hope we can sort this out ASAP as we are flat out preparing to take a runner from Darwin to the Boston marathon on Monday next, departing this Thursday, and about to announce the 2013 squad. This has also been a little time consuming as the arrangements for 2011 New York were done by a staff member s 47F who is no longer here, and we are endeavouring to find email records from her old account.

Please let me know how else we can help you.

Regards

Rob



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Thanks for talking to us today and providing a range of documents.

As we discussed, you are going to see if you to find some other documents relating to:

- all people that were provided with airfares by Qantas as part of their sponsorship arrangement with the IMP; and
- a list of all 14 people covered by race entries, as we currently have only 13 registrations documents.

I forgot to get it today, but I had also previously asked for a copy of the journal entry from your accounting records to show that the accommodation charge for **s 47F** had been taken out of IMP expenses and allocated elsewhere. Would you also provide a copy of this with the other documents.

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Thanks you Helen for your email and attached letter.

We look forward to cooperating fully with your team.

Regards

Rob de Castella

**From:** [Helen.Eastburn@health.gov.au](mailto:Helen.Eastburn@health.gov.au) [<mailto:Helen.Eastburn@health.gov.au>]  
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Good afternoon Rob

Please find attached a letter from Nathan Smyth, First Assistant Secretary, Population Health Division.

kind regards

Helen

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----- Message from Tim Rowe <[tim.r@smartstart.com.au](mailto:tim.r@smartstart.com.au)> on Mon, 8 Apr 2013 17:11:23 +1000 -----

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Subject: FW: IMP 12th NYC entry