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To: [Andrew Evans](#)
Subject: FW: ABC query - Star Entertainment Group investigation
Date: Wednesday, 9 February 2022 1:37:00 PM
Attachments: [JAG-5932030-220209 Media enquiry - Star Casino - ABC Rachel Riqa.docx.DRF](#)
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Hi Andrew,

The DG has approved the attached response unchanged, please progress.

Cheers

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From: [Andrew Evans](#)
To: [Roger McCarthy](#)
Subject: FW: ABC query - Star Entertainment Group investigation
Date: Wednesday, 9 February 2022 1:07:58 PM
Attachments: [JAG-5932030-220209 Media enquiry - Star Casino - ABC Rachel Riga.docx.DRF](#)
[image001.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Hi Roger,

Approved by Victoria. I will also be calling the journo as she has got the wrong end of theAndrew Evans

For DG endorsement – it is pretty much the same as all the other responses.

Thanks

Andrew

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Sent: Tuesday, 8 February 2022 4:38 PM

To: Olivia Amsden <Olivia.Amsden@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Andrew Evans
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Subject: Fwd: ABC query - Star Entertainment Group investigation

This just came through, isn't this more of a dept thing? And no review underway for ag to consider, just an investigation into allegations ?

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A response by the end of tomorrow will be fine!

Thanks!
Rachel



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To: [Victoria Thomson](#)
Cc: [Roger McCarthy](#)
Subject: UPDATE - For DG review DRAFT response The Star
Date: Friday, 14 January 2022 12:27:54 PM
Attachments: [image006.png](#)
[FW: Question for The Australian Financial Review.msg](#)
[Media enquiry - AFR -- AUSTRACStar Entertainment.msg](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Hi Victoria,

As discussed are you comfortable with this

The Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation (OLGR) notes today's announcement and has already commenced additional inquiries and compliance activities relating to The Star's Queensland casinos. This work is continuing in close liaison with our regulatory partners AUSTRAC and the Queensland Police Service. The OLGR regularly briefs the Attorney-General on the progress of these inquiries.

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Sent: Friday, 14 January 2022 12:19 PM
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Cc: Roger McCarthy <Roger.McCarthy@justice.qld.gov.au>
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To: [Andrew Evans](#)
Subject: FW: Need asap- media enquiry - Star and pokies data
Date: Tuesday, 30 November 2021 3:36:00 PM
Attachments: [JAG-5872891-Media enquiry Brisbane Times - Star casino and pokies.docx.DRF](#)
[JAG-#5872891-v1-Media enquiry Brisbane Times - Star casino and pokies.DOCX](#)

Hi Andrew,

Version 1 of the attached response has been approved by the DG unchanged, please progress.

Cheers

Roger

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Sent: Tuesday, 30 November 2021 2:56 PM

To: Roger McCarthy <Roger.McCarthy@justice.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Need asap- media enquiry - Star and pokies data

Hi Roger,

For DG review prior to AGO review and approval.

The reporter has requested a response by 4pm.

Thanks

Andrew

From: Matt Dennien <m.dennien@fairfaxmedia.com.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 30 November 2021 10:26 AM

To: OLGRMedia <OLGRMedia@justice.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Star and pokies data

Hi there,

Just hoping to get a response today, by 4pm, if we could from OLGR on the following.

- Attorney-General Shannon Fentiman said last month that QPS, along with OLGR and Austrac, were investigating appropriateness and effectiveness of Star's due diligence RE anti-money laundering and how it approaches exclusions. At what stage is this investigation at and have any actions since been taken by OLGR?

- The SMH/Age recently reported it had uncovered evidence of "an Asian crime syndicate involved in illegal prostitution and suspected human trafficking washing funds via pokies venues in Queensland". Has this been passed on to OLGR, or was the regulator already aware, and what investigations/actions have been taken or are underway?

- NSW's gaming regulator has been found to [not have been able to access pokies data from Star casino](#) in that state after a request from police for the info which was not available. Does OLGR receive data from Star's casino pokies in Queensland? If not, why? And if so, is this different to the arrangements for other pokies operators across the state?

Best,

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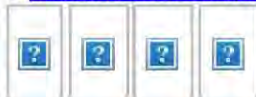
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