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TOPIC: Sports Drug testing - contact with the Australian Crime Commission

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Senator BUSHBY: Thank you for that. I will bear that in mind in my further questions for the agency. There is speculation in the media that you may be asked to retest a number of samples that are currently frozen at your premises at North Ryde, specifically for traces of peptides. If that were to occur, from which authority would or should that instruction properly come?

Dr Fisk: I would expect it to come from ASADA because we hold those samples under the terms of an MOU with ASADA.

Senator BUSHBY: Bearing in mind the comment Senator Lundy just made, do you have any statistical records that you hold that are publicly available?

Dr Fisk: The records that are publicly available are made public by ASADA and our MOU is with them. So when I refer to being able to provide you with statistics, I would be providing you with statistics which are available publicly from ASADA.

Senator BUSHBY: Have you been contacted at all by the Australian Crime Commission for your input, either formally or informally, into their recent investigation into the use of drugs in Australian sport?

Dr Fisk: Not to my knowledge, but I will take that on notice to ask my staff to see whether or not there has been any contact of which I am presently unaware.

ANSWER

NMI has not been contacted either formally or informally in relation to the Australian Crime Commission's recent investigation on the use of drugs in Australian sport.