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Senator Payne
Chair
Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
Department of the Senate
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Parliament House
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Dear Senator Payne

Re: Migration Amendment (Employer Sanctions) Bill 2006

I refer to the attached question on notice from the appearance of The Migration Institute of Australia Limited before the Committee on 26 April 2006.

As I indicated in my response I was not present at recent meetings between the MIA and the DIMA and had no knowledge of any previous discussions in relation to the matters before the Committee.

Mr Ryan's response related to the current submission.

I have made inquiries from others in the organisation who have been present at the various consultations that occur between the MIA and DIMA and state as follows.

There have been a discussions between the MIA and the DIMA over a number of years in relation to EVO. The most recent being in the later part of 2004 and the early part of 2005. Those discussions were in the context of a previous version of the current bill.

The submissions made to the Committee for the current bill have not been discussed between the MIA and the DIMA. It is the intention of the MIA to raise these matters with the DIMA in the near future.

If further clarification is required I can be contacted on 02 9279 3140.

Yours Faithfully

David Mawson
Chief Executive Officer

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