

Migration Institute of Australia Limited (ABN 83 003 409 390)

Migration Agents Registration Authority

27 November 2003

Mr Alistair Sands
Secretary
Senate Select Committee on Ministerial Discretion in Migration Matters
The Senate
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600



Dear Mr Sands,

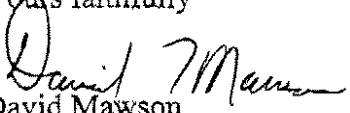
Re: Inquiry into Ministerial Discretion in Migration Matters: Questions on notice regarding Mr Fahmi Hussain.

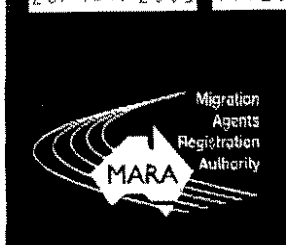
I attach the response by the Migration Agents Registration Authority to the questions on notice regarding Mr Fahmi Hussain.

The Authority does not require the committee to receive this information in camera.

If you require further information regarding this matter I can be contacted on 02 9299 5446 extn 284.

Yours faithfully


David Mawson
Executive Officer



Migration Agents Registration Authority response to the Select Committee on Ministerial Discretion in Migration Matters Questions on Notice regarding Mr Fahmi Hussain

- 1) *Has MARA received any complaints regarding Fahmi Hussain (agent number 9361284) since his registration was cancelled on 1 March 2002?*

The MARA has not received any complaints regarding Mr Hussain since his registration was cancelled on 1 March 2002 that the MARA could pass to the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

- 2) *Has MARA received any complaints about unregistered practice by Mr Fahmi Hussain? If so, were these complaints referred to the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs?*

The MARA has not received any complaints about unregistered practice by Mr Hussain and therefore the MARA has not referred complaints to the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

- 3) *Is MARA aware of any information which could suggest that Mr Hussain has been engaged in providing migration advice since his registration was cancelled? If so what is the nature of that information?*

The MARA's complaints customer service officer received a call regarding Mr Hussain on 15 July 2003 at 11.20am. The caller indicated that Mr Hussain was acting as her migration agent. She had found his name on the MARA website's sanctions page, which indicated that his registration had been cancelled on 1 March 2002. The caller stated that Mr Hussain had lodged an application for migration on her behalf in October 2002. The caller indicated that she did not wish to make a complaint against Mr Hussain but as he was cancelled she wished to alert the MARA to the fact that he was still practicing as a migration agent.