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Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions

Group of Copenhagen – Network of National Platforms

National Platform Fact sheet

AUSTRALIA

1. Administrative issues / State of progress

State of Progress

- ❖ Operational.

Legal Status

❖ The *Sport Integrity Australia Act 2020* (Cth) empowers Sport Integrity Australia to assist the CEO in the performance of the CEO's functions, which include, but not limited to:

- coordinating a national approach in relation to Australia's response to matters relating to sports integrity, including threats to sports integrity,
- coordinating and strengthening relationships among State and Territory governments, regulators, sporting organisations and law enforcement and other agencies in relation to matters relating to sports integrity, including threats to sports integrity, and
- working with domestic and overseas regulators, sporting organisations and operators of betting services in relation to matters connected with match-fixing in sport or fraud in sports-betting.

Responsible Secretariat

- ❖ Sport Integrity Australia.

Contact persons

- ❖ NationalPlatform@sportintegrity.gov.au

Organizational form and composition of NP (bodies/entities)

- ❖ Sport Integrity Australia provides a national coordination function to respond to the threat of competition manipulation. Sport Integrity Australia achieves this through collaboration with key stakeholders to coordinate the effective identification of possible manipulations and responses by stakeholders, which includes sport, Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) and regulators.
- ❖ The Australian Sport Wagering Scheme Advisory Group, comprising of representatives of gambling operators, sporting organisations, state and territory law enforcement, state and territory gambling regulators, provide advice around processes and strategy around identifying and responding to competition manipulation issues, which includes the functions of the National Platform.

2. Structure / Operational Aspects

Priorities / functions of the NP

- ❖ To centralise the collection, collation, analysis and dissemination of betting related information and intelligence and coordinate effective responses to protect Australian sport from the manipulation of sporting competitions and betting related corruption.

Objectives

- ❖ To collect, analyse and disseminate alerts, information and intelligence to complement and coordinate responses to the manipulation of sports events in Australia, and where appropriate, alert Australian law enforcement agencies and national sporting organisations.
- ❖ To maintain a contemporaneous understanding of current and emerging methodologies used to exploit the domestic and international bookmaking industry and corrupt Australian sport – including the threat posed by offshore unregulated platforms.
- ❖ To maintain a contemporaneous understanding of gaps and vulnerabilities in the domestic and international gambling and sporting regulatory environment that is, or can be, exploited by criminal actors and participants to corrupt Australian sport – including the threat posed by offshore unregulated platforms.
- ❖ To provide expert advice on current and emerging competition manipulation related threats to Australian sport

Operational procedures

- ❖ Regular bilateral engagements to share information and intelligence with sporting organisations, industry service providers, regulators, and betting operators.

Implementation

- ❖ The National Platform has been fully operational since November 2017.

Funding of the NP (estimated yearly budget, sources)

- ❖ The National Platform is funded by the Federal Government, through Sport Integrity Australia

Other points

- ❖ The Australian Government established Sport Integrity Australia to develop and coordinate the response to issues raised in the Report of the Review of Australia's Sports Integrity Arrangements (the Wood Review) released in 2018. Bringing the National Platform function within Sport Integrity Australia is one reform among a broader sports wagering and competition manipulation reform agenda.