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in high risk visas (IA 1516 12) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi s. 22(1)

We have provided input on behalf of SFVP into our actions addressing recommendations in an internal audit *Management of Fraud Risks in High Risk Visa Programmes 2015-16* (see PDF attached). Once our inputs, and those of other areas (highlighted in yellow), have been accepted the audit can be closed. Our input is in <u>Attachment A</u> (non highlighted wording).

The objective of this internal audit was to assess the design and operating effectiveness of the controls in place to mitigate the risk of internal and external fraud and corruption in the General Skilled Migration (GSM) and Significant Investor Visa (SIV) programs.

The GSM and SIV programs were selected for inclusion in this internal audit:

- The GSM program has been selected due to the high volume of visas, high likelihood of fraud in the program and history of fraud in the past.
- The SIV program is a relatively new visa program within the wider Business Innovation and Investment Programme (BIIP) business area that deals with high monetary values to acquire the visas and they can lead to permanent residency.

Last actions for us is to seek AS clearance on the closure minute. There are three attachments to the minute.

- Attachment A: Actions taken to close recommendation (Word document attached)
- Attachment B: Caseload Assurance Branch Close recommendations (PDF attached)
- Attachment C: Visa Management FCRA v4 (excel spreadsheet attached)

Once we have your clearance of the minute we will send this email through to Immigration Integrity QA who will then proceed to close the audit.

Happy to discuss

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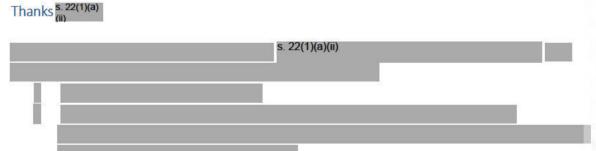
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Good Afternoon,

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If you would like any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact s. 22(1)(a)

Many thanks for your assistance with this.



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Dear Cos, s. 22(1)(a)(ii) , (GSM DS, copied in for information)
Please find attached a report included in yesterday's s. 47E(d) Summary that gives a good little primer on the key risks in the Business
Innovation and Investment program. For reference, please also find the BIIP Review talking points.
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FYI only - Report on money laundering is of general interest – doesn't call out BIIP, although RMAs are called out as a sector being used to exploit vulnerabilities, as well as shelf company arrangements.

Regards

Peter

Peter Richards

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In December 2019, the Department of Home Affairs will release a consultation paper on the Business Innovation and Investment Program. The following talking points have been prepared to support responses to any media enquiries that are generated by the release of the consultation paper.

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- I announced in August this year that I will be reviewing our business and investment visas with a simple question in mind: can we get a better deal for Australia?
- The Business Innovation and Investment program (BIIP) targets migrants who have a demonstrated history of success in innovation, investment and business and are able to make a significant contribution to the national innovation system and the Australian economy.
- Immigration to Australia is highly attractive to this cohort, and we need to ensure that we maximise the returns to our economy from their investment.
- The next step of the review is public consultation. I invite views on opportunities to maximise the value business and investment visas can generate for Australia. A copy of the consultation paper is available on the Department of Home Affairs' website.
- Submissions to the review will assist with future program improvements, to get a better deal for Australia.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (IF ASKED) UNCLASSIFIED

What's the reason for not making the submissions public?

The Department is running a public consultation process affording interested members of the public and financial sector the opportunity to provide a submission on the business and investment visas review. The decision to publish a summary of key findings and or 20 submissions is a matter for government.

What integrity measures are in place for the Business Innovation and Investment program?

- The Department of Home Affairs has robust integrity measures in place to ensure the Business Innovation and Investment program (BIIP) is not used for money laundering or by economic fugitives.
- Applicants must meet Australia's security, character, identity and health requirements as specified in the Migration Act 1958 and Migration Regulations 1994. Applications undergo rigorous assessment using information available to the Department.
- This includes assessing applicants' financial arrangements and history, and checking their details against the AUSTRAC database. Individual cases are referred to AUSTRAC, the Australian Federal Police or the Australian Taxation Office for additional verification and investigation where appropriate.
- The Department refuses applications where the individual is found to have been involved in unacceptable and illegal business and investment activities.

How does the Department ensure the program is not a pathway for foreign interference?

All foreign nationals who wish to enter or remain in Australia must meet the requirements of the Migration Act 1958 and Migration Regulations 1994, including character and security criteria.

Will the outcomes of the 2017 business, investment and talent visas review be published?

- The Department of Home Affairs undertook a review of business, investment and talent visas in 2017 in conjunction with Austrade. Key findings of this review are summarised in the consultation paper. They were:
 - monitoring and evaluation were challenges at the early stage of the BIIP's maturity, as limited data was available

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- based on the available evidence, Australia is deriving benefits from business and investor migrants. For example, since 2012, Significant Investor visa holders have invested more than \$11.4 billion in Australia's economy.
- opportunities to minimise passive investment and drive innovative businesses should be explored.

What are the provisional and permanent visa options within the BIIP:

- business people with a range of business skills who want to establish, develop and manage a new or existing business in Australia
- investors who want to make a specified investment in the Australian economy and maintain business and investment activities in Australia eD
- entrepreneurs who have a funding agreement from a third party to undertake an entrepreneur activity that is proposed to lead to either the commercialisation of a product or service or the development of a promising, high-value business in Australia.

What visas are available under the BIIP?

Business Innovation and Investment visa (provisional to permanent)

- o Investor stream: for investors who are willing to invest at least \$1.5 million in Australian state and territory government bonds for at least four years.
- Significant Investor stream: for investors who are willing to invest at least \$5 million in Australia in accordance with the Complying Investment Framework for at least four years.
- Premium Investor stream: for investors who are willing to invest at least \$15 million in Australia in accordance with the Complying Investment Framework for at least one year.
- Business Innovation stream: for business people who want to operate a business in Australia.
- o Entrepreneur stream: for entrepreneurs who have received at least \$200,000 from an approved third party to undertake an entrepreneurial activity in Australia.

Business Talent visa (direct to permanent residence)

- Significant Business History stream: for business people with more business experience who want to operate a business in Australia.
- Venture Capital Entrepreneur stream: for entrepreneurs who have received at least \$1 million in funding from an Australian venture capital firm for a promising high value business idea.

Since the BIIP was introduced in July 2012 to end of November 2019:

 1,193 primary provisional Investor visas have been granted, bringing a total investment of about 1.79 billion in Australian state and territory government bonds.

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- 2,281 primary provisional Significant Investor visas have been granted, bringing total investment of more than 11.4 billion to the Australian economy.
- Significant Investor visa investments have to be made in accordance with the Complying Investment Framework (CIF), which requires applicants to invest \$5 million as follows:
 - At least \$500,000 (10%) in eligible Australian venture capital or growth private equity (VCPE) fund(s) investing in start-up and small private companies.
 - At least \$1.5 million (30%) in an eligible managed fund(s) or Listed Investment Companies (LICs) that invest in emerging companies.
 - A 'balancing investment' (i.e. the remaining portion of the \$5 million) of up to \$3 million (60%) in managed fund(s) or LICs that invest in eligible assets,

including Australian listed securities, eligible corporate bonds or notes, annuities and real property (subject to a 10% limit on residential real estate).

 The CIF directs parts of the investments to higher risk investments that support emerging enterprises, the commercialisation of Australian ideas, and research and development. These investments are critical to Australia's economic growth.

The most current statistics on the website for Significant Investor visa (SIV):

- o As of 31 August 2019:
 - 2,236 SIVs have been granted from the commencement of the SIV program on 24 November 2012 (1,644 were subject to regulations prior to 1 July 2015 and 592 were subject to regulations post 1 July 2015).
 - \$11.18 billion has been invested in Complying Investments.

The table below shows government sponsor distribution of the SIV for primary applicants between 1 July and 31 August 2019.

State	Expressions of Interest submitted through SkillSelect*	Invitations	Applications lodged	(application	
Any	<5	0	0	0	0
Austrade	5	<5	<5	0	0
ACT	5	0	0	0	0
NSW	163	43	43	0	11
NT	0	0	0	0	0
QLD	19	10	<5	0	<5
SA	15	<5	0	0	0
TAS	0	0	0	0	0
VIC	187	25	18	0	10
WA	18	<5	<5	0	0 0
Total	413	83	68	0	23

^{*}EOI figures as at 31 March 2019.

The table below shows the distribution of primary visa applications and visa grants for the top for source countries/regions from the commencement of the SIV program (24 November 2012) to August 2019.

Applicants – top five source countries	Percentage of total visa applications	Grants – top five source countries	Percentage of total visas granted
China	87.0	China	85.7 E
Hong Kong	3.8	Hong Kong	3.3
Malaysia	1.2	Malaysia	1.7
South Africa	1.0	South Africa	1.5
Vietnam	1.0	Vietnam	1.3

Statistics for other BIIP visas are not available on the website.

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Hi s. 22(1)

Thanks for checking in on this.

Our last advice on cryptocurrencies was from May 2018 and is filed at ADD2018/4255837. s. 22(1) email of September 2018 (attached) reiterated this advice and is our most recent position.

We have not revisited this policy with counterparts in relevant agencies in recent months, so cannot confirm that there have been no relevant developments in the regulatory environment in Australia. As such, we'd recommend referring to our previous position (being a point in time assessment).

For your reference, we note the following advice continues to be in place on ASIC's website: The relatively anonymous nature of digital currencies has made them very attractive to criminals, who may use them for money laundering and other illegal activities. Digital currencies are a popular choice of payment for transactions conducted on the dark web. s. 47E(d)

Thanks and happy to discuss.

Cheers,

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s. 22(1)(a) — as requested, some suggestions for areas of possible integrity concern / sampling for HK BIIP.

Kind regards

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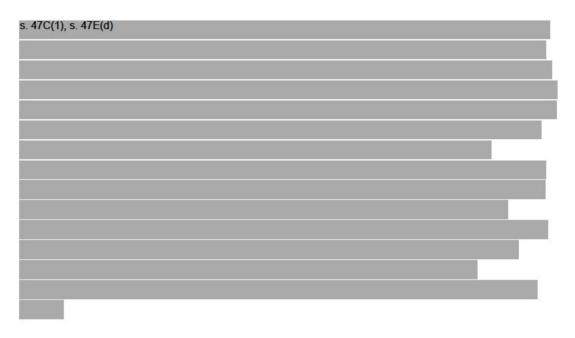
3 ideas on what might be appropriate for sampling exercises:

A) Sampling applications for SMR information

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B) Sampling to test if entitlement to work rights and remaining in A/a are being abused by applicants eligible for Bridging Visa



C) Incidence of history of involvement in business or investment activities that are of a nature that is not generally acceptable in Australia

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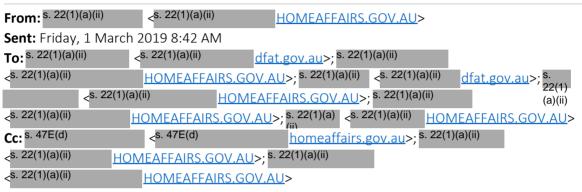
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Morning all



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This is to give you a heads up that the attached policy clarification on source of funds for the Complying Significant Investment will be disseminated to migration agents active in the SIV caseload as well as posted on the Business Skills Migration webpage of our website.

The clarification is issued by our Program Management Section as an interim measure to address two areas of identified risks to the SIV program. They will be included in the next update of the Procedures Advice Manual.

Background

Funds sourced from gifting

- Under policy, SIV applicants may be 'gifted' funds in order to make a complying significant investment.
- Visa applicants who are 'gifted' funds from persons more removed from the parent/child relationship are usually of concern.
 For unrelated parties, the motivation for gifting large sums of money is often unclear, raising concerns that the circumstances are contrived in order to avoid disclosure of the real source of funds.
- There is also the phenomenon that the person "gifting" the fund does not actually own the fund but takes out a bank loan
 secured by property asset belonging to a third person. The fund for the gifting is thereby technically unencumbered. It is
 highly likely that the SIV applicant will subsequently repay the loan with funds that need not be scrutinised by the
 department.

Funds sourced from gambling

- The general expectation is that funds sourced from gambling cannot be used to make a significant complying investment.
 There is, however, nothing in law that specifically precludes funds from gambling being used to make a complying significant investment.
- Applications are often able to produce winning cheques from casinos to demonstrate the lawfulness of the fund. Acceptance
 of winning cheques as net gains, however, does not address the issue of undisclosed losses. The program would also be
 exposed to the high risk of money laundering if gambling proceeds are accepted as source of funds for the CSI.

Please let me know should you have any concern with the messaging as proposed.

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Thanks S. -s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards

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Hi**s**.

Thank you for all your work on this issue.

The attached policy document is cleared and can be disseminated to decision makers and agents.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards

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Hi S. and S. 22(1)

As you know, policy is intending to make regulatory amendments to BIIP to address integrity issues. We are now aiming for MAR20 implementation.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)



Many thanks for your help.

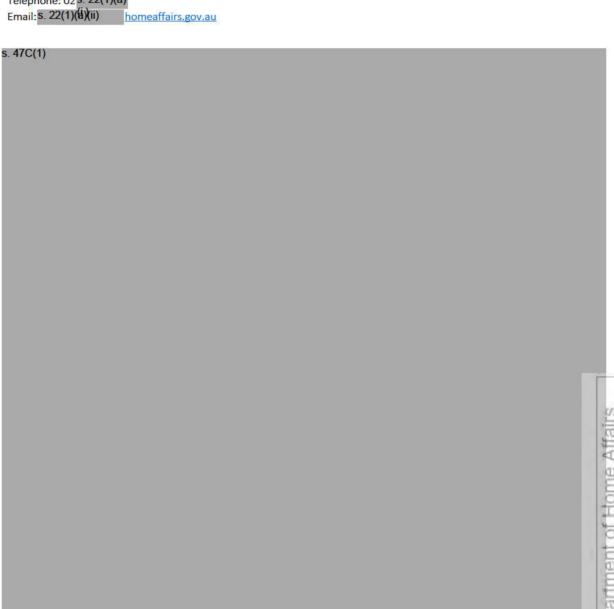
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Hi

The point we would like to put across is that



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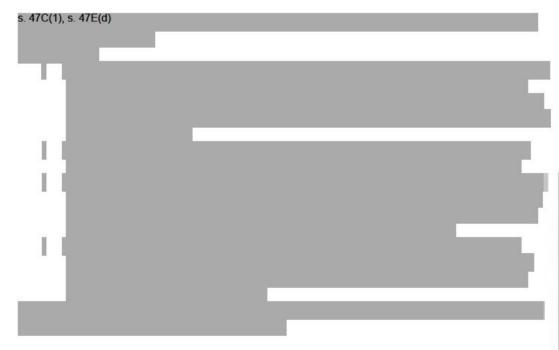
Subject: SIV application quality?

Hello s.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

We received the following advice from your officer s. 22(1)(a)(ii) on the quality of Significant Investor Visa applications via our colleagues in program management. It is useful anecdotal evidence for some work we are currently doing. s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

SIV application quality:



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Many thanks

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Thanks for your help.

Cheers

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Subject: FW: Policy on Fund Transfer to Australia for the Purpose of making Designated

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Hi^{s.}

We are in communication with this agent in a SIV application where the applicant had used a couple of Hong Kong remitters to transfer funds. As per instructions issued by Policy (see attached email and the policy position on remitters embedded therein), we do not accept funds remitted through foreign exchange company registered outside of A/a. Suggested response:

The remittance sector is known to be at risk from targeting for money laundering and terrorism financing. There is the potential for funds to be washed through remitters. In light of the risks, visas processing officers have been asked to follow the process of trailing the transferred funds to its source which has been assessed to meet the requirement of reg5.19C, and to make use of the reporting framework regulated by AUSTRAC for integrity assurance. This involves sighting evidence of :

- confirmation issued by the remitter for the amount agreed to be transferred
- the remitter's instructions to the applicant advising the bank accounts that the applicant should transfer their funds
- bank transfer records supporting the applicant transferring funds from his or her own account to the accounts the remitter nominated
- bank records supporting the remitter depositing the foreign currency into the applicant's bank account outside of their home country

 once the transactions are complete, checks are performed against the AUSTRAC database for records as corroborating evidence to support the transfer. Applicants should therefore provide the IFTIs report numbers to facilitate such checks.

Registered remitters are regulated under the *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006.* AUSTRAC is Australia's specialist financial intelligence unit that assists the investigation and prosecution of serious criminal activity, including money laundering, terrorism financing, organised crime and tax evasion. Where transfers are made through providers who are not regulated by the AML & CT Act, there is no assurance that the requirement of reg 5.19C is met.

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Subject: Policy on Fund Transfer to Australia for the Purpose of making Designated Investment and Complying Significant Investment

Dear Sir,

I'd like to seek clarification to the policy on Fund Transfer documentation to Australia for the purpose of making designated investment or complying significant investment. Going through "Sch2 Visa 188 - Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional)" and "GenGuideM - Business Skills visas - Visa application and related procedures", there seems to be no policy instruction specifically relating to the Trail of Fund documentations required for Fund Transfer.

The only policy reference that I can find is in the "GUIDE TO DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESS INNOVATION AND INVESTMENT VISA APPLICATIONS FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PRC), Paragraph 113-118:

- 113. Applicants for a Subclass 188 visa in the Investor stream are required to demonstrate that the funds used to make a Designated Investment (DI) were unencumbered and accumulated from either or both of their qualifying business and eligible investment activities. As such, the funds proposed for the purchase of the DI must be able to be trailed back to the relevant sources as claimed by applicants.
- 114. Applicants are required to provide a signed declaration to indicate which asset(s) they propose to use and their proposed method of fund transfer to make the DI before they will be invited to make a DI. Request for transfer of funds to Australia to make a DI will only be made when an applicant has satisfied all other criteria.
- 115. The transfer of investment funds to Australia is not within the scope of immigration and will be a matter for applicants to decide. Applicants are suggested to seek professional advice on such matters and at all times observe and comply with the laws of the resident country that regulate such activity.
- 116. For evidentiary requirements on the liquidation /disposal of assets and the timeframe for the making of the DI, refer to the corresponding sections for the making of complying Significant

Investment at paragraphs 149-162 and paragraph 182 respectively.

117. After a DI has been made, applicants will need to submit documentary evidence to demonstrate that the funds used to make the DI are those stipulated in the invitation letter (unless approval obtained for change of assets). The trail of funds must be reasonably established with supporting evidence accounting for each step of the way. Applicants should therefore keep all records involved in the transfer/exchange of funds. For the sake of clarity, it is advisable that the number of transactions be kept to a minimum.

118. Where sufficient funds are already held outside the PRC at the time of application (including funds already held in Australia), it is expected that applicants will be able to clearly demonstrate, with supporting evidence, that such funds were accumulated from their qualifying business in the PRC and/or eligible investment activities and how they were transferred out of the PRC.

Direct bank to bank transfer is subject to currency exchange control by the Chinese Government. We have observed in many instances, that the transfers for the purpose of making Designated Investment and Significant Complying investment from China is done through International money remittance agencies.

For fund transfers through remittance agencies. There seems to be different standard and different documentations required to prove the trail of fund. The clients engaging remittance agencies are expose to the risk of the fund been legitimately transferred from the relevant source, but the trail of fund documentation is not sufficient to address the Departments requirement. On a number of cases, the case officers has requested that the remittance agency, regardless of whether the agency is operating and registered in an overseas jurisdiction (ie. Hong Kong), proof that they are registered with AUSTRAC. There were also requests for the AUSTRAC reference number for the transfer. The request to clarify the policy position was not successful from the processing area.

To ensure that the qualified remittance agency and correct documentation is requested of our client, I am seeking your assistance to clarify the policy position of the Department with regards to transfer of money through remittance agencies, in particular:

- Is there specific exclusion for remittance services from a foreign jurisdiction registered remittance agency (ie Hong Kong)?
- Will a registration in a foreign jurisdiction to operate money exchange/remittance services suffice the Department's requirement?
- What are the documentation requirements, if the fund is transferred from a foreign registered remittance agency? (There is currently no reporting requirements to AUSTRAC from the foreign registered remittance agency. Our understand is that the transaction is reported by the receiving bank in Australia.)
- Is there a requirement for the remittance agency to be registered with AUSTRAC even if the agency is based in a foreign jurisdiction?
- If the transactions is reported with AUSTRAC, is there any specific documentation to be requested from AUSTRAC via FOI, to satisfy the trail of fund requirements.
- What are the documentary requirements, to establish trail of fund from the original source, to be requested of the remittance agency?

I thank you for your time. Pleas feel free to contact me should you require further information or clarification.

Regards,
s. 47F(1)

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Subject: RE: Your input please integrity and processing times BIIP [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Date: Monday, 11 November 2019 12:48:00 PM

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Hi s. 22(1)

Your list is very comprehensive

Only other thing I can think of is the verification of supporting documents with the issuing authority, we verify

100% of business ownership docs online

100% of academic qualifications for the application of the Points Test

100% of patents/trademarks for the application of the Points Test

A significant proportion of bank and tax documents are verified through the issuing authorities' online verification platform and where there are doubts and in the absence of online verification tools, we conduct stream 2 referrals.

Also of interest is the no. of SIV applications that were withdrawn after the CSI invitation had been sent – of the 99 withdrawals (cases) processed in HK between July 2018 and June 2019, 22 were withdrawn after applicants had been requested to make the CSI – due to change of investment intentions/personal circumstances/difficulties with asset liquidation/difficulties with fund transfer etc.

For your consideration.

Regards

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Subject: Your input please integrity and processing times BIIP [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Hi - I'm putting together some dot points on BIIP integrity measures. s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

- All investor applications are subject to a range of assessments to ensure the investments are lawful and unencumbered.
- To minimise risks such as money laundering, applicant funds are fully vetted prior to the Department inviting the applicant to make an investment.
- The investigation of the proposed funds may be a significant factor in the high application withdrawal rate of 33.7% for the Significant Investor stream (between 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019).
- Where a visa application is withdrawn, this usually occurs after the Department has made an assessment on whether nominated funds are lawful and unencumbered and has asked for more information from the applicant.
- Reasons an application may be refused or withdrawn are:
 - o the inability of the applicant to provide adequate evidence of source of funds
 - o applicants have provided bogus documents or false claims
 - o adverse reporting found in the public domain concerning the applicants' involvement in unacceptable business and investment activities.
- Robust integrity measures are in place to ensure that the business and investment programs are not used by economic fugitives or used for money laundering. Applicants must provide evidence that their funds have been lawfully acquired and owned, and are not proceeds of crime.
- Processing officers may request (but are not limited to) the following:
 - o evidence of business ownership
 - o bank records and portfolio statements
 - o personal income tax payment on recently distributed dividends or financial statements, enterprise income tax return and receipts sample
 - o provide business and investment documents going back several years to support their claim that the funds have been lawfully acquired and
 - o satisfy character and security criteria, involving penal checks and vetting processes.
- Applications undergo rigorous assessment using information available to the Department from various sources – with matters referred to the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and the Australian Taxation Office where appropriate.
- Applications are refused where the Department found that the applicant has had involvement in unacceptable business and investment activities (e.g. money laundering, bribery, insider trading, debt defraud).
- State and territory governments play a key role in nominating and supporting business migrants according to the needs of their jurisdiction, including setting their own

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s. 47E(d), s. 47C(1)

Hi All,

Please see attached a response we received from Ottawa regarding a recent enquiry we made re s. 47E(d) passports for a temp entry application.

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Hi

We are increasingly seeing BIIP applicants with a second passport and s. 47E(d) passport is one of the more popular ones. We understand that s. 47E(d)

Questions:

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Significant Investment [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Date: Monday, 2 December 2019 2:13:44 PM

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Hi S. 22(1)

We just had a SIV decision remitted by the AAT with direction that clause 188.252 is met subject to the investment being made.

Applicants are generally advised at time of CSI invitation (through a covering email) that should a remitting service be used, it will have to be one registered with AUSTRAC, i.e. regulated by the AML&CTF Act. This is an approach we have adopted thus far and one endorsed by Policy (see attached). In this case, the nominated funds had already been remitted to Australia before the application was lodged and we engaged extensively in subsequent communication with the migration agent on this issue to no avail. s. 47F(1)

It is widely acknowledged that there are money laundering risks associated with any alternative remittance system that operates outside conventional remittance systems (banks). In countries where foreign exchange control makes remittance through conventional systems impractical/impossible, we have settled for the use of the remitting dealers but have insisted that these service providers be one registered with AUSTRAC so that their activities are subject to AUSTRAC reporting obligations; therefore monitored and regulated within the AML&CTF framework. We place great reliance on the remitter to be engaging in genuine transactions of money exchange and are not a conduit for placing illicit funds into the financial system.

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example in their Tier 1 Investor Visa, applicants must provide a letter from a bank or financial institution that is regulated by the official regulatory body for the country in which the institution operates and the funds are located. The letter must confirm both the beneficial owner of the funds and that the funds are freely transferable to the UK. Also that the money must not have been transferred internationally by means which are unlawful in any of the countries involved.

AAT has however concluded that the use of foreign remitters is acceptable as a complete trail of funds can nonetheless be established. In fact, the use of remitter in countries like the PRC where there are strict foreign exchange control and alternative remittance system are deemed unlawful always involves some 'broken links'. s. 47C(1), s. 47E(d)

In the meantime, as this issue comes up quite frequently, we would like to seek PM/Policy view on how firm we should be in maintaining that remitters for the investment funds be ones licenced in Australia to provide remitting services, noting that registering with AUSTRAC is part of the licensing requirement.

Regards

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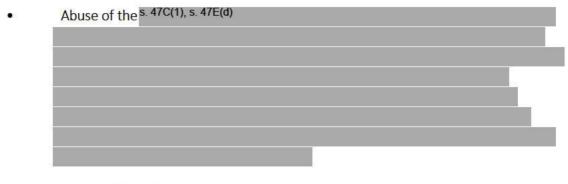
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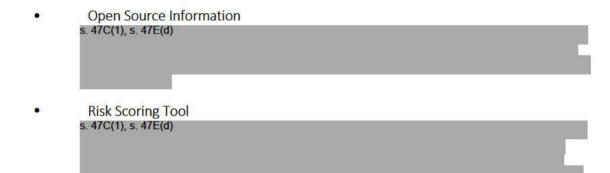
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•	Gifts s. 47C(1), s. 47E(d)
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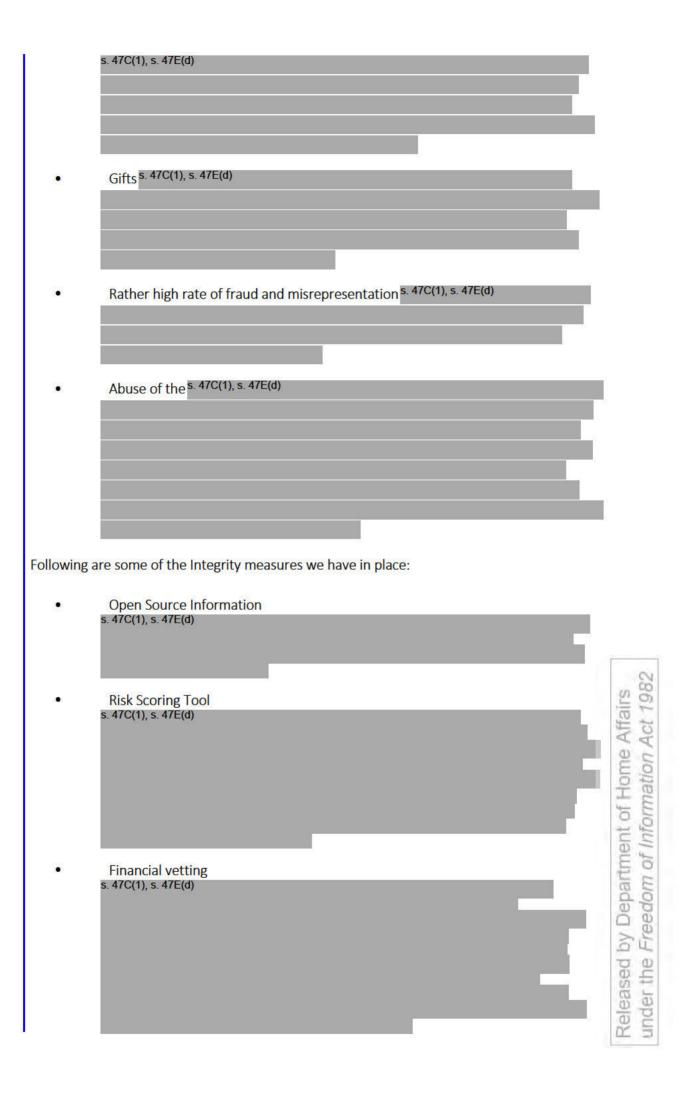
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