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Director,

As discussed , I am concerned with respect to approaches being made to potential AFP witnesses in a current trial, by the Defence counsel.

I hold a view that such approaches are at the very least inappropriate from the perspective of effecting the prosecution of the matter and an attempt to influence the giving of any future evidence by my members, and even the sheer fact of the perception generated by the fact that Defence counsel and police are communicating, is not acceptable.

I have advised my staff that all potential , currently nominated or otherwise, witnesses avoid any communication with Defence counsel prior to the giving of their evidence in court or preferably , until the conclusion of the matter at court generally.

Any such requests will be directed to your office to facilitate any necessary communication.

Kind regards

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