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Dr Raffaele Marcellino  
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Australian Institute of Music  
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Dear Dr Marcellino

**Re: Allegation involving Victor Makarov, the Head of Piano at the Australian Institute of Music**

Thank you for the letter from Mr Terence McNally informing us of a child abuse allegation involving Professor Victor Makarov, the head of piano at the Australian Institute of Music (the institute), which we received on 23 February 2004.

Based on the information you have provided, we have decided to monitor your investigation under Section 25E of the *Ombudsman Act 1974*. This means that:

- we may seek advice from the person conducting the investigation about the conduct and progress of the investigation,
- we have the discretion to be present as an observer during interviews, and
- we may request that you provide documentary or other information relating to the investigation

The purpose of our monitoring role is to work more closely with you and provide input to your investigation in a timely manner. In the first instance, I ask that you provide me with a completed copy of the attached notification form. I also ask that you advise me of the details of any risk assessment that you have conducted to date.

Please provide this information by 15 March 2004.

Once your investigation has been concluded, you will need to send us a copy of your report detailing the results of your investigation and any action you have taken or propose to take. Your report should also include copies of statements and any other documents on which the report is based.

If you have any questions or require further advice regarding this matter, please contact me on  
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Yours sincerely

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**Assistant Investigation Officer  
for the Ombudsman**