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Dear Mr Shields

I refer to your previous advice that you act on behalf of Mr Scott Volkers in relation to his blue card application.

Please find enclosed a copy of correspondence sent by the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian ('the Commission') to your client. As stated in this correspondence, the Commission has withdrawn your client's blue card application as it has been identified that an exemption applies to his employer, Queensland Academy of Sport ('QAS') under the category of 'sport and active recreation'.

Under this category, employees of a 'government service provider' are considered to be exempt from the employment screening provisions outlined in Part 6 of the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* ('the Act'). Accordingly, for the purpose of his employment with the QAS, your client is exempt from the requirement to hold a blue card.

I apologise for any inconvenience this oversight may have caused your client. However, in processing his application to date, the Commission relied on the declaration signed by your client and his employer which stated that no exemption applied to the employment.

Subsequent discussions with the QAS have confirmed that this was incorrect and that in fact, the organisation falls within the scope of the 'government service provider' definition as it is part of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation under the portfolio of the Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Sport.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, I invite you to contact Ms Alexandra Waters, A/Manager of the Commission's Community Information and Reporting Team on (07) **REDACTED**

Yours sincerely

Michelle Miller

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