



## Senator the Honourable Concetta Fierravanti-Wells

Liberal Senator for New South Wales

13 October 2020

Ms Nicole Rose PSM  
Chief Executive Officer  
AUSTRAC  
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Dear Ms Rose,

I refer to recent media reports regarding the alleged transfer of Euro 700,000 (AUS\$1.1 million) of Vatican funds to person or persons in Australia.

I would appreciate your confirmation that the matter is being investigated.

I await your response.

Yours sincerely,

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Senator the Honourable Concetta Fierravanti-Wells

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## Chief Executive Officer

22 October 2020

Senator the Hon Concetta Fierravanti-Wells  
Liberal Senator for New South Wales  
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Dear Senator

Thank you for your letter dated 13 October 2020, regarding recent media reports relating to the alleged transfer of Vatican funds to individuals in Australia.

As confirmed in my response to your question at the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee's Budget Estimates hearing on 20 October 2020, AUSTRAC has considered the matter and provided information to the Australian Federal Police and Victoria Police. It is a matter for investigative agencies to consider this information and determine whether further action is warranted.

As noted at the Budget Estimates hearing, AUSTRAC is not responsible for investigating or prosecuting criminal offences. AUSTRAC provides actionable financial intelligence to law enforcement and national security partners, to target money laundering, terrorism financing and other serious crimes.

I trust this information has been of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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