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Fraudulent Migration Activity Not Tolerated

The Migration Institute of Australia (MIA) commends the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship for taking prompt action regarding an alleged racket involving the supply of false documents used to support visa applications.

As the body representing migration professionals, the MIA does not tolerate this kind of behaviour.

Chief Executive Maurene Horder says, "Providing false documents is fraud, which is a criminal offence. Such actions must be pursued by the proper Government authorities."

The Migration Agents Registration Authority, which the Migration Institute of Australia operates under statutory self-regulation, is not responsible to investigate allegations of fraudulent migration activity. The MIA supports the Department of Immigration and Citizenship in investigating all allegations to ensure fraudulent behaviour is stamped out.

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