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Australian Olympic Committee Briefing on Preparation for 2018 Winter Olympic Games

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- There will be 2 major locations for the OWG – a mountain centre for on-snow events and coastal centre for sliding events.
- Distance from Airport – estimated to be about 1.5 hours by train. Train line currently being constructed. An express train is anticipated during the period of the Games.
- Mountain centre has the lowest altitude of 700m, the highest altitude at 1300m.
- The cross country and biathlon areas were constructed about 15 years ago. Altitude at 749m.
- Some statistics for March:
 - Temperature in March: Max 5 C, Min -5 C
 - Fog 6.5 days in the month
 - It seems the snow is expected to remain cold because of cold winds from Siberia. That is, conditions are expected to be better than at Sochi
- There is likely to be traffic congestion for entry to the Olympic Centres for family and visitors who will not be permitted to stay in the Olympic Village. There may be accommodation within 30 minutes from the Centres but likely to be less 60 minutes away, the centres being in rural areas.
- Construction of infrastructure is currently about 50% complete.

Asian Games, Sapporo 2017

Fiona de Jong, Secretary General, AOC will write to the Asian Games Committee to negotiate invitations for Australian Winter Sports athletes for participation at the Asian Games Sapporo, February 2017. National Federations who have requested participation:

- Winter Biathlon
- Short Track Skating

Biathlon informed we will be happy to reciprocate with invitations to our Oceania Championships in Winter 2017 at Mount Hotham, Victoria.

Gen to supply Fiona with contacts at Asian Games.

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