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Committee Secretariat
Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit
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Dear Committee Secretariat,

Thank you for the invitation to provide a submission to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit's inquiry into the *use and governance of artificial intelligence systems by public sector entities*.

AI is a rapidly evolving technology. Countering new and emerging threats requires investment by law enforcement in technology, with an emphasis on training and governance, to enable a technically literate and empowered workforce. Managed correctly, AI will offer the AFP opportunities to create operational efficiencies; develop situational awareness to better inform human decision making and minimise risks to public safety, AFP members and capabilities. The AFP is committed to using any technology, including AI, in an appropriate, ethical and lawful manner.

The AFP has been extensively involved in several ongoing whole of government consultations and Parliamentary Committee processes relating to the use of artificial intelligence and refers the Committee to previous AFP submissions to consider as part of this inquiry. The AFP has previously provided [a submission](#) to the Senate Select Committee on Adopting Artificial Intelligence on 2 May 2024. The submission outlines the use of AI by the AFP and AFP's approach to responsible AI.

The AFP has also provided a submission to the Department of Industry, Science and Resources (DISR) as part of the consultation for their Supporting responsible AI discussion paper. The [AFP submission](#) made on 21 August 2023 outlines the threat environment, use of AI by the AFP and the management of the use of AI by the AFP. The AFP is currently working with DISR on their proposal paper 'Introducing mandatory guardrails for AI in high-risk settings' and will continue to contribute to whole of government work on the topic.

The AFP is available to appear before the Committee to expand on the information in this submission should hearing dates be scheduled in the future.

I trust this information is of assistance.
Yours sincerely,



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