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Dear Fiona

Thank you for the Committee's invitation to make a submission to the Regulatory Powers (Standard Provisions) Bill 2012.

The Bill will provide a framework of standard monitoring, investigation and enforcement powers for regulatory agencies across the Commonwealth. The standard powers only operate where triggered by another Act of Parliament and are based on best practice provisions across existing Commonwealth legislation. The AFP understands that the Bill is part of a broader initiative to achieve greater consistency between agencies performing regulatory functions.

The Bill does not address (and is not intended to address) the arrangements between regulatory agencies and law enforcement agencies, for example where police assistance is required or where investigations transition between agencies. These arrangements will continue to be addressed between agencies are necessary.

The AFP would be more than happy to answer any specific questions in relation to the Bill that the Committee may have.

Kind regards,

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