

Mr Grant,

It is not intended to provide comment on behalf of Western Australia Police in relation to the general proposal to establish a national system for the registration of business names.

In relation to the matter raised by the Australian Bankers Association, concerns are held should the details beyond the name of a business owner or director be available to persons outside government agencies. To allow details such as date of birth and address to be readily available would provide sufficient details for a person to assume a person's identity and use those details to commit fraud.

There may be some merit to having some reputable organisations proscribed that could obtain further details, however there is a need to provide an adequate level of security to prevent identify theft and impersonation.

Regards

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