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Dear Mr Hansford

I write in response to your correspondence dated 6 October 2010 regarding the *Telecommunications Interception and Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2010.*

As it is understood the Bill will, for policing organisations, enable the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) to provide technical assistance to law enforcement agencies in relation to telecommunications interception warrants as necessary, enable authorised police officers to obtain telecommunications data when trying to locate missing persons and enable enforcement agencies to apply for a stored communications warrant to access stored communications of a victim of a serious contravention, without the person's consent.

On the basis of that outlined above, the proposed amendments to the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979, Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979 and Intelligence Services Act 2001 as outlined in the Bill are supported in principle by Tasmania Police.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this particular matter, please contact Inspector W Moore, Executive Support, on

Yours sincerely

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