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Dear Committee Secretary

Additional Information to Inquiry into the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Drug Testing Trial) Bill 2018

I am writing to provide supplementary evidence to statements provided by the Western Australian Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies (WANADA) at the Committee's hearing on Monday 23 April 2018.

During the hearing, WANADA stated that following the announcement of the drug trial in the 2017-18 Budget, WANADA actively sought meetings with the Department of Social Services.

I wish to draw to the Committee's attention that following the announcement, WANADA was informed by the Department that a stakeholder briefing on the welfare and associated reform measures was to be provided in Melbourne on Friday 2 June 2018. WANADA, at its own expense, ensured a representative of the organisation attended the briefing.

No similar briefing was arranged for Western Australia, despite the potential impact such reforms would have on the State's population.

If the Committee has any questions regarding this evidence, please contact Ethan James, Manager Advocacy and Research,

Kind regards

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