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Dear Ms Dunstone

INQUIRY INTO THE CRIMES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (UNEXPLAINED WEALTH AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2014 [Provisions]

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Inquiry into the *Crimes Legislation Amendment (Unexplained Wealth and Other Measures) Bill 2014* ('the Bill').

The Western Australian Government will not be making a formal submission.

I am pleased to express my support, however, for the proposed amendments to subsection 266A(2) of the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* (Cth). Item 31 of the Bill introduces amendments to subsection 266A(2) to extend the purposes for which information can be shared with a State, Territory or foreign authority to include a proceeds of crime purpose.

There is currently a poor standard of information sharing and proactive targeting of recidivist offenders and organised crime groups in the area of unexplained wealth. The sharing of information obtained under the Commonwealth Act will greatly assist Western Australia Police in its efforts to identify, locate, and confiscate proceeds of crime, as is commensurate with the intent of the *Criminal Property Confiscation Act 2000* (WA).

I thank you again for the opportunity of commenting on the Bill.

Yours sincerely

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