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Mr Peter Hallahan
Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
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Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Hallahan

In evidence provided to the Senate Estimates hearing on 26 May 2009, Commissioner Keelty responded to a question from Senator Barnett in relation to the Australian Institute of Police Management:

Senator BARNETT—Is it going up or down? What is the strategic plan for AIPM or is that something you are still working out?

Mr Wood—The Robbie Robinson review is certainly, in part, about defining what all of the jurisdictions collectively want the institute to deliver over the next five to 10 years. At the moment, the institute is not in a phase of growth. It is delivering business as usual at the moment. On the review that Rob Robinson is doing, I do not have visibility of what his final recommendations are going to be, but we are certainly not expecting it to make a dramatic change to the scope and size of AIPM.

Senator BARNETT—Likewise, can you provide terms of reference for that report and take on notice, when that report is due, if we could have it or an executive summary of it? Are you happy to take that on notice?

Mr Wood—Certainly.

Mr Keelty—Just by way of explanation, it is the Australasian Institute of Police Management.

Senator BARNETT—It is New Zealand as well?

Mr Keelty—Yes. The commissioners, as well as the New Zealand commissioners, form a board, which I chair, that oversees the AIPM. There is a strategic plan. I am more than happy to share that with you. In fact, it may well be that, given the developments that are happening at AIPM, the committee—if the minister were to approve it—may have some interest in visiting the site and getting a better understanding of what is being done there. It is delivering executive leadership development for all state and territory police in Australia, as well as New Zealand. It is delivering police management development programs for all state and territory police, as well as New Zealand. It is delivering international programs for foreign police, particularly in leadership and management programs for developing police forces in the region. It has quite a body of work.

Its staffing level, as you have asked the question, rises and falls depending on the number of courses that it has programmed. But the staff at AIPM are supplemented by a visiting fellow program that involves visiting fellows from state and territory police, as well as some of the international police forces. It is quite a comprehensive program.

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The correct title is the 'Australian Institute of Police Management'. The evidence provided at the hearing was intended to clarify that the AIPM program is not confined to Australian Police Agencies alone but extends to New Zealand and neighbouring nations in the Pacific and South East Asia.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JH', written in a cursive style.

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