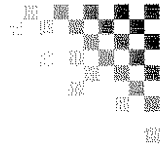




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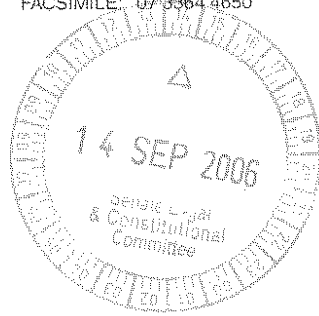
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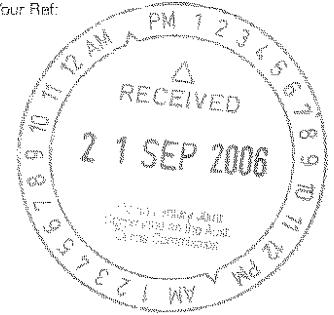
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Mr Johnathon Curtis  
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Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Crime Commission  
Department of the Senate  
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Dear Mr Curtis

On Monday the 15 May 2006, two officers from the Queensland Police Service (QPS) attended the Brisbane public hearing of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Crime Commission: Inquiry into Amphetamines and Other Synthetic Drugs.

During that hearing a question was asked by Mr Kym Richardson in relation to what diversionary programs Queensland provides for juveniles who use amphetamines. I wish to clarify the response provided by the two Queensland Police Officers.


Queensland provides two Commonwealth Government funded drug diversion programs which are available to juveniles. One is the Police Diversion Program, where police officers can divert eligible adult and juvenile offenders for possession of minor amounts of cannabis. The second is the Illicit Drugs Court Diversion Program (IDCDP), which is also available to both adults and juveniles. The IDCDP allows Magistrates to offer a diversion option to eligible adults and juveniles for possession offences involving small quantities of a range of illicit drugs, including amphetamine, ecstasy, cannabis, heroin, cocaine and LSD.

The IDCDP commenced trial courts in Brisbane in March 2003 and was expanded statewide in July 2005. To date, 198 juveniles have been diverted under that program.

If you require any further information on this matter, please contact Inspector Peter Mansfield, Drug and Alcohol Coordination Unit on 07 33646407.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Atkinson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**R ATKINSON**  
**COMMISSIONER**