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(AID TO CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES) BILL 2000**

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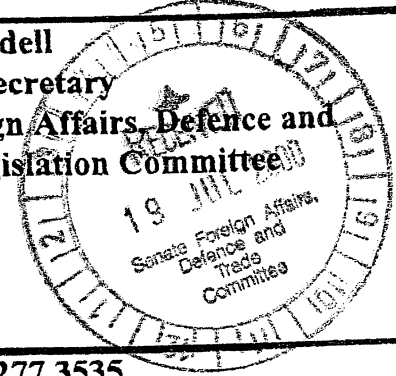
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Dear Mr Barsdell,

Please find attached a letter in reply to Senator John Hogg's letter of 29 June 2000 to the ACT Chief Minister, Mrs Kate Carnell MLA.

Should you require any further information, please contact Mr David Bush, A/g Assistant Manager, Government Support Unit, on telephone 620 50466.

Regards,

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Dear Senator Hogg

Thank you for your letter of 29 June 2000 to the Chief Minister, Mrs Kate Carnell MLA, seeking submissions on the Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2000 which is currently under consideration by your Committee. As the Chief Minister is currently overseas, I am responding on her behalf.

The Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2000 provides a legal framework for the ACT to apply to the Commonwealth for the call out of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) in law enforcement emergencies. The ACT Government supports the intention of this Bill. The ACT notes that the ADF call out procedures are currently provided for in the National Anti-Terrorist Plan (NATP). In light of the proposed amendments put forward in the Bill, the Plan would need to be revised.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important matter.

Yours sincerely

Gary Humphries MLA  
 Acting Chief Minister

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