



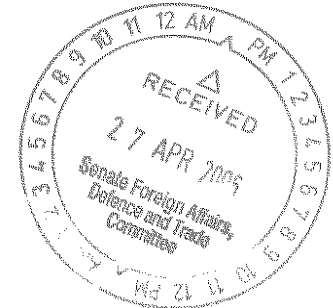
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Senator David Johnston  
Chair  
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee  
Australian Senate  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear David

Thank you for your two letters of 7 April 2006 inviting the Premier to make written submissions to your committee's inquiries into the provisions of the Australian Trade Commission Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 and the Export Market Development Grants Legislation Amendment Bill 2006. I have been requested to reply to you on the Premier's behalf.

We received your letters on 12 April 2006. You have requested responses preferably by 13 April 2006.

In relation to the Export Market Development Grants Bill, I advise that the Premier has no submission to make at this time.

In relation to the Australian Trade Commission Bill, I advise that the Queensland Government has a Memorandum of Understanding with AUSTRADE concerning business cooperation. The Bill contains amendments designed to change the status of AUSTRADE from a statutory authority to a statutory agency. Should the amendments be passed, the Memorandum of Understanding might need to be reviewed to reflect AUSTRADE's revised status.

Yours sincerely

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