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FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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Mr Phillip Bailey  
Acting Secretary  
Legal and Constitutional  
Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Bailey

**INQUIRY INTO THE PROVISION OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY  
INFORMATION (CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS) BILL 2004 AND THE  
NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION (CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS)  
(CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2004**

Thank you for your letter dated 18 June 2004 requesting written submissions on the above Bills.

One issue which is not addressed by the Bills is the extent to which the judiciary are security cleared before appointment. The proposed scheme seems to assume that the judiciary is invariably constituted by people with the highest security level.

With the exception of this issue, the operation of the remaining provisions of the Bills appear to be appropriate.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Bills.

Yours sincerely

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