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Mr Jonathan Curtis  
Committee Secretary  
Senate Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Curtis 

**Inquiry into the Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Bill 2006, the Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 and the Law Enforcement (AFP Professional Standards and Related Measures) Bill 2006**

I refer to your letter of 1 May 2006 concerning a question taken on notice during the Committee's public hearing in Sydney on 27 April 2006. I trust the following assists.

There has only been one occasion when the Commission has brought contempt proceedings founded on a s 119 certificate. That matter is presently before the courts.

The Commission relies on the existence of this provision and usually brings it to the attention of witnesses in an opening statement from the bench at the beginning of a Commission hearing.

I can be reached on 02 93216700 should there be any further queries.

Yours sincerely



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