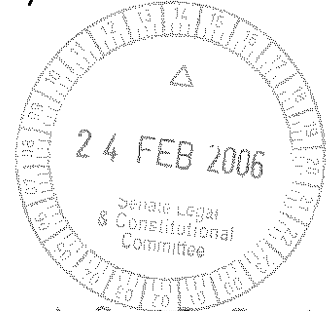


Department for Community Development
Government of Western Australia

Enquiries: Tara Gupta - (08) 9222 2695

By Facsimile to (02) 62775794

Australian Senate
Legal and Constitutional
References & Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Previously Sent By Facsimile

Attention: Jonathan Curtis, Committee Secretary

Dear Mr Curtis

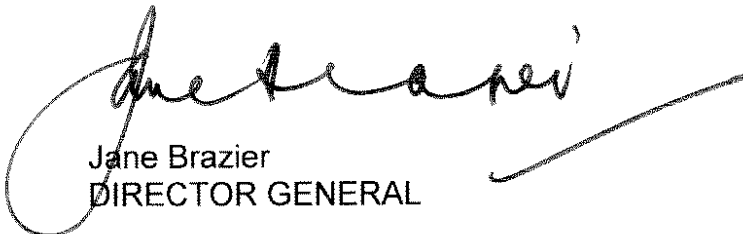
INQUIRY INTO THE FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT (SHARED RESPONSIBILITY) BILL 2005

Thank you for your letter dated 10 February 2006, inviting the Department for Community Development to make submissions to the above Inquiry.

The Department for Community Development is concerned about the potential impact of proposed section 69ZW on the operation of Part 10 of the *Western Australian Children and Community Services Act 2004*. However, due to the short time frame for a response and the workload relating to the implementation of the *Children and Community Services Act 2004* on 1 March 2006 the Department is unable to provide a written submission to the Inquiry.

If upon further consideration of the Bill it is felt necessary, a request will be made to the Western Australian Attorney General to convey this Department's particular concerns to the Commonwealth Attorney General.

Yours sincerely



Jane Brazier
DIRECTOR GENERAL

23 February 2006