

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Background

1.1 On 22 June 2006, the Senate referred the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Forensic Procedures) Bill No 1 2006 (the Bill) to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 1 August 2006.

1.2 The Bill seeks to amend the *Crimes Act 1914* (the Act) to ensure that inter-jurisdictional DNA profile matching, using the National Criminal Investigation DNA Database (NCIDD), can be implemented by all corresponding jurisdictions within Australia.

Conduct of the inquiry

1.3 The Committee advertised the inquiry in *The Australian* newspaper on 27 June 2006 and 5 July, with submissions to be provided by 10 July 2006. The details of the bill and associated information were placed on the Committee's website.

1.4 The Committee also wrote to 53 organisations and individuals inviting submissions. The Committee received four submissions, which are listed at Appendix 1 and are available on the committee's website.

1.5 Due to the limited number of submissions, the Committee decided to deal with the inquiry on the papers only. Questions seeking information and clarification were forwarded to the Attorney General's Department, and its responses appear as submission 4.

Acknowledgement

1.6 The committee thanks those who made submissions.

Note on references

1.7 References in this report are to individual submissions as received by the committee, not to a bound volume.

