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Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee
Department of the Senate
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Walsh

**RE: INQUIRY INTO THE *CRIMES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT
(TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERCEPTION AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2005***

Thank you for your invitation to the Commissioner to make a submission Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee inquiry into the *Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications and Other Measures) Bill 2005*. The Commissioner has asked me to respond on his behalf.

We have assessed the Bill and the terms of reference of the inquiry. The key matters of specific relevance to the AFP are the recommendations dealing with statistical information for named-person warrants, reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman and civil-forfeiture regimes contained in the *Report of the Review of Named Person Warrants and Other Matters* (completed by Mr Tom Sherman AO in 2003.) The AFP supports Mr Sherman's recommendations and notes that reporting the statistical information presents no difficulties for the AFP.

We would also like to take this opportunity to support the provisions allowing the interception (without warrant) of communications to and from certain declared emergency services facilities.

Thank you for bringing the inquiry to the AFP's attention.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Commissioner

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