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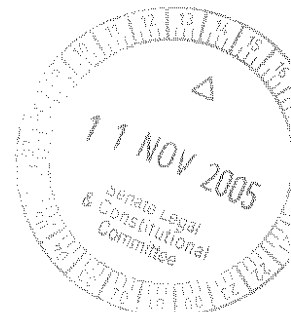


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Mr Owen Walsh  
Committee Secretary  
Senate Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear Mr Walsh

**Inquiry into the provisions of the *Anti-Terrorism Bill (No 2) 2005***

I am writing in response to your invitation for the AFP to make a submission to this Inquiry.

The AFP strongly supports the amendments proposed in the *Anti-Terrorism Bill (No 2) 2005*. Of particular importance to the AFP are the proposed provisions in relation to:

- Control orders;
- Preventative Detention;
- Stop, question, search and seize powers;
- Notices to produce; and
- Access to passenger information.

The Bill contains the reforms identified as necessary, following the terrorist attacks on the London transport system in July 2005, to improve Australia's capability to prevent and respond to terrorism. The Bill builds on the legislative reform the Government has undertaken in relation to terrorism since 2001. These proposals take into account the AFP's experience with terrorist attacks since 2001 and the AFP's understanding of the potential nature of terrorist attacks that Australia may face in the future.

The AFP would welcome the opportunity to assist the Committee further in its inquiry by appearing at a public hearing if that is proposed. The contact officer for this matter is Peter Whowell, Manager Legislation Program, ph: 6275 7467.

Yours sincerely

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