

# **Senate Select Committee on Superannuation and Financial Services**

## **Main Inquiry Reference (a)**

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The Secretary  
Senate Select Committee on  
Superannuation and Financial Services  
The Senate  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

**Attention: Senior Research Officers, Anne O'Connell or Tracy Noble**

Dear Secretary

**Re: Senate Select Committee on Superannuation and Financial Services  
and a submission from Tasmania Police**

I have now returned from interstate and have been briefed regarding your recent discussions with our Inspector Michael Grant concerning the desirability of Tasmania Police making a submission to the Senators regarding the Solicitors Mortgage Fund investigations.

At the outset I wish it recorded that Tasmania Police seeks to co-operate with the Senate Select Committee on Superannuation and Financial Services to the extent that it is prudent for us to do so.

Inspector Grant has advised me of the range of information sought from Tasmania Police, obtained from Ms Noble in a telephone conversation on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2001.

It is my view that providing general comment at a time when our investigations are still proceeding is not desirable. Furthermore to provide any comment, other than to confirm our involvement, will have the potential to compromise the ongoing nature of the investigation, particularly given the sensitivity and complexity that surrounds the matter.

Having said that, would you please consider our position and advise in writing of the matters you seek from Tasmania Police, for the consideration of the Senators.

I am mindful of the fact that the Senators are considering the submissions received to date, during the afternoon of today, and that they will convene at Hobart on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2001 to hear submissions.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Johnston', written over a large, loopy scribble.

**J JOHNSTON**  
Deputy Commissioner of Police