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Dear Mr Bailey,

**INQUIRY INTO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION)  
AMENDMENT (STORED COMMUNICATIONS) BILL 2004**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on the *Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment (Stored Communications) Bill 2004* (the Bill) to the Senate Committee.

The Police Service has been actively involved in the preparation of this legislation through its representation on the National Telecommunications Interception Committee. The Bill addresses all of the difficulties that have been experienced by police officers in this State during the operational use of the Telecommunications (Interception) Act 1979. It is considered that by removing uncertainty regarding the application of provisions of the Act to contemporary telecommunications, the functions of this Police Service will be enhanced.

I trust that this will be of assistance to the Senate Committee's inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

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