

# **APPENDIX 2**

## **CORRESPONDENCE FROM BODIES CONCERNING TIMING OF PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS TO PARLIAMENT**

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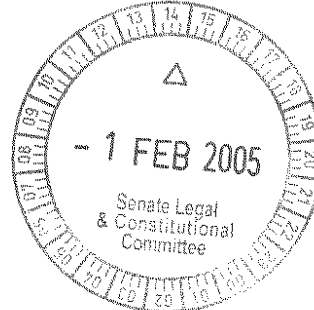
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The Chair  
Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee  
(Attention Mr Mark Stevenson)  
Suite S1.61  
Parliament House  
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Dear Mr Stevenson

**RE: Tabling of CrimTrac 2004-05 Annual Report**

Thank you for the opportunity to explain the delay in tabling of the CrimTrac Agency annual report.

I commenced my tenure as CEO on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2006 and have made some inquiries as to the reasons for the delay. I have been advised that the report was tabled in the House of Representatives on 13 October 2005 and in the Senate on 8 November 2005.

I have also been advised that the agency's annual report tabling was coordinated through the Attorney-General's Department. The report was delivered to the Tabling Officer through the Parliament House loading dock prior to 3.00 pm on 12 October 2005. I am advised this was thought to be in accordance with the Attorney-General's Department instructions of 17 May 2005, to all portfolio agencies and division heads (*Tabling of 2004-2005 Departmental and Agency Annual Reports*), which states, '... (the Department and portfolio agencies) should aim to table when Parliament sits in the weeks of 4-6 and 10-13 October.'

I am advised that a CrimTrac staff member made contact with the Tabling Officer on 14 October in efforts to ensure the report had been tabled. During this contact the CrimTrac staff member was apparently told by the Tabling Officer that the report had been tabled. It is indeed unfortunate that the report was not tabled in the Senate until 8 November 2005. I have been advised by CrimTrac staff that if they had been aware that the report was not to be tabled in accordance with the requirements that they would have submitted the report to the President of the Senate out of session before the 31 October deadline or sought an appropriate extension.

I trust this explanation is satisfactory and personally undertake to ensure that tabling timelines are adhered to in future. The contact officer for this matter is Karl Ovijach, telephone 6245 7718.

Yours sincerely

**Ben McDevitt**  
Chief Executive Officer

27 January 2006