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Committee Secretary
Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
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Dear Committee Secretary,

RE: DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SECURITY OF DEFENCE PREMISES)
BILL 2010

Victoria Police thanks you for the opportunity to comment on your request by letter dated 1 October 2010 and in which you noted three issues for consideration, as well as the opportunity to comment on other matters. The Defence Legislation Amendment (Security of Defence Premises) Bill 2010 was previously commented on whereby we made one recommendation by letter dated 7 September 2010.

As the result of internal consultation Victoria Police wishes to advise and recommend by comment the following:

- Victoria Police supports that it is appropriate to inform persons entering defence premises that they may be subject to a non consensual search and the subsequent offence of refusal; and
- recognises that specialist training will be required by authorised officers and contract security personnel to deal with statutory powers of arrest, detention, search of persons as well as search and seizure of property for both safety and evidence purposes.

If you have any further queries concerning this matter, please contact the Legal Policy Officer, Sergeant Roger Kozulins 03 9743049.

Yours sincerely

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22/10/2010