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Dear Ms Dennett,

Inquiry into the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Organised Crimes and Other Measures) Bill 2012

Australian Crime Commission Submission

- 1. The Australian Crime Commission (ACC) welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the Inquiry into the *Crimes Legislation Amendment (Organised Crimes and Other Measures) Bill 2012.*
- 2. This submission is unclassified.

Schedule 1

- 3. The ACC has previously provided evidence in support of such provisions to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement during its inquiry into Commonwealth unexplained wealth legislation and arrangements.
- 4. As articulated in the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement's Discussion Paper, there is a need to better focus existing legislation on the ability for law enforcement to be able to respond to unexplained wealth, which is often derived from serious and organised crime.
- 5. The ACC recognises that the existing provisions do not lend themselves to successfully confiscating assets of people in Australia who have accumulated significant wealth from serious crime.

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- 6. The ACC supports the measures set out in *Crimes Legislation Amendment (Organised Crimes and Other Measures) Bill 2012.*
- 7. The ACC supports all measures which make it more difficult for serious and organised crime groups to enjoy the proceeds of crime.

Schedule 2

- 8. The ACC has published material on its website in relation to illicit firearms and their use by organised criminals. The ACC has also presented its findings to the Standing Council on Police and Emergency Management in 2012.
- 9. The ACC fully supports all measures which make it more difficult to illegally import firearms and firearms parts.
- 10. The ACC supports the measure to expand existing firearms trafficking offences to include firearm parts. The ACC welcomes the measure to introduce an aggravated offence targeting the trafficking of 50 or more firearms or firearms parts over a period of six months. The ACC welcomes the measure to hold traffickers responsible for the consequences of providing firearms and firearm parts into the illicit market.

Yours sincerely

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