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Inquiry into the Maritime Powers Bill 2012 and the Maritime Powers (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2012

Dear Ms Dennett

Thank you for your letter of 26 June 2012. I am responding on behalf of the Secretary and the Department of Defence.

The Department strongly supports the above Bills which will simplify on water maritime enforcement operations and streamline training and doctrine development within Defence (Navy).

In our view there will also be less likelihood of a misapplication of power with more coherent and comprehensive legislation. In addition, any future amendments will be far less complex as there will be only one Department responsible for the legislation.

Defence has been fully engaged in the development of these Bills, in particular the Maritime Powers Bill and we look forward to the new provisions coming into force in due course.

Yours sincerely

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