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Dear Madam President

### **Interim Report on the Inquiry into the Provisions of the Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002 and the Proceeds of Crime (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002**

On 14 February 2002, the Senate proposed the referral of the provisions of the *Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002* and the *Proceeds of Crime (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002* to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee, with a reporting date of 14 March 2002. Referral was contingent upon the introduction of the bills in the House of Representatives.

As neither the principal nor cognate bills were introduced in the House of Representatives until 13 March 2002, the Committee sought, and the Senate subsequently agreed that the time for the presentation of its report on the Bills be 10 April 2002.

It should be noted that responses to questions taken on notice by some witnesses were only received in the last week and the Committee needs to fully consider the significant nature of the issues contained in these responses.

Accordingly, the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee intends to table its final report to the Senate on the above Bills on or before Friday, 26 April 2002.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marise Payne', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Senator Marise Payne  
Chair