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Senator the Hon. Margaret Reid President of the Senate Suite SG.40 Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Madam President

Interim Report on the Inquiry into the Security Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 [No.2] and Related Bills

On 20 March 2002, the Senate Selection of Bills Committee referred the above bills to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee for inquiry and report by 3 May 2002.

At this time, the Committee has received 421 submissions and held public hearings in Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra and a public forum in Sydney. Given the volume of information received and the complexity of the issues involved, the Committee needs more time to finalise its report.

Accordingly, the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee intends to table its final report to the Senate on the above Bills on or before Wednesday, 8 May 2002.

Yours sincerely

Senator Marise Payne

Chair