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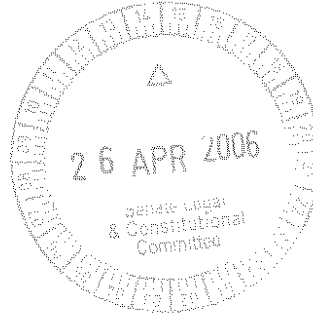
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Committee Secretary  
Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee  
S161  
Department of the Senate  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir

**RE: LAW ENFORCEMENT INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER ACT 2006  
AND RELATED ACTS**

I refer to your email of 6 April 2006.

The Crime and Misconduct Commission [the "CMC"] commends the Parliament of Australia in bringing forward the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006* (Cth) [the "Act"]. Any steps designed to ensure high standards of integrity in law enforcement agencies and other agencies having a law enforcement function are crucial to the maintenance of public confidence.

The CMC appreciates having been given the opportunity to comment on the Act.

In general terms the CMC has no difficulties with the Act. The CMC notes those provisions that involve information being passed onto integrity agencies as well as those which facilitate such agencies conducting investigations into corruption issues in appropriate circumstances and in particular sections 29, 30, 36 and 40 of the Act.

It is also noted that section 5 of the Act defines "integrity agency". In order for the CMC to fall within this definition it must be prescribed as such. I ask that the CMC be so prescribed at the earliest opportunity following commencement of the Act.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Needham".

**ROBERT NEEDHAM**  
Chairperson