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Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee

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Dear Colleague,

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Domestic & Family Violence Protection OLA Bill 2014 Submission 003

Re: Domestic and Family Violence Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014

We appreciate the opportunity to make a submission in relation to the Domestic and Family Violence Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 ("the Bill").

We support the objectives of the Bill as outlined in your letter of 29 May 2014 – although we would question as to whether all of the proposed amendments are necessary (le. the proposed change to section 9 of the Penalties and Sentences Act 1992).

We thank the Committee for the opportunity and wish it luck with its deliberations.

Yours sincerely,

Shane Duffy

Chief Executive Officer