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Ms Amanda Powell
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Legal Affairs, Police, Corrective Services
and Emergency Services Committee
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Ms Powell

**RE: Property Agents Bill 2010, Motor Dealers and Chattel Auctioneers Bill 2010,
Commercial Agents Bill 2010, Agents Financial Administration Bill 2010**

The Legal Affairs, Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services Committee (the Committee) met with the Department of Justice and Attorney-General on 3 August 2011 as part of the public hearing process for the examination of the abovenamed Bills. At that meeting a request was made for the Department to provide the Committee with information on the number of licensees holding a Property Developer licence and the amount of revenue which would be foregone if the Government is to no longer licence property developers as is currently proposed by the Property Agents Bill 2010.

I am pleased to be able to provide this information in the attached document for distribution to the Committee prior to the next public hearing on 24 August 2011. If you or the Committee have any queries about the contents of the document please contact Mr Chris Irons, Director, Fair Trading Policy Branch, Office of Regulatory Policy, Department of Justice and Attorney-General on telephone number 3898 0172 or by email on Chris.Irons@deedi.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely


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INFORMATION ON PROPERTY DEVELOPER LICENCE FEES

Note: The following information is based on data obtained on Thursday 18 August 2011.

Property developer licences are available for Corporations, Individuals and Salespersons. Licensees may choose to obtain/renew a 1-year or a 3-year licence.

Applicable licence fees for the 2011/12 financial year are set out in the table below. These fees are the total licence fee payable, which includes an amount of \$132.60, representing the application fee component:

	New Licence 1-year	New Licence 3-year	Renewal of Licence 1-year	Renewal of Licence 3-year
Corporation	\$ 641.80	\$1,151.05	\$321.35	\$ 841.20
Individual	\$1,124.50	\$2,105.85	\$570.65	\$1,578.50
Salesperson	\$ 265.20	\$ 445.55	\$132.50	\$ 321.35

There are currently 1,113 Corporation, Individual and Salesperson licensees in Queensland.

As some of the licensees holding a property developer licence also hold at least one other category of licence, they are not required to pay a second licence fee, only a second application fee of \$132.60 for each additional category of licence held. For example, if a licensee holds a property agent licence and a property developer licence, they would pay the licence fee for one of the licence types plus the additional application fee of \$132.60. Therefore if property developers are no longer licensed, they will still pay the licence fee for their property agent licence, but save the additional application fee of \$132.60 which they would have paid to also be a licensed property developer. Data has been obtained to adjust the revenue calculation to account for this. Based on these numbers, and annualising the revenue of the 3-year licences, the estimated annual revenue which will be foregone is:

\$345,985

