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**Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Policy**

Office of the
Director-General

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Mr Geoff Wilson MP
Chairman
Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Wilson

Re: Three Year Review of the Crime and Misconduct Commission

I refer to your letter dated 7 March 2006 concerning the three year review of the Crime and Misconduct Commission, currently being undertaken by the Parliamentary Committee.

Since the last review, the department's interactions with the Crime and Misconduct Commission have continued to be conducted in a professional and collaborative manner to the benefit of all stakeholders. The department has welcomed a number of the initiatives developed by the commission, in particular:

- dissemination of training and learning material including '*Facing The Facts*', '*Managing Conflicts of Interest In The Public Sector*' Toolkit and '*Liaising with Indigenous Communities*' Fact Sheets
- continuation of the ongoing program of monthly meetings between the department's Crime and Misconduct Commission Liaison Officer and senior Commission representatives
- continued support to the department's efforts to have all allegations investigated in a timely and professional manner through:
 - ongoing collaborative and consultative framework between the department and the commission
 - minimisation of turnaround times of matters referred to the commission for assessment
 - devolution of all matters suitable for the department to deal with
 - provision of practical, quality advice in relation to handling of complex investigations
- consideration of streamlining of reporting for matters of lesser significance under provisions of Section 40 of the *Crime and Misconduct Act 2001* and
- continued enhancement of reporting of finalised matters through electronic format.

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Yours sincerely

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