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Dear Mr Katsambanis

REQUEST FOR POLICY INFORMATION

Thank you for your correspondence dated 25 June 2018 following my appearance before the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee (the Committee) on 9 May 2018, requesting additional information be provided to the Committee.

In relation to the information I undertook to provide the Committee, the following responses are provided.

1. Government Framework Documents.

Framework documents used by the Western Australia Police Force relating to the protection of crowded places in Western Australia from terrorist acts are national documents, which include several open source publications including:

- Australia's Strategy for Protecting Crowded Places from Terrorism;
- Crowded Places Security Audit;
- Crowded Places Self-Assessment Tool;
- Active Armed Offender Guidelines for Crowded Places;
- Improvised Explosive Device Guidelines for Crowded Places;
- Chemical Weapon Guidelines for Crowded Places; and
- Hostile Vehicle Guidelines for Crowded Places.

All of the documents are publically available at www.nationalsecurity.gov.au.

2. Memoranda of understanding.

There are no current memoranda in place.

3. Service Level Agreements.

There are no Service Level Agreements associated with the National Strategy.

Western Australian legislation (*Police Amendment Act 2011*) came into effect on 13 January 2018, which empowers the WA Police Force to recover costs associated with the deployment of police resources to major sporting and entertainment events, across the State. This brings Western Australia in line with other jurisdictions.

Services subject to cost recovery for policing services include:

- planning, supervision and provision of operational support for the deployment of police officers at an event;
- attendance of police officers at an event generally;
- attendance of police officers required to provide traffic management at an event; and
- deployment of specialist police services such as aircrafts, boats, horses, dogs etc.

This legislation effectively assists in protecting crowded places from terrorism.

4. Engagement Strategies or Plans.

The business of engaging owner/operators of crowded places is standard business practice within the Protective Security Unit. The Crowded Place Forums are coordinated by Protective Security Unit through a trusted information sharing network (TISN) with industry to assist in the provision of information sharing. Forum membership is consistent and occur quarterly.

The ANZCTC Crowded Places Advisory Group provides for contemporary issues to be considered and adopted by jurisdictions if relevant. This group is within the ANZCTC business cycle.

5. Implementation and evaluation plans

The ANZCTC Crowded Places Advisory Group is responsible for the implementation of the National Strategy. This group also evaluates the impact of the Strategy. The WA Police Force is not in a position to report on the progress of the evaluation at this time. However, the evaluation will consider the following questions:

- What areas have owners and operators requested more information about?
- What have been the benefits, if any, of the Strategy and guidelines?
- What have been the limitations or problems, if any, of the Strategy and guidelines?
- What areas of the Strategy or guidelines, if any, have been implemented by owners and operators?
- What areas of the Strategy or guidelines, if any, have not been able to be implemented by owners and operators and why?
- Have owners and operators taken professional advice from security consultants in implementing the Strategy?

The ANZCTC Crowded Places Forum is meeting next on 14 August 2018. A Western Australian Crowded Places Forum is underway today, in which many Commonwealth, State and Local Government representatives are meeting and exercising with the Western Australia Police Force at a one day event.

Yours sincerely

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COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

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