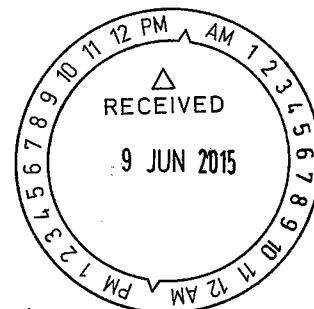




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Our Ref: 44-16463

Hon Simon O'Brien MLC
Chairman
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Dear Chairman

PETITION NO 82 – FOOD SECURITY CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT IN BROOME

Thank you for your letter received on 14 May 2015 regarding Petition No 82 and the accompanying submission from Mr Clinton Durham. I have carefully considered the matters raised in both the petition and the submission and make the following comments:

1. Funding, Resources and Data

In terms of funding available through the Department of the Attorney General (DotAG) it would appear that the FTLC does not meet the funding guidelines for the Criminal Property Confiscation Grants Program (CPCGP). FTLC's recent application for funding from the CPCGP for a similar project to be established in Derby was unsuccessful as the proposal did not meet the program guidelines.

2. Parliamentary Investigation

The submission seeks a cost benefit analysis of the FTLC's work for the purpose of quantifying savings that would be achieved in the reduction of juvenile crime as a result of the FTLC continuing to operate in Broome. DotAG does not evaluate programs conducted by external organisations. There are a number of other organisations including Universities and the Australian Institute of Criminology that are well placed to undertake such an evaluation.

3. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

From the submission's references to "aggregated health, education and crime data", it would appear that the FTLC is interested in broad spectrum research which the Telethon Kids Institute (the Institute) may be able to conduct.

A range of agencies, including DotAG, provide data to the Institute for its Developmental Pathways Project which takes a multidisciplinary and holistic approach to investigate pathways to health and wellbeing, education and juvenile delinquency outcomes among Western Australian children and young people. Further information can be obtained by contacting enquire@telethonkids.org.au.

Yours sincerely

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