



Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services

Our Ref: 65-12554

Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC
Chair
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Swinbourn *Matt,*

Thank you for your letter dated 21 February 2020, regarding Petition No. 135 – *Young Offenders Act 1994* (the Act).

I advise that the Department of Justice (the Department) is undertaking preparatory work in anticipation of a review of the Act. No date has been set for the commencement of the review.

On 21 February 2019, the principal petitioner Mr John Bagiatis was advised by the Department that the Act was expected to be reviewed in the near future and that the issues raised by him may be considered in the course of that review. Mr Bagiatis received further advice to this effect in an email dated 20 August 2019 from the office of the Attorney General. This advice still stands.

Given that the Department has not yet considered the matter in any detail, it would be premature to provide comment on the summarised submission of the principal petitioner.

Once again, thank you for providing the opportunity for comment.

Yours sincerely


HON FRANCIS LOGAN MLA
MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES; CORRECTIVE SERVICES

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