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Mr Phillip Donato, MP
Chair, Committee on the Ombudsman, the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission and the Crime Commission
Parliament House
Macquarie Street SYDNEY 2000

[by email: ombolecc@parliament.nsw.gov.au]

Dear Mr Donato MP,

On 21 March 2025, I appeared before a Hearing held by the Committee on the Ombudsman, the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission and the Crime Commission. I was joined by colleagues, Mr Mike Wilde, Chief Operating Officer, and Ms Nicole Lawless, Executive Director, Legal and Confiscations.

During the hearing we took a question on notice, and on 11 April 2025, the Committee asked a further seven supplementary questions for response by Thursday 24 April 2025.

The Commission's responses are provided as an attachment with this letter.

In addition, I would like to request a small correction to the evidence given at the 21 March 2025 Hearing. On page 12 of the transcript, Ms Nicole Lawless stated:

There have been times when we've discontinued over the course of the CARA legislation.

Ms Lawless is of the view that she said 'proceeding' (instead of 'legislation') at the end of this sentence. In any case, this is what would have been intended given the context of what was being discussed. As such, I kindly request consideration for the transcript to be updated to reflect this.

I would like to thank the Committee for its time in facilitating the recent hearing and express my appreciation for the further interest into the Commission's operations through the supplementary questions received from members.

If you have any further questions about the information submitted in response, I welcome you to contact my office via [REDACTED] for clarification or follow-up discussion.

Kind regards,



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