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Minister for Home Affairs

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Dear Ms White

I write in response to your letter dated 31 March 2009 and to provide you with an update on the development of the proposed second tranche of anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing (AML/CTF) reforms.

The active participation of industry in the early consultations has provided the Government with valuable information which will help to shape reforms. The Government is committed to developing a workable legislative framework for the second tranche of AML/CTF reforms that strikes a balance between efficient conduct of business and effective regulation to combat money laundering and terrorism financing.

The Government is acutely aware of the challenges faced by Australian businesses as they seek to deal with the current global economic downturn. It is essential that the Government takes the current economic circumstances into account when considering the timetable for the implementation of the second tranche of reforms.

The Government proposes to reconsider the implementation process for the second tranche of reforms in December 2009. I assure you that the implementation process will include further consultation with the representatives of affected businesses.

In relation to your concerns about the participation of the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) in consultations on the second tranche of AML/CTF reforms, I agree that it is important to consult with all relevant stakeholders to ensure the development of effective and appropriate AML/CTF regulation. The Attorney-General's Department will continue to consult with ASIC throughout the reform process.

I have appreciated the active participation of the Committee of Business Incorporators Australia Inc in the early stages of the consultation process for the second tranche of reforms. I look forward to renewing the dialogue with the CBIA about the second tranche of reforms in the future.

The action officer for this matter in the Attorney-General's Department is Anthony Coles who can be contacted on (02) 6141 2808.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Bob Debus', written in a cursive style.

Bob Debus