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Dear Mr Katsambanis

**Inquiry into the protection of crowded places in Western Australia from terrorist acts -
Information request**

Thank you for your letter dated 16 August 2018 in which you seek information on the financial assistance available from the Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries to owners and operators of crowded places to strengthen sites against foreseeable threats, including terrorism.

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries provides funds for sport and recreation facilities and infrastructure through two grants programs:

- the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) funds new, and upgrades to existing, local government facilities (such as aquatic centres and indoor recreation centres). Some of these facilities potentially include some form of crowd control however, crowd control projects are not eligible to receive CSRFF funding directly.
- the State Sporting Infrastructure Fund (SSIF) funding has been provided to Tennis West to upgrade gate access (\$10,000) and install CCTV (\$30,000) at the State Tennis Centre. The SSIF is only available to state sporting facilities identified in the State Sporting Facilities Plan. VenuesWest, and the assets it manages, are not eligible for SSIF.

In partnership with the Department of Finance – Building Management and Works, the former Department of Sport and Recreation Projects delivered the following projects which incorporated measures to protect crowds:

- State Netball Centre (\$26 million) – External bollard installation at possible access points from the road.
- nib Stadium Redevelopment Stage 1 (\$95.1 million) – Security gating around the stadium, Crowd control barriers, Bollards at access points into Loton Park/east side of stadium, CCTV.

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- WA Institute of Sport High Performance Service Centre (\$33.7 million) - Bollards installed at possible access points from the adjacent road within UWA Sports Park.

In addition, the Department undertook a security audit for the Perth Cultural Centre in June 2018 and a management strategy was developed. The consultant, CCD-Alliance, has significant expertise in counter-terrorism including in crowded public spaces. While no financial assistance has been provided to third parties, the consultant's recommendations are being implemented which will benefit the businesses in the Perth Cultural Centre.

Please contact Ms Lisa Fanciulli, Executive Director Infrastructure
if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely



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