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Hon Sue Ellery MLC  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operation  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Sue

Thank you for your letter dated 2 April 2009 regarding the transfer of the Resources Safety Division and mining inspectors to the Department of Mines and Petroleum.

As the Committee would be aware, on 1 January 2009 the former Department of Consumer and Employment Protection was divided and designated the Department of Commerce, and the Department of Industry and Resources was divided and designated as the Department of Mines and Petroleum and the Department of State Development.

Consistent with State Government policy, part of this restructure involved the Resources Safety Division and its mining inspectors being transferred to the Department of Mines and Petroleum. The integration of the Resources Safety Division into the Department of Mines and Petroleum and the resulting improvement in the integration of all of its regulatory services, including those involving mine and petroleum safety and the important obligations imposed on mining tenement holders, will ensure that these services are dispensed with greater focus and efficiency.

Yours sincerely

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