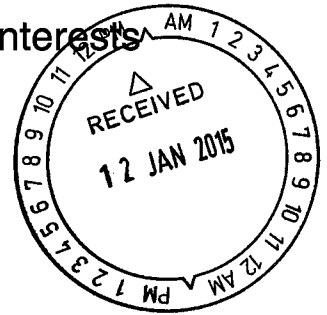




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Hon Simon O'Brien MLC
Chairman
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House
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Dear Mr O'Brien *Simon*

Thank you for your letter of 24 November 2014, regarding a petition received by the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs from residents of Port Hedland requesting Western Australia Police set up a Taskforce to tackle increased crime in the area.

I am advised WA Police responded to the increase in crime by providing extra police resources to actively target offenders in the town of Port Hedland. Additionally, WA Police established several operations to target the sale and use of drugs in this area. I understand these operations are ongoing, and that it was determined that a Police Taskforce is not necessary at this time.

I am further advised Inspector Standish from the Pilbara District Office contacted the Principal Petitioner, Mr Chris Turlan, on 9 December 2014 to discuss his concerns. Inspector Standish advised Mr Turlan of the police actions outlined above.

I understand Mr Turlan was accepting of this information and made a commitment to provide police with quality intelligence to assist in their efforts to reduce illicit drugs on the street.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Liza Harvey

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