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Dear Ms Dowsley

ADVICE ON THE ADEQUACY OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Thank you for seeking advice on the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) on the proposed Crime Statistics Agency (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2015.

The Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission (VCEC) advises on the adequacy of RISs as required under section 10(3) of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 (the Act). I advise the final version of the RIS received by the VCEC on 23 December 2014 meets the requirements of section 10 of the Act.

The VCEC’s advice is based on the adequacy of the evidence presented in the RIS and is focused on the quality of the analysis rather than the merits of the proposal itself. Therefore, the VCEC’s advice that the RIS is adequate does not represent an endorsement of the proposal.

The VCEC welcomes the Crime Statistics Agency’s public commitment to evaluate the fees and fee structure over the first two years of the Agency’s operation.

In the interests of transparency, it is government policy VCEC’s advice be published with the RIS when it is released for consultation.

If you have any questions, please contact RegulationReview@vcec.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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