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Ms Lynn Lovelock Clerk of the Parliaments Parliament House Macquarie Street Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Ms Lovelock,

I refer to your letter of 8 November 2010 regarding the Inquiry into judge alone trials under s.132 of the Criminal Procedure Act 1986. Thank you for providing a copy of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice's report.

In response to the report, the Government has broadly implemented the recommendations made by the Committee by amending section 132 and inserting section 132A of the Criminal Procedure Act 1986, as part of the Courts and Crimes Legislation Further Amendment Act 2010.

The amendments received Assent on 7 December 2010, and commenced on 14 January 2011.

I commend the Standing Committee on their report.

Yours faithfully

John Hatzistergos