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Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

I am writing to update you on developments in relation to the proposed mandatory data retention regime in Australia.

As chair of the Interagency Working Group on data retention, with assistance from members including representatives of your Department, my Department has completed work on a draft data set, options for storage models and a proposed period of retention of two years.

I have written to the Prime Minister (copy attached), asking for his approval to begin consultation on the draft proposals with telecommunications industry participants. I will keep you informed as to the progress and outcomes of these consultations.

I would like to thank Officers from your Department for their assistance in this project.

The action officer for this matter in my Department is S47F(1), who can be contacted on S47F(1).

Yours sincerely

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