INQUIRY INTO LOCALLY BASED APPROACHES TO COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION

Under s 33 of the Parliamentary Committees Act 2003, the following matters be referred to the joint investigatory committees specified:

To the Drugs and Crime Prevention Committee — for inquiry, consideration and report no later than 12 March 2012 on locally based approaches to community safety and crime prevention, and the Committee is asked to consider:

(a) the breadth of locally based groups and organisations addressing community safety and crime prevention issues within Victoria, particularly with regard to local government and Neighbourhood Watch;

(b) the approaches adopted by these groups to promulgating community safety and crime prevention practices, programs or initiatives;

(c) the extent to which these organisations are effective in engaging with local and state agencies in the development of policy;

(d) whether institutional or other arrangements support or impede such local groups in engaging in the development of community safety initiatives;

(e) whether there is a cost benefit to the community for current crime prevention strategies;

(f) whether alternate models for such organisations may improve outcomes; and

(g) local community safety and crime prevention arrangements in other jurisdictions, particularly within Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.