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Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis
Chair, National General Assembly
President, Australian Local Government Association
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Dear Mayor Lewis

Thank you for your letter of 21 October 2013, regarding resolution number 45, passed by the National General Assembly (NGA) of Local Government in June 2013, calling on the Australian Government to reinstate the funds deferred from the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* and use these to support crime prevention.

The Government is committed to making our communities safer for everyone and, in our Policy to Tackle Crime, has committed to ensure that all proceeds of crime revenue goes to community crime prevention initiatives, particularly those that assist law enforcement agencies to disrupt criminal activity. This Government will ensure that proceeds of crime money is used to fight crime, not prop up the budget for political reasons.

This commitment is demonstrated by the Safer Streets program, which will be funded from a pool of \$50 million drawn from proceeds of crime, which will support community crime prevention initiatives. Funding will be available to help deliver effective solutions to local crime problems and help communities to address crime and anti-social behaviour by installing CCTV and better lighting.

The action officer for this matter in the Attorney-General's Department is Ian Brown who can be contacted on 02 6141 2754.

Thank you again for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Michael Keenan