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Mr Andrew Rice  
Assistant Secretary – Cyber and Identity Security Policy  
National Security Resilience Policy Division  
Attorney-General's Department

Dear Mr Rice

**Re: Consultation re DVS Extension Project**

Thank you for your reply of 30 November, confirming that AGD undertakes "to consider [APF's views on privacy protections for the DVS] in [its] planning for offering the existing DVS service to the private sector".

The APF Board is geographically dispersed, and its members analyse project proposals with care. For both these reasons, verbal briefings are only an adjunct to our work, not a sufficient basis for it.

We note the description of the project provided on pp.13-20 and 36-46 of IIS's PIA Report of 20 July 2012, released following an FOI request on 16 October 2012, at

<http://www.ag.gov.au/Freedomofinformation/Pages/Freedomofinformationdisclosurelog.aspx>

<http://www.ag.gov.au/Freedomofinformation/Documents/Privacy%2520Impact%2520Assessment%2520-%2520DVS%2520Private%2520Sector%2520Access%2520-%252020%2520July%25202012.PDF>

Could you please provide the following additional information:

- a written update to, or replacement document for, the above description of the project
- an explanation of the legal authority under which the DVS extension is intended to operate
- the effect of the passage of the amendment last week on the operation of the DVS and on the extension project

We appreciate that a few aspects may remain fluid and hence be more appropriate for verbal mention than formal communication. We also appreciate that some aspects might be reasonably subject to confidentiality provisions, and confirm that we respect confidences as a matter of both law and professionalism, as per our statement at <http://www.privacy.org.au/Papers/ConsConf.html>.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

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