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Inquiry into the Administration of Bail

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ADDENDUM TO SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY INTO THE ADMINISTRATION OF BAIL

Following the submission by Chris and myself to the standing committee conducting an inquiry into the administration of bail, further information has come to light, of which I request clarification please.

Chris mentioned that he was subject to a bail order in 2018, where he was subjected to alcohol and drug testing at the police station where he reported daily; he was also stopped by police on the roadside when driving for alcohol and drug testing. This is all legal practice by police officers under the powers they possess and is not in question.

However, Chris advised he was also alcohol and drug tested at his place of residence when the AFP were conducting bail compliance checks in 2018. This is in total contrast to when my daughter, Brontë, was on a bail order, where one of her conditions was not to consume illicit substances.

When I phoned the police in 2022 after my strong suspicions that Brontë had been using illicit substances, I was advised by the AFP that they did not have the powers to drug test a person at their place of residence.

In 2022, during Brontë's coronial hearing, an AFP officer stated, under oath, that officers do not have the authority to drug test people in their places of residence.

I am unsure if the policy/legislation has changed, however, I would be appreciative to know if the practice of drug testing at home was or was not authorised in 2020.

Apologies for the late notice, however, as noted, it only became apparent after we had sent our submission.

Sincerely

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