



**Hon Mike Nahan MLA
Treasurer; Minister for Energy;
Citizenship and Multicultural Interests**

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Dear Dr Jneid

Thank you for your correspondence dated 5 May 2014 regarding a meeting to discuss tensions between the Muslim community and Australian Defence League (ADL).

While I was not able to attend the meeting due to Parliamentary commitments, two staff from the Office of Multicultural Interests attended the meeting and I have received a briefing on the issues raised.

I note and share the deep concerns raised by Muslim community representatives regarding extremist anti-Islam groups such as the ADL and Q Society. Racial and religious vilification has no place in our multicultural society and the State Government condemns the actions and attitudes of hate-based groups.

The Office of Multicultural Interests and WA Police will be working closely with the Islamic Council and other Muslim community groups to monitor the activities of the ADL and Q Society and address any issues of concern.

The State Government greatly values the contributions made by Muslim Western Australians and I thank the Islamic Council of WA for organising the meeting and bringing this issue to my attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Nahan".

**DR MIKE NAHAN MLA
TREASURER; MINISTER FOR ENERGY;
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