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## VERIFICATION OF IDENTITY: REMAIN VIGILANT FRAUDSTERS HAVE NOT DISAPPEARED

The recent visit by the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission and the Office of the London based Commonwealth Secretariat to work with the WA Police, Major Fraud Squad (MFS) and the A/C State Crime is another positive development in the fight against fraud.

Landgate will continue to work closely with the MFS the Department of Commerce and industry, to protect our State's land titles system.

While one Nigerian man has been arrested, fraudsters have not disappeared and they are still looking for opportunities. With the festive season upon us, we urge you to continue to maintain the heightened awareness of the risk of land title fraud and to continue to apply our VOI Practice\* diligently.

As we near the completion of the first year of full operation of the VOI Practice, we are pleased that, with the support of industry, we have successfully implemented and WA is operating under our VOI Practice. Thank you for your support. We look forward to continuing to work with you in the new year.

Best wishes for the festive season and for a happy new year.

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\*The Western Australian Registrar and Commissioner of Titles Joint Practice: Verification of Identity (VOI Practice) can be found at Chapter 14 of the <u>Land Titles Registration Practice Manual</u> on the Landgate website: <u>www.landgate.wa.gov.au</u>