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COMMITTEE'S FUNCTIONS AND POWERS

On 31 May 2005 the Legislative Council concurred with a resolution of the Legislative Assembly to establish the Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission.

The Joint Standing Committee's functions and powers are defined in the Legislative Assembly's Standing Orders 289-293 and other Assembly Standing Orders relating to standing and select committees, as far as they can be applied. Certain standing orders of the Legislative Council also apply.

It is the function of the Joint Standing Committee to -

- (a) monitor and report to Parliament on the exercise of the functions of the Corruption and Crime Commission and the Parliamentary Inspector of the Corruption and Crime Commission;
- (b) inquire into, and report to Parliament on the means by which corruption prevention practices may be enhanced within the public sector; and
- (c) carry out any other functions conferred on the Committee under the *Corruption and Crime Commission Act* 2003.

The Committee consists of four members, two from the Legislative Assembly and two from the Legislative Council.

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

On 17 July 2007, Mr Malcolm McCusker QC, Parliamentary Inspector (PI) of the Corruption and Crime Commission, tabled pursuant to Section 201 of the *Corruption and Crime Commission Act 2003* a report 'On the Parliamentary Inspector's Investigation and Review of the Acts and Proceedings of the Corruption and Crime Commission ("The Commission') Concerning Mr John D'Orazio' with the Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission (JSCCCC). That Report, prepared under Section 199 of the Act was subsequently tabled by the Committee in both Houses of Parliament on 18 July 2007.

In light of the *Corruption and Crime Commission Act 2003* being relatively new legislation and this being the first occasion for exercise of a number of powers pursuant to the Act, the Report has engendered discussion between the PI, the Corruption and Crime Commission (CCC) and the JSCCCC. This has included the extent of the Parliamentary Inspector's and CCC's powers in addressing particular matters. Both agencies and the Committee are continuing to work collaboratively to reach an agreed understanding regarding the meaning and application of specific provisions of the legislation. The Committee is of the view that the current discussions are an important and valuable process because they may lead to a clearer understanding of the meaning and application of the provisions of the legislation.

In the context of any debate associated with the Parliamentary Inspector's Report, the Committee informs both Houses of Parliament that these matters are currently under consideration.

HON KEN TRAVERS, MLC CHAIRMAN

(ON BEHALF OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE)