

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION

*Fifth Report — “The timeliness of misconduct investigations undertaken or overseen by the CCC:
Supplementary report” — Tabling*

MR P. PAPALIA (Warnbro) [10.22 am]: I present for tabling the fifth report of the Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission entitled “The timeliness of misconduct investigations undertaken or overseen by the CCC: Supplementary report”.

[See paper 797.]

Mr P. PAPALIA: This supplementary report follows a reference given to the then acting Parliamentary Inspector of the Corruption and Crime Commission in the previous Parliament. Like a number of reports we have presented in recent times, it cleans up some of the issues that were initiated during that Parliament. This reference, and the consequent inquiry, was mostly undertaken by the present parliamentary inspector, Hon Michael Murray, QC. He presented the CCC committee with an interim report, which was tabled in this place on 15 August. That report made three findings and three recommendations and included information on some changes to the CCC’s management in response to the inquiry, which had a focus on the timeliness of misconduct investigations. Some of them have taken some time. In response, the CCC has already made some changes to its own operations. Those changes were detailed in the interim report on 15 August.

This final report deals with another matter that was still outstanding at the time of the interim report; that is, remote electronic access granted by WA Police to the CCC in 2007 to its IAPro complaint and investigation management system. The final report focuses on the extent of the effective use of that system by the CCC. We have learned from this report that essentially the two agencies—WAPOL and the CCC—are at odds over this matter. There seems to be some disagreement over the use of IAPro and who is responsible for the inefficient use of that system, and access to it by the CCC. The committee believes that there are tensions between the two agencies that may lead to some misconduct investigations by the CCC being delayed for an extended period. As a consequence, this report makes one recommendation. It is pretty simple; that is, that the Commissioner of Police and the Corruption and Crime Commissioner personally intervene to overcome unresolved tensions between WAPOL and the CCC officers using the IAPro database system and assist these agencies put in place more efficient communication protocols by 1 March 2014. We have discussed the matter with the CCC commissioner. We are hopeful that these matters will be resolved by those two commissioners working with each other.

On behalf of the committee, I thank the Chair of the committee, Hon Nick Goiran, and Hon Adele Farina in the other place, and my colleague the member for Churchlands in this place. On behalf of those members, I thank the committee secretariat, David Worth and Jovita Hogan. Jovita is here today. As always, they are extremely helpful and very professional. We also extend our thanks to the parliamentary inspector, Hon Michael Murray, QC, and his executive assistant, Mr Murray Alder. We commend the report to the house.