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PARLIAMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## **SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN POLICE SERVICE**

Report on the Committee's proposed attendance at the  
Second Internal Affairs Conference in New York

Presented by the Hon Derrick Tomlinson MLC (Chairman)

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## SECOND INTERNAL AFFAIRS CONFERENCE

The Select Committee on the WA Police Service is in the process of finalising its Report on term of reference 3 which requires it to investigate:

*whether the self-regulatory role of the Internal Affairs Unit within the Police Service is effective or desirable in the public interest and if not, what method of detecting, punishing and preventing corruption within the Police Service should be implemented*

During its investigation of this term of reference the Committee has met with, and discussed the systems in place in many jurisdictions in an attempt to recommend the most suitable for Western Australian conditions.

The Committee has been invited to New York to attend the second Internal Affairs Conference which is looking specifically at the way in which the New York City Police Department has approached the problem of investigating corrupt police officers. It has been acknowledged by that Police Department that it had been faced with a difficult problem in the past and this Conference will present some of the initiatives it is implementing to combat the problems.

This Conference will be dealing with issues at the cutting edge of changes to investigation of corrupt police officers. These include the newest technical approaches and training in investigation and more basically methods for recruiting the best people for the difficult job of policing.

The schedule for the Conference includes workshops on a number of topics. See Appendix 1. The Committee has already reported on *Integrity Testing* in its October 1995 Interim Report. The Conference would therefore provide an up-to-date account of this method of identifying corrupt officers and thus controlling corruption within the Police Service. It would also enable the Committee to further evaluate whether this would be an effective tool in the management of the Western Australian Police Service.

*Investigative Training* for internal investigators is of interest to the Committee because it has heard argument that police are the only people with the skills and expertise to investigate police. This workshop outlining the techniques and course materials used to train internal investigators would provide insights into the training methods of these types of officers. It may also provide support for the argument that investigative skills are able to be taught.

The *Technical Equipment* topic may provide the background for the Committee to investigate Term of Reference 5. Currently, the Committee has received a variety of accounts about the equipment available to the Western Australian Police Service and of the capabilities of modern equipment. The Committee believes that the opinion of people who can provide impartial information about technical equipment will assist the Committee to broaden its knowledge of this rapidly changing area.

*Personnel Profiling* is important to all aspects of the Police Service, not simply the recruitment of internal investigators. If such a profile can be determined at the recruitment level of the WAPS, then the recruit who may be susceptible to corruption can either be weeded out at that stage, without damage to the Police Service or the community. This will give the Committee an insight into the investigation techniques and resources needed by bodies that investigate police corruption. It will also assist the Committee in making recommendations about police recruitment of appropriate personnel and testing which could be done to assist in recruit selection.

All these workshops and information sessions will assist the Committee in the preparation of its final Report.

The Conference will be held at the New York University School of Law from Thursday, 6 June 1996 to Friday 7 June 1996.

The Committee has resolved to send a subcommittee consisting of the Deputy Chairman, Hon Reg Davies MLC, an Opposition Member, Hon Nick Griffiths MLC and a Government Member, Hon Phil Lockyer MLC and one staff member.

It is proposed that the Committee will leave Perth on Tuesday 4 June 1996 and leave New York on Saturday 8 June 1996.

The approximate cost of the trip for four people is as follows:

Estimated Cost of the trip for 4 people:

Airfares	\$19 844.00
Hotel	(App) \$ 3 408.00
Float	\$ 1 500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24 752.00</b>

These figures are subject to fluctuations in airfares and foreign exchange rates.