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REPORT

The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly referred to the Procedure and Privileges Committee a letter from Mr Guiseppe Passione seeking to use Standing Order 114 to respond to comments made on 1 March 2007 by the Member for Vasse, Mr Troy Buswell, MLA.

The Committee has agreed to the attached response proposed by Mr Guiseppe Passione.

In accordance with Standing Order 114 the Committee has not considered or judged the truth of any statements made in the Legislative Assembly or in the submission.

Recommendation

Your Committee recommends –

That a response by Mr Guiseppe Passione in the terms specified in the Appendix to this report, be incorporated in *Hansard*.

HON. FRED RIEBELING, MLA
CHAIRMAN TO THE COMMITTEE
19 March 2007

APPENDIX

Response by Mr Giuseppe Passione
Agreed to by Mr Giuseppe Passione and the Procedure and Privileges Committee
Pursuant to Standing Order 114

I wish to submit for your consideration a response to adverse comments made in the Legislative Assembly about me.

1. The person adversely referred to

My name is Giuseppe "Joe" Passione. My address is care of 9 Montgomery Way, Malaga, Western Australia but I request that all communications be via the offices of Hewett & Lovitt at Level 1, 849 Wellington Street, West Perth, Western Australia 6005, telephone (08) 9426 5600 and facsimile (08) 9426 5656.

2. The member of Parliament who made the adverse reference

The adverse reference to me was made by Mr Troy Buswell MP.

3. The date on which the adverse reference was made

The adverse reference was made in the Legislative Assembly on Thursday 1 March 2007.

4. Hansard

The adverse reference was recorded on pages 237 to 238 of Hansard (see enclosed extract).

5. Summary of the adverse reference

It was stated in the House that I am a shareholder in a company called Webforex. I presume that the member relied upon a search of ASIC records of the company known as Webforex Holdings Pty Ltd ACN 099 393 987 for his information. This company was incorporated on 24 July 2003. ASIC records disclose that it is the parent company of Webforex International Pty Ltd ACN 093 247 299.

In actual fact, contrary to the ASIC records, I have never applied or agreed to be a shareholder in this company. I was not aware of its existence until the adverse reference in Parliament was drawn to my attention. Steps are simultaneously being taken to correct the ASIC records.

An explanation for the mistaken record may reside in the fact that in 2000 I was offered shares in a company referred to by its promoter as Webforex Asia Pty Ltd, but I declined to invest. It is presumably due to an administrative error by the controllers of the company that the shares are incorrectly shown as having being issued in my name. It is noteworthy that the ASIC record does not contain my correct legal name, but uses the familiar "Joe".

The alleged association with the company Webforex constitutes an adverse reference to me because of what was stated about two of the other shareholders in the company, being two

South African men – Mr Stephen Botes and Mr Leon Wolmarans. It was stated in the House that these men are fraudulent and corrupt, having extorted money in the past. This implies that anyone else connected to these men, through an association with Webforex, is also fraudulent and corrupt. As a result of being incorrectly associated with these men, my reputation has been adversely affected.

6. Response to the adverse reference

For the reasons outlined above, I believe that a response should be incorporated in Hansard to show that I am not and never have been a shareholder of Webforex Holdings Pty Ltd and therefore have no connection with the activities of the Webforex group of companies, and in particular that I have no business association with the two South African men Mr Stephen Botes and Mr Leon Wolmarans.

Yours faithfully

Mr Giuseppe Passione

14 March 2007