

**ATTORNEY GENERAL; MINISTER FOR COMMERCE**

Our Ref: 44-12293



Hon Nick Goiran MLC
Chairman
Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission
Parliament House
Harvest Terrace
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Dear Mr Goiran

RESPONSE TO JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION REPORT NO. 16 CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION VOLUNTARY INTERVIEWS WITH WA POLICE OFFICERS

I note the tabling of the Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission report 16 on *Corruption and Crime Commission voluntary interviews with WA police officers* in Parliament on 21 August 2014.

My response on behalf of the Government is as follows:

Recommendation 1

The Attorney General should reject the proposed amendment to the Corruption and Crime Commission Act 2003 (WA) (CCC Act) made by the Police Commissioner and the former CCC Commissioner that seeks to create a privilege on evidence provided when police officers are compelled to answer questions during interviews with the Corruption and Crime Commission. Instead the Attorney General should amend the CCC Act to create a new class of voluntary interviews which creates a privilege on evidence provided when police officers answer questions during interviews with the Corruption and Crime Commission.

I note this recommendation and will give consideration to the inclusion of an amendment to create a privilege on evidence provided when police officers answer questions during voluntary interviews within a package of amendments to be put to Cabinet in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Hon. Michael Mischin MLC
ATTORNEY GENERAL; MINISTER FOR COMMERCE

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