

MINISTER FOR POLICE; CORRECTIVE SERVICES; RACING AND GAMING; DEFENCE INDUSTRY; VETERANS ISSUES

Our Ref: 70-40435

Mr M Hughes MLA Chair, Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission Parliament House 4 Harvest Terrace, West Perth WA 6005

Dear Mr Hughes

Committee inquiry- What happens next: beyond a finding of serious misconduct.

I am writing to acknowledge recent correspondence containing the Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission Report 11: What happens next - beyond a finding of serious misconduct.

I have reviewed the report's content, which instructs the Premier and Minister for Public Sector Management, Attorney General, Minister for Police, and Minister for Local Government to report back to the Assembly concerning the Committee's recommendations. In accordance with this request, I provide the following response to recommendations 13 through 16.

Recommendation 13 relates to the role of the Corruption and Crime Commission (CCC) in notifying the Western Australia Police Force in a time manner of investigations that may require shared resourcing and continuing to foster cooperative efforts.

The WA Police Force welcomes the CCC's commitment to promptly notify the agency of investigations that may require police resources. Police are dedicated to acting promptly and comprehensively on matters arising from CCC investigations. The WA Police Force understands the importance of expeditious and thorough handling of such cases to maintain public trust and confidence in law enforcement.

Recommendation 14 concerns the necessity for WA Police Force to adequately resource the investigation and prosecution of matters arising from CCC investigations.

The WA Police Force acknowledge the significance of adequately resourcing investigations and prosecutions resulting from CCC investigations. It is committed to allocating the necessary personnel and technological resources required to investigate and prosecute these matters.

Recommendation 15 pertains to the establishment of an MOU between the CCC and the WA Police Force to set out expectations and standards on timeliness, resourcing, disclosure, and other matters to ensure the effective prosecution of matters arising from CCC investigations.

The WA Police Force and the CCC currently maintain an MOU, and the agency is open to revisiting it as appropriate.

Recommendation 16 pertains to the establishment of an MOU between the WA Police Force and the Director of Public Prosecutions to set out interagency protocols and shared standards on similar matters.

The WA Police Force are open to establishing an MOU with the Director of Public Prosecutions, in consultation with the relevant parties, to clearly define expectations, standards, and protocols. Actions will be taken to explore the establishment of an appropriate MOU.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on these matters.

Yours sincerely

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