

PLANNING COMMISSION — CHAIR — DAVID CADDY

1019. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Planning:

I refer to concerns over the potential conflict of interest of WAPC Chair David Caddy, and I ask:

- (a) By what legal instrument or rule did the Department of Planning, Land and Heritage absolve WAPC Chair David Caddy from his statutory responsibility to disclose potential conflicts of interest regarding the company he founded (TPG, now Element);
- (b) Did the CCC undertake an inquiry into WAPC Chair David Caddy over potential conflicts of interest and any other matter;
- (c) If the CCC did undertake an investigation, when was it done and what was the outcome; and
- (d) If the CCC did not undertake an investigation, who investigated the complaint, when was it done and what was the outcome?

Mr J.N. Carey replied:

- (a) All Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) Board and Committee members are required to comply with the Public Sector Commission's Instruction 7: Code of Ethics, which sets out the minimum standards of conduct and integrity to be complied with by all Public Sector bodies. Further, all WAPC and sub-committee members are required to adhere to the WAPC Code of Conduct.
- (b)–(d) In 2021, an allegation of misconduct was made to the Corruption and Crime Commission (CCC) regarding Mr Caddy, WAPC Chairman, in relation to declaration of conflicts of interest. The CCC referred the allegation to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage in accordance with the *Corruption, Crime and Misconduct Act 2003* s33(1)(c), as it was not a matter for the CCC.

The Department engaged an independent investigator who found the allegation was not substantiated and that the Commission had sound governance practices in place.