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Presented by

Ms Lisa Baker MLA

Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Laid on the Table of the Legislative Assembly on 14 June 2018

Report

In my capacity as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, I referred to the Procedure and Privileges Committee a letter from Mr Adrian Fini seeking to use Standing Order 114 to respond to statements made in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday 15 May 2018 by the Member for Carine, Mr Tony Krsticevic MLA.

The Committee has agreed to recommend the incorporation in *Hansard* of the appended response by Mr Adrian Fini.

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

The Committee recommends —

Peter Water

That a response by Mr Adrian Fini, in the terms specified in the Appendix to this Report, be incorporated in *Hansard*.

HON PETER WATSON MLA CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE

14 JUNE 2018

Appendix One

Response by Mr Adrian Fini

Agreed to by Mr Adrian Fini and the Procedure and Privileges Committee pursuant to Standing Order 114

Response Pursuant to Legislative Assembly Standing Order 114

I write to seek an opportunity to correct or clarify the *Hansard* record of the Legislative Assembly following a misleading statement by the Member for Carine, Mr Tony Krsticevic MLA, during debate on the Appropriation Bill on Tuesday 15 May 2018.

During his statement, the Member for Carine made a number of inferences, including the following passage:

... if we dig a bit deeper, we find that Adrian Fini, through the FJM Property Group, is involved in the development called Knutsford in Fremantle. That is an urban infill program and FJM is the leader of the consortium. Jemma Green, through her company, Power Ledger, is involved in that project. Power Ledger is providing a transactional layer for the renewable assets on the project. Jemma Green, the Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Perth, moved a motion to give \$300 000 to Historic Heart of Perth while she was involved in direct business interests with the Fini Group, which is linked to Historic Heart, and there was no declaration of any conflict of interest. On the surface, when I look at the documents, it seems very strange to me. I have never been a councillor, but I would have thought that if a councillor was doing business with someone and at the same time they moved a motion to give them \$300 000, they might want to say or declare something. That is an interesting point that I think needs to be looked at by Mr Power, and the commissioners need to review that part of the process.

Mr Krsticevic's statement is misleading, incorrect, and represents an unwarranted slur on my reputation because it implies that I had sought to obtain or arrange some form of improper financial benefit from a commercial relationship and/or my interactions with an elected official of the City of Perth regarding a decision by the City to fund the not-for-profit organisation Historic Heart.

I and the companies and organisations connected with me have no financial or contractual links to any entities connected with Perth Councillor Dr Jemma Green. There is no commercial relationship between Dr Green and I or our associated entities in connection to the Knutsford development in East Fremantle or any other development. As a result, the statement by Mr Krsticevic is misleading and neither I or Dr Green have ever sought to receive, or deliver, any financial benefit in connection to funding by the City of Perth for Historic Heart's activities to preserve the east end of the Perth CBD.

The statement by the Member for Carine, and the inferences contained within it, are deeply damaging to my personal reputation and to my family. On this basis I request that the record is properly corrected by incorporating this response into *Hansard*.

Mr Adrian Fini June 2018

Appendix Two

Committee's Functions and Powers

Legislative Assembly Standing Order 284 provides the following functions, powers and terms of reference to the Procedure and Privileges Committee —

Procedure and Privileges Committee

- **284.** (1) A Procedure and Privileges Committee will be appointed at the beginning of each Parliament to
 - (a) examine and report on the procedures of the Assembly; and
 - (b) examine and report on issues of privilege; and
 - (c) wherever necessary, confer with a similar committee of the Council.
 - (2) Membership of the committee will consist of the Speaker and four other members as the Assembly appoints.
 - (3) Standing Order 278 will apply except that where possible any report of the committee will be presented by the Deputy Speaker.
 - (4) When consideration of a report from the committee is set down as an order of the day it will be considered using the consideration in detail procedure.