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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION

3 May 2012

Hon Barry House MLC
President of the Legislative Council
Parliament House

Dear Mr President,

Amendment to Committee report on *The use of public examinations by the Corruption and Crime Commission*

On Tuesday 27 March 2012 the Committee tabled its 25th report in the current Parliament, arising out of the Committee's inquiry into the use of public examinations by the Corruption and Crime Commission.

Unfortunately the report as tabled contained a minor error: Mr Anthony Fels, who provided the Committee with a submission in aid of the inquiry, was incorrectly referred to as a "Former CCC witness," within Appendix Four of the report (page 189). Mr Fels subsequently informed the Committee, by way of an email dated 1 April 2012, that he had "never been a witness to the CCC hearings - public or private. [He had] never been investigated by the CCC. [He had] never spoken with the CCC other than when [he had] referred complaints about corruption to the CCC."

In order to correct the error, and after having considered the Standing Orders of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly, the Committee resolved to write to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Hon Grant Woodhams MLA, requesting that he make use of Standing Order 156 of the Legislative Assembly to amend the tabled report. Standing Order 156 of the Legislative Assembly, which is concerned with the "Alteration of papers," provides that:

Tabled papers and documents will only be altered or added to with the approval of the Speaker who will then inform the Assembly.

As the Committee's letter to the Speaker explained, the error in the Committee's report owed to an oversight by the Committee's Secretariat as the report was being finalised prior to it being printed by the State Law Publisher. Although Mr Fels was not referred to in any other passage within the report, it was clear that the error had caused Mr Fels some distress. Accordingly, the Committee requested that the Speaker make use of the power provided by Standing Order 156 to amend the report, so that the report would properly refer to Mr Fels as an "Interested citizen," and include a footnote stating that "The originally tabled version of this report incorrectly referred to Mr Fels as a "former CCC witness." This was incorrect, as Mr

Fels has never been a witness to any CCC examination, and has never been the subject of any CCC investigation.”

I advise that the Speaker acceded to the Committee's request, and as such the report has now been amended. In making this amendment, the Speaker made the following statement to the Legislative Assembly at approximately 12.08 pm on 2 May 2012:

THE SPEAKER (Mr G.A. Woodhams): *I received a letter today from the Chairman of the Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission requesting that a correction be made to the twenty-fifth report of the committee, entitled “The use of Public Examinations by the Corruption and Crime Commission”, which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 27 May 2012. On page 189, in appendix four of the report, Mr Anthony Fels, who provided a submission to the committee, was incorrectly referred to as a “former CCC witness”. The committee has corrected the error by referring to him as “an interested citizen”. The committee states —*

... Mr Fels has never been a witness to any CCC examination, and has never been the subject of any CCC investigation.

Under the provisions of standing order 156, I have authorised that this letter and attachments be made available with the tabled report.¹

Please find enclosed (at ‘Attachment A’ and ‘Attachment B’ respectively) copies of how page 189 of the report appeared in its originally tabled form, and how it now appears in the amended report.

Yours sincerely,



HON NICK GOIRAN, MLC
CHAIRMAN

¹ Hon Grant Woodhams MLA, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, *Parliamentary debates*, 2 May 2012 p 3. (uncorrected proof)

Appendix Four

Submissions received

Name	Role	Organisation
Mr Kevin Merifield	Former CCC witness	
Mr Paul Dickinson	Interested citizen	
Mr Graham Pidco	Interested citizen	
Mr Allan Peachment	Interested citizen	
Mr Robert McKay	Interested citizen	
Michael Sinclair-Jones	WA Branch Secretary	Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance
Mr Mike Allen	Former CCC witness	
His Excellency Malcolm McCusker AC CVO QC	Former Parliamentary Inspector	
The Honourable Chris Steytler QC	Parliamentary Inspector	
Mr Sam Salpietro	Former CCC witness	
Mr Brian Burke	Former CCC witness	
Mr Mark Herron	Acting Commissioner	CCC
Mr Noel Crichton-Browne	Former CCC witness	
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