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Dear Mr Goiran *Nick*

**Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission – Report 21
Parliamentary Inspector's Report Concerning Telecommunication Interceptions and
Legal Professional Privilege**

The State Government has noted the above report of the Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission ("JSCCCC"). The report made one recommendation to Government, that:

The Corruption and Crime Commission Act 2003 should be amended to allow for the appointment of deputy and/or assistant commissioners, to whom specific functions may be delegated by the Commissioner, and who are able to act as the Commissioner in the Commissioner's absence.

The relevance of this recommendation to the subject matter of the JSCCCC report appears to stem from the concerns the Parliamentary Inspector expressed in Chapter 4 of his report (which is annexed to the JSCCCC report) regarding the time the Corruption and Crime Commission ("CCC") had taken to respond to his requests for information. It appears to be common ground between the Parliamentary Inspector and the CCC that this delay was contributed to by the staffing difficulties the CCC had been experiencing. As the JSCCCC is aware, the most fundamental of those staffing deficiencies has since been resolved with the appointment of the present Commissioner, however it is acknowledged that enhancements to the CCC's management structure of the nature mooted by this recommendation might conceivably ameliorate such difficulties in future.

In any event the JSCCCC is aware that the Government is presently drafting legislation which will implement various reforms to the *Corruption and Crime Commission Act 2003*. As noted in previous responses, these reforms are presently subject to Cabinet processes, however the JSCCCC recommendation is noted in the context of those ongoing reforms.

Yours sincerely

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