ATTORNEY GENERAL; MINISTER FOR COMMERCE

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Hon Nick Goiran MLC
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Dear Chairman

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 19: *PARLIAMENTARY INSECTOR'S REPORT ON MISCONDUCT AND RELATED ISSUES IN THE CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISISON*

I note the tabling of the above report in the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council on behalf of the Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission.

The Government of Western Australia's response to the Joint Standing Committee's Report No. 19 is as follows:

> The Government is pleased to note the improvements in the governance of the Corruption and Crime Commission which were set out in the Corruption and Crime Commission's Repositioning Paper. The Government is optimistic that those changes, together with the leadership of Commissioner McKechnie QC and his new executive team will ensure that the misconduct which referred to in Report 19 and the Parliamentary Inspector's Report should not be able to occur again.
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> The Government is also confident that the improved relationship between the Western Australian Police Service and the Corruption and Crime Commission should also assist in ensuring that the problems identified in the reports which led to an inability to effectively investigate some of the allegations of misconduct will not arise in the future.
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> While it is felt that the situation is unlikely to repeat itself the Government is also generally accepting that there are some amendments which could be made to the *Corruption, Crime and Misconduct Act 2003*, particularly in respect of the powers of the Parliamentary Inspector, which would also prevent these problems arising again. The Government also notes that in its Report No. 18 the Joint Standing Committee identified other means by which that could occur. The Government is supportive of the intention of the Parliamentary Inspector's proposals to amend the *Corruption, Crime and Misconduct Act 2003* and intends to further consider both options and to determine what amendments need to be made as part of a broader package of reforms being considered.

Yours sincerely

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