



Attorney General; Minister for Commerce

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION REPORT 12: AN UNREASONABLE SUSPICION – PARLIAMENTARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Recommendation: That the Attorney General give consideration to the matters raised in the attached report of the Parliamentary Inspector of the Corruption and Crime Commission.

Response: As recommended by the committee, I have carefully considered the matters raised in the report of the Parliamentary Inspector of the Corruption and Crime Commission. Based on the facts as I understand them, I am presently inclined to prefer the ultimate conclusion of the Commission and Parliamentary Inspector. However, I consider that any questions relating to that issue, and Mr Martin's conviction, are appropriately matters to be determined by the Supreme Court, if he decides to seek an extension of time from the Court in which to appeal his conviction and sentence. It would be premature for me to consider whether to advise the Governor in Executive Council that the Royal Prerogative of Mercy should be exercised in Mr Martin's favour when the possibility remains open for him to pursue an appeal. I also note the Parliamentary Inspector's important observation that he did not consult Mr Martin with respect to his report, assessment or recommendations. Mr Martin should have the opportunity to consider what, if anything, he wishes to do in relation to the matters which the Parliamentary Inspector has raised. Accordingly, I have written to Mr Martin.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Quigley'.

Hon. John Quigley MLC
ATTORNEY GENERAL; MINISTER FOR COMMERCE