

Division 28: Corruption and Crime Commission —

[Supplementary Information No B21.]

Question: Mr W.J. Johnston asked how many persons mentioned in transcripts of public Corruption and Crime Commission hearings requested that their names be suppressed; how many of those requests were granted and how many refused; and how many of those refused a suppression order have then been phoned by an investigator and asked whether the aggrieved person would like the investigator to seek their name to be removed from the transcript.

Answer: The Corruption and Crime Commission (CCC) provides the following responses to the questions asked by Mr Johnston relating to Suppression Orders issued by the CCC.

- (1) It is not uncommon for witnesses and other persons to request that their names be suppressed and, hence, not be published in the publicly available transcripts of public examinations conducted by the CCC. These requests arise before, during and after the conduct of public examinations and may be made by either witnesses appearing at examinations or individuals named in evidence before the Commission. Each request is considered on its merits. Additionally, the Commission often makes suppression orders on its own initiative.
- (2) Since 1 January 2004, the CCC has issued 77 Suppression Orders.
- (3) The Commission has no record or knowledge of any CCC investigator contacting an aggrieved person to ask whether the aggrieved person would like the investigator to seek their name to be removed from the transcript. On one occasion, a person not having been called as a witness who had had their representations to have their name suppressed refused by the Commission has made further representations about that. In the course of assessing the merits of those representations the Commission directed a Commission investigator to make contact with them in order to obtain a succinct letter detailing the relevant grounds for the request.

[Supplementary Information No B22.]

Question: Ms M.M. Quirk requested figures on complaints against serving Western Australian police officers received by the Corruption and Crime Commission.

Answer: The Corruption and Crime Commission (CCC) provides the following responses to the questions asked by Ms Quirk relating to the volume of complaints received by the CCC against Western Australia Police (WAPOL) officers.

- (1) The volume of complaints received by the CCC against WAPOL officers is decreasing. In the period 2004-2005 to 2009-2010 allegations about police misconduct declined by 23%, from 1,580 to 1,221. However, in the corresponding period non-police allegations increased by 141% from 832 to 2016.
- (2) In the 2009-2010 period the WAPOL share of notifications accounted for 38% of total notifications received by the CCC, compared with 67% in the 2004-2005 period. In the first half of 2010-2011 the WAPOL share of notifications declined a further 2% to 36% (640 allegations).