

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION

*Seventeenth Report — “Meaningful Reform Overdue:
The Corruption, Crime and Misconduct Act 2003” — Tabling*

HON JIM CHOWN (Agricultural) [10.08 am]: I am directed to present the seventeenth report of the Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission titled “Meaningful Reform Overdue: The Corruption, Crime and Misconduct Act 2003”.

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Hon JIM CHOWN: This report of the Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission is titled “Meaningful Reform Overdue: The Corruption, Crime and Misconduct Act 2003”. During the fortieth Parliament, the committee has observed various areas in which the Corruption, Crime and Misconduct Act 2003 is deficient, obsolete or unclear. Key stakeholders brought the committee’s attention to issues arising from the application of the act in its current form, and areas in which the act would benefit from improvement. These stakeholders have functions provided under the act. They include the Corruption and Crime Commission, the Parliamentary Inspector of the Corruption and Crime Commission and the Public Sector Commission. In addition, the committee heard from other individuals and agencies, who also identify areas of the act that could be improved.

The need for a comprehensive review of the CCM act is necessary and overdue. The former CCC act required that the minister carry out a review of the operation and effectiveness of the act. This was undertaken by Ms Gail Archer, SC, who published her report in February 2008. The report made 58 recommendations concerning the act. One of these was that a further review of the act be conducted eight years after its commencement. The committee is concerned that a further review of the act is necessary but has not yet occurred. In preparing this report, the committee has collated feedback from diverse stakeholders, endeavouring to draw attention to these comments as areas that should be afforded thorough consideration when the act is finally reviewed. What is made abundantly clear through the collation of feedback from these stakeholders is that a comprehensive review is necessary to support much-needed reform of the act.