

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION - CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION REPORT

Release of Embargoed Information - Personal Explanation

MR P.D. OMODEI (Warren-Blackwood - Leader of the Opposition) [2.04 pm] - by leave: Last Friday an issue was raised about the early release of information from an embargoed Corruption and Crime Commission report. I initiated an internal investigation into whether the information in the embargoed document came from the Leader of the Opposition's office. The investigation revealed that the information was provided by my chief of staff. He has been stood aside pending the outcome of inquiries. I am a fierce supporter of integrity and standards of government, and I was disappointed by this error of judgement by my chief of staff. Although this mistake does not involve corruption, deceit or dealings for financial gain, I have very high standards and I take this issue very seriously. This morning my chief of staff met with the Corruption and Crime Commission. I sincerely apologise to the member for Ballajura and his family for any distress this has caused.