Dear Mr President and Mr Speaker

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION:
REPORT 27 – THE DISCONTINUANCE OF CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS

I refer to the above Report (the Report) of the Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission (the Committee) and note the Report's finding and recommendation.

I advise that the Corruption and Crime Commission Amendment Bill 2012 (the Bill), currently before the Legislative Assembly, addresses the recommendation as outlined in the Report.

The Bill gives the Corruption and Crime Commission (the Commission) a direct role in investigating organised crime, and working cooperatively with the Western Australian Police in doing so, if there is a referral from the Reference Group. This would include the Commission conducting compulsory examinations should it see fit and in a manner that it sees fit.

Furthermore, in relation to the matter of contempt, the Bill provides the Commission with the power to summons and issue a warrant to arrest alleged contemnors and bring them immediately before the Supreme Court.

I would like to take this opportunity to express the Government’s thanks for the Committee’s work in respect of the Report.

Yours sincerely

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