Dear Deputy Premier

CORRUPTION CRIME COMMISSION REPORT INTO BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION IN MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE CONTRACTS AT THE NORTH METROPOLITAN HEALTH SERVICE.

Thank you for your letter dated 20 August 2018 regarding the report by the Corruption and Crime Commission (CCC) tabled in Parliament on 16 August 2018 about their investigation into bribery and corruption in maintenance and service contracts at the North Metropolitan Health Service (NMHS).

In regards to the information you have requested in that correspondence, I can confirm that I met with the Health Service Provider (HSP) Chief Executives to discuss the report and the findings, and have requested further particulars from each HSP Board. I intend to provide a response to the 4 items specified in your letter by close of business Friday 31 August 2018.

I can also confirm that while each HSP may take their own actions in regards to reviewing and making any necessary improvements to their procurement practices and associated governance, it will be important that we as a WA public health system, identify opportunities for consistency in approach and/or remedies.

The Department of Health, having established the Integrity Working Group in July 2018, a system-wide group reporting to the Workforce Steering Committee which I chair, will ensure that development of initiatives to address areas of concern and drive cultural change, remains a priority.

I also want to take this opportunity to reaffirm my deep disappointment in the actions taken, and extreme breaches of trust, by senior officers of the NMHS named in the CCC's report. I remain committed to addressing the issues and making the necessary improvements in practice, culture and compliance, to restore the confidence of the WA community.

Yours sincerely

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