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The Hon. Mark Furner MP
Chair
Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Via email: pccc@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Furner

RE: Response to questions taken on notice at the public joint meeting with the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee on 17 February 2026

During the public session of the joint meeting between the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC) and the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee (the Committee) on 17 February 2026, I am advised the CCC undertook to provide further information on the following matters.

Question from the Member for Ferny Grove, Hon Mark Furner MP

The Member for Ferny Grove asked who advised the Chairperson of the appointment of Mr Brett Pointing APM as Acting Commissioner of the Queensland Police Service.

I confirm Ms O'Farrell's response in the meeting was correct. The Public Sector Commissioner telephoned me on 6 February 2026 to advise of the Minister's intention to appoint an acting Commissioner pursuant to section 4.11 of the *Police Service Administration Act 1990 (Qld)*.

Questions from the Member for Waterford, Hon Shannon Fentiman MP

The Member for Waterford asked whether the CCC was consulted by the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity on two additional expressions to be proscribed under the *Fighting Antisemitism and Keeping Guns out of the Hands of Terrorists and Criminals Amendment Bill 2026*.

We understand the Bill inserts a new offence in section 52DA of the Criminal Code concerning publicly reciting, publicly distributing, publishing or publicly displaying a prohibited expression in a way that might reasonably be expected to cause a member of the public to feel menaced, harassed or offended commits an offence, unless the

person has a reasonable excuse. The proposed maximum penalty is 150 penalty units or 2 years imprisonment.

The term “prohibited expression” is then defined in section 52C(1A) of the Bill.

A “prohibited expression” is one which is prescribed by regulation. Before recommending prohibition of an expression by regulation, the Minister must consult with specified persons, including the chairperson of the Crime and Corruption Commission.

It is unclear whether consultation on a proposed prohibited expression could occur prior to the passage of legislation which introduces the concept of a “prohibited expression” into law. However, we note that the approach of passing the authorising legislation, and then consulting on the proposed regulation is what occurred previously in relation to “prohibited symbols”.

We expect that, should the Bill pass, I will be, as chairperson of the CCC, consulted as required prior to any recommendation to make a regulation prohibiting any expressions.

The Member for Waterford also asked when the last time the CCC was involved in a working group for the Police Integrity Unit (PIU).

I attended an inaugural meeting of the PIU working group on 12 September 2024, chaired by the Public Sector Commissioner.

On 19 December 2025, Ms Sarah Cruickshank, Director-General, Department of Justice, wrote to the CCC proposing to discuss the recommendation to establish a PIU at an initial meeting in late January 2026 with senior officers from the CCC, Queensland Police Service, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Queensland Treasury and Department of Justice. Mr Craig Capper, Senior Executive Officer (Corruption) was nominated to attend on behalf of the CCC. To date, the initial meeting proposed by the Director-General has not been held.

I trust this information assists the Committee.

Yours sincerely



Bruce Barbour
Chairperson