



Speech by

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PARLIAMENTARY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Report

Mr LUCAS (Lytton—ALP) (10.13 a.m.): I lay upon the table of the House a CJC research paper titled A Snapshot of Crime in Queensland. This publication is not a report of the commission for the purposes of section 26 of the Criminal Justice Act. The committee stresses that it has in no way conducted an inquiry into the matters that are the subject of this publication. However, the committee is tabling this document as it believes that it is in the spirit of the Criminal Justice Act that all non-confidential publications by the CJC be tabled in Parliament.

I further wish to inform the House of the status of the Parliamentary Criminal Justice Committee's report concerning statements allegedly made by a member of the PCJC, Mr Paff. Members may recall that on 4 February 1999 the committee met to consider the allegations, having determined at its previous meeting on 21 January 1999 to investigate the matter. The committee had before it a large volume of material, including several reports from the CJC, transcripts of interviews with relevant witnesses, including Mr Paff, and correspondence from Mr Paff, together with his testimony before the committee.

I now table a media release issued by the committee on 4 February 1999 detailing the resolution of the committee passed earlier on that afternoon. In accordance with that resolution, on Friday, 26 February 1999, during a further lengthy meeting, the committee considered its report in relation to the matter. The report was adopted by a majority of five members to one. The member who opposed the report is currently considering whether to provide a dissenting report or statement. Pursuant to Standing Order 199E of the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly, such a dissenting report or statement, if made, must be provided to the committee within seven days of the committee adopting its report. Therefore, I anticipate that the committee's report will be tabled early next week.
