

**Question on Notice**

**No. 1004**

**Asked on 7 August 2007**

**Mr Lawlor** asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister Assisting the Premier in Western Queensland (Mr Shine) -

**QUESTION:**

What role will the Crime and Misconduct Commission play in the inaugural Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference in Sydney in October 2007?

**ANSWER:**

In March 2006, the three Australian Anti-Corruption Commissions (Queensland Crime and Misconduct Commission [CMC], New South Wales Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), and Western Australia Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC)) agreed to work together to host the first Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference (APSACC) from 23-26 October 2007 in Sydney.

A Conference management committee consisting of the Chairperson of the CMC and the Commissioners of the ICAC and CCC was established. A Conference Organising Committee involving the CMC's Director, Research and Prevention and the respective Directors of the research and prevention functions of ICAC and CCC are responsible for organising and developing the conference program and they meet by teleconference regularly.

Numerous CMC employees are involved in workshops and presentations along with presenters from the ICAC, the CCC and other national and international experts and practitioners.

The conference program will serve the stakeholder populations in each jurisdiction, as well as being open to corruption prevention management, policy and operational staff nationally and internationally. The Queensland public sector is a key audience for the conference and the benefits of attendance for Queensland public sector employees will align with Government initiatives, such as the effective application of the *Public Sector Ethics Act 1994* and the implementation of agency fraud and corruption prevention strategies. The conference will also reinforce the importance and value of public sector integrity.

It is proposed that the conference will be held every two years, with locations rotating between Sydney, Brisbane and Perth. The 2009 conference is scheduled to be held in Brisbane.