



MEDIA STATEMENT

Aspects of Police evidence to Committee inaccurate - CCC

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The Corruption and Crime Commission says statements attributed to Commissioner of Police, Karl O'Callaghan, and Assistant Commissioner Dominic Staltari in a Parliamentary Committee yesterday are inaccurate.

Director Corruption Prevention, Roger Watson, said reported claims that the Commission's investigation into the use of tasers had not put Police one step in front of where they were are wrong.

"The circumstances surrounding the multiple tasing of Mr Kevin Spratt by Police would never have been made public if the Commission hadn't published a report in October 2010.

"The tasing of Mr Spratt not only appalled a large section of the Western Australian community but people throughout the nation and around the world.

"Police took disciplinary action against four officers. However, it was only after the Commission report with video footage of the tasing of Mr Spratt was published in October 2010 that Police referred the allegations back to the DPP for possible criminal prosecution.

"The Commission's second report on the use of tasers published in April this year examined the actions of eight Police officers as well as two corrective services officers. It also examined an incident involving another prisoner

"It made findings of misconduct against two officers and was critical of aspects of the internal Police investigation into the incident.

"Also, during the CCC's investigation Police implemented Commission recommendations tightening the conditions under which tasers can be used," Mr Watson said.

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