

MEDIA RELEASE

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CCC takes its investigation into parliamentary electoral allowances public

The Corruption and Crime Commission will hold a public examination on Friday 16 August 2019 as one part of an ongoing investigation into allegations of serious misconduct and corruption in relation to the use of parliamentary electoral allowances.

The Commission's broad investigation includes whether a lack of public accountability and transparency as to how members of Parliament spend their entitlement allowances is a serious misconduct risk.

The public examination will commence at 9am.

The Commission is also keen to hear from anyone in the community who believes they may have relevant information which would assist in its investigation.

Public hearings are held when the Commission concludes that the public interest is best served by public examinations. In making the decision, the Commission carefully balances the public interest of the wider community, the potential for prejudice and the privacy of individuals involved.

The Commission is otherwise required to conduct its investigations in private as much as possible, in part to protect the integrity of the investigation and also in fairness to the persons investigated against whom there may ultimately be no opinion of serious misconduct or corruption.

The Commission also routinely remains silent on many details of investigations including the names of investigators and others involved, in order to maintain the effectiveness of the investigation and to ensure the functions and safety of those people is not undermined.

The Commission's investigation into parliamentary electoral allowances has been ongoing for a number of months and has included private examinations and the issuing of a number of notices to produce documentation.

Any further relevant information can be provided to the Commission, anonymously if required, by visiting www.ccc.wa.gov.au or calling 1800 803 186.

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