



MEDIA RELEASE

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CCC to hold public examinations into misconduct risks in WA prisons

The Corruption and Crime Commission will hold public examinations of witnesses from the Department of Justice as part of its formal review of the progress being made to reduce the risk of serious misconduct in WA prisons.

The review follows six Commission reports, tabled in Parliament in 2018, that identified misconduct and misconduct risks in WA prisons.

In total, 51 recommendations for organisational changes were made, including the implementation of a corruption prevention framework, a review of policies and procedures, and improvements to screening, drug testing and training of staff.

The examinations will look at the actions taken by the Department of Justice in response to those recommendations and provide the Department of Justice an opportunity to increase public confidence in its ability to identify, examine and respond to misconduct risks.

The public examinations form the final part of the Commission's formal review. After the review, the Commission will publish a report assessing the Department of Justice's response to the recommendations.

Media briefing: Monday 10 February 2020

(reporters only) 9:15am

Corruption and Crime Commission

Level 5, 45 Francis Street, Northbridge 6003

Public examinations: Monday 10 to Thursday 13 February 2020

Approx. 9:45am to 4:15pm

Corruption and Crime Commission Level 5, 45 Francis Street, Northbridge

Witness schedule: <u>Monday</u> - Tony Hassall, Commissioner Corrective Services.

(subject to change) Tuesday - Shayne Maines, Executive Director, Professional Standards,

Department of Justice.

Wednesday - Richard Elderfield, Deputy Commissioner, Operational Support,

Corrective Services.

<u>Thursday</u> - Dr Adam Tomison, Director General, Department of Justice.

Live streaming: You can view the examinations online by visiting www.ccc.wa.gov.au from

9:45am each day of the examinations.

Related reports

- Report into inadequate supervision of prisoners whilst in the community tabled in Parliament 11 May 2018
- Report on corrupt custodial officers and the risks of contraband entering prisons tabled in Parliament 26 June 2018
- Report into inadequate use of force reporting at Hakea Prison on 21 March 2016 tabled in Parliament 27 June 2018
- <u>Report into inadequate use of force reporting at Eastern Goldfields Regional Prison on 27</u>
 <u>March 2017 and Bunbury Regional Prison on 14 November 2016</u> tabled in Parliament 27
 June 2018
- Report into inadequate use of force reporting at Eastern Goldfields Regional Prison in May 2017 tabled in Parliament 27 June 2018
- Report into misconduct risks in WA prisons tabled in Parliament 26 October 2018

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