



CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION

MEDIA STATEMENT

Report on motor vehicle inspections tabled in the Parliament

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A report on a Corruption and Crime Commission investigation that resulted in the jailing of a motor vehicle examiner and disciplinary action against four others has been tabled in the Parliament today.

Following public examinations in early 2009, a vehicle examiner from Kelmscott Vehicle Examination Centre, Mr Barry Tanner, was jailed for three years after pleading guilty to 30 bribery charges.

He received the bribes for each vehicle passed without an inspection for motor dealer, Mr Badih Raphael. Mr Raphael also pleaded guilty to 30 charges of bribery but is believed to be overseas after absconding before he could be sentenced.

The bribes totalled \$5,900 for the 30 charges.

As recommended in the report, disciplinary action has been taken by the Department for Transport (formerly the Department for Planning and Infrastructure) against four other motor vehicle examiners resulting in the dismissal of two, resignation of one and demotion of another.

Three of these examiners passed vehicles without inspection for business proprietor Ms Susan Jabbour, who benefitted by sometimes charging customers several hundred dollars to get their vehicles passed.

The report recommended that the Director of Public Prosecutions consider prosecuting Ms Jabbour for counselling or procuring public officers to falsify official records.

As part of the Commission's corruption prevention function, a review of the Department's misconduct risks in the area found a significant risk of improper influence across the 13 licensing centres that had been inspected.

Also, another Commission review found the Department did not have the capacity to identify, prevent or manage misconduct risks across the organisation.

The report is available on the Commission's website at <http://www.ccc.wa.gov.au/Publications/Reports/Pages/PublishedReports2010.aspx>

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