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CCC Repositioning

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The Corruption and Crime Commission has signalled a new direction for the organisation based on a more strategic, targeted and intelligence-led approach to identifying, preventing and dealing with serious misconduct and corruption in Western Australia's public sector.

The CCC Repositioning Report was tabled in State Parliament today (21 April 2015) and follows a review of the Commission's first 10 years of operation.

Acting Commissioner Neil Douglas said the public sector and the environment in which it operates had changed a great deal in the past decade and it was imperative that the CCC was responsive to the challenges brought about by the changes.

"The Commission appreciates the dynamic environment in which the modern public sector operates and it's important that we are flexible and adaptable to emerging new corruption risks," he said.

"We are acutely aware of the risks and vulnerabilities facing public sector agencies and we will be focussing our efforts where the risks of serious misconduct and corruption are greatest and where the use of the Commission's resources will have the greatest impact."

In just five years the number of allegations being dealt with by the CCC has more than doubled from 3,246 (in 2008-2009) to 7,260 (in 2013-2014).

"New legislation, yet to be proclaimed, will redirect the Commission's priorities to focus on serious misconduct, with minor misconduct being transferred to the Public Sector Commission," said Commissioner Douglas.

"At the same time the Commission is expanding its intelligence capability to proactively identify corruption and serious misconduct "hot spots", as identified in the Commission's recently tabled *Report on the Misconduct Intelligence Assessment of the Western Australian Public Sector*.

"We will conduct fewer but "higher value" investigations in a targeted and systematic manner, so we are better placed to reveal, disrupt and reduce systemic corruption and serious misconduct in the Western Australian public sector."

Commissioner Douglas said the approach outlined in the Repositioning Report would enable the Commission to fulfil the Parliament's intention that the Commission focus on corruption and serious misconduct.

A copy of the report is available on the Commission Website at
<http://www.ccc.wa.gov.au/Publications/Reports/Pages/default.aspx>

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