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**INTERIM REPORT**

**OF THE**

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON**  
**DAMAGE, HARM OR ADVERSE OUTCOMES**  
**RESULTING FROM ICAC INVESTIGATIONS**

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### **TERMS OF REFERENCE AND BACKGROUND**

On Wednesday, 2 December 2020 the Legislative Council resolved to establish a Select Committee to inquire into and report on -

- (a) Any damage, harm, or adverse outcomes to any party/s resulting from investigations undertaken pursuant to the ICAC Act (other than adverse findings resulting from the conduct of persons investigated);
- (b) Any damage, harm or adverse outcomes to any party/s resulting from prosecutions which follow investigations undertaken pursuant to the ICAC Act (other than adverse findings resulting from the conduct of persons prosecuted);
- (c) Options that may prevent or reduce the likelihood of, or any harm or damage resulting from, such outcomes and whether exoneration protocols need to be developed; and
- (d) Any other related matter, however, the Committee shall not receive submissions or evidence in relation to any current investigation, or current prosecution arising from such an investigation, or any matter that is currently the subject of referral by the ICAC for further investigation and potential prosecution

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

The Committee comprises six Members of the Legislative Council appointed by the Council.

Hon. F. Pangallo, MLC, Chairperson  
Hon. N. J. Centofanti, MLC  
Hon. T. A. Franks, MLC  
Hon. H. M. Girolamo, MLC (from 24/08/2021)  
Hon. J. E. Hanson, MLC  
Hon. R. P. Wortley, MLC  
*Hon. D. W. Ridgway MLC (02/12/2020 - 30/06/2021)*

#### *Secretariat:*

Ms Leslie Guy (Clerk Assistant) (from 18/08/2021)  
*Mr Ben Cranwell (02/12/2020 - 18/08/2021)*

#### *Research Officer:*

Dr Kylie Doyle

## **ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE**

In December 2020, the Committee advertised its inquiry in *The Advertiser* and online via *InDaily* inviting stakeholders to make written submissions or register their interest in presenting oral evidence to the Committee. Details of the inquiry and the inquiry's terms of reference were also placed on the committee's website.

To date, the Committee has met on 14 occasions and commenced hearing evidence on 26 March 2021. Ten written submissions were received from individuals. Oral evidence was heard from 24 separate groups of witnesses.

A list of witnesses who appeared before the Committee and provided public evidence are listed in the Appendix A.

Transcripts and other relevant materials are available on the Committee's website.

## **KEY ISSUES RAISED**

The Committee has heard from a broad range of witnesses including legal professionals, officers from South Australia Police, the Police Association of South Australia, former employees of the Office for the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (ICAC), as well as a number of private citizens.

The key areas raised in evidence heard by the Committee include the following:

- the conduct of the Office of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption;
- the conduct of South Australia Police;
- media coverage of ICAC investigations;
- the impact upon careers and professional advancement;
- reputational damage to individuals;
- the financial impact of proceedings on individuals and the difficulties associated in recovering legal costs; and
- the impact upon the mental health of those subject to proceedings.

The Committee continues to hear evidence and plans to table a final Report in November.

The Hon. F. Pangallo, MLC  
Chairperson  
September 2021

## **APPENDIX A - INDEX TO WITNESSES WHO GAVE PUBLIC EVIDENCE**

Evidence was taken at Parliament House, North Terrace, Adelaide.

### **26 March 2021**

Mr Michael Abbott, QC, Barrister

### **7 May 2021**

Detective Sergeant Iain Mott, South Australia Police

### **14 May 2021**

Detective Brevet Sergeant Katie Dalton, South Australia Police

Superintendent Christine Baulderstone, South Australia Police

Superintendent Selena Dinning, South Australia Police

### **28 May 2021**

Sergeant Andrew Goldsmith, South Australia Police

Senior Sergeant Stephen Hammond, South Australia Police

### **11 June 2021**

Chief Superintendent John Venditto, South Australia Police

Mr Gary Burns, former Commissioner of Police

### **25 June 2021**

Hon. Joanna Fuller, Judge, District Court of South Australia

Mr Ian Lawton

Mr Michael Fuller

### **13 August 2021**

Mr John Hanlon

Ms Georgina Vasilevski

### **27 August 2021**

Mr Grant Moyle, former Director of Operations, Independent Commissioner Against Corruption

Ms Bronwyn Killmier, Commissioner for Victims' Rights

Mr Jeff Powell, Barrister

Mr Mark Carroll, President Police Association of South Australia

### **10 September 2021**

Superintendent Christine Baulderstone, South Australia Police

Superintendent Selena Dinning, South Australia Police