

Government Response

Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Crime Commission Report

Examination of the Australian Crime Commission Annual Report 2006–07

Recommendation 1: The Committee urges the government, without further delay, to amend Part II Division 1 Subdivision B Sub-section 7B(2) of the Act to include the Commissioner of Taxation on the ACC Board.

Accepted

The Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious and Organised Crime) Act No. 2 2010 (the SOC No. 2 Act) amended the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002* (the ACC Act) to include the Commissioner of Taxation as a member of the Australian Crime Commission Board.

Recommendation 2: The Committee recommends that the government expedite its response to the Trowell Report and in particular, address the emerging problem that refusal to co-operate with the ACC examiners and examination process is being employed as a delaying tactic to thwart or frustrate ACC operations.

Accepted

The *Independent Review of the Provisions of the Australian Crime Commission Act 2002* by Mr Mark Trowell QC was tabled in the House of Representatives on 21 February 2008 and the Senate on 11 March 2008.

The SOC No. 2 Act amended the ACC Act to include a mechanism for examiners to refer uncooperative witnesses to a superior court to be dealt with as if in contempt of that court.