

Ms FYLES (Attorney-General): Mr Deputy Speaker, I thank all members who have contributed to the debate here today. We passed the ICAC Bill to establish the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption late last year, but this bill is as equally important. This bill allows the commission to operate. It gives it the teeth to do so.

I thank those members who have contributed today to debate. The Member for Drysdale speaking on behalf of the Opposition and for providing her comments and my government colleagues who spoke this afternoon. This government is absolutely determined to continue to deliver on our promise to restore trust in to government

I note that the Member for Karama, Chair of the Social Policy Committee, tabled the committee's report in to this bill this morning and I again thank the Member for Karama for all her hard work and also extend my thanks to the committee members and committee staff for the report.

While some of us had a break away from parliament and parliament procedures they certainly got stuck in to looking through this bill calling for submissions, and I note that the Member for Araluen and the members of the government team participated in hearings or committee work just last week. I thank them for all their hard work.

The committee has made two recommendations. Firstly, they have recommended that the bill be passed and I thank them for that recommendation. The second recommendation from the committee is as follows:

- that section 75C be amended to clarify that the finder of fact must find that conduct warrants criminal sanction unless the conduct is trivial or damage to the public interest is minimal.

The government is pleased to accept this recommendation and I will be moving an amendment in the committee stage to implement this recommendation.