



MAGISTRATE'S CHAMBERS
MAGISTRATES COURT ADELAIDE

Your reference: A2014/00181

7 April 2015

The Hon Bruce Lander QC
Independent Commissioner Against Corruption
GPO Box 11066
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Dear Commissioner,

Review of Legislative Schemes / Evaluation of Practices and Procedures of Police Ombudsman

I refer to your letter dated 13 February 2015, and apologise again for missing the submissions closing date.

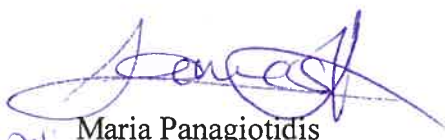
I have again also sought the views of the Deputy, Magistrate Paul Foley before sending this reply.

This may be outside the matters you are considering, however, in the event that your review takes into consideration the procedures applied to the Police Disciplinary Tribunal hearings, I make the following comments:

As you will already know, the function of the Tribunal is to determine the question of guilt. The penalty is imposed by the Police Commissioner (see section 39(4) *Police (Complaints and Disciplinary Proceedings) Act 1985*). Whilst I do not necessarily suggest the penalty should be imposed by the Tribunal, I wonder whether the process can be simplified. In my last letter I mentioned the time that matters take to reach the stage where they can be remitted is very long. This is especially so where a matter is ultimately uncontested. I also consider the process is overly complicated and formal.

Please contact me on 8204 0363 if you wish to discuss anything arising out of this letter.

Yours Sincerely,


Maria Panagiotidis