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Our Reference: [REDACTED]
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18 March 2016

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Ethical Standards Command
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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: PETER ASHLEY BETTS

I refer to the criminal prosecution of former Detective Senior Constable Peter Betts of the Gold Coast District on 14 March 2016 before the Brisbane Magistrates Court.

At that time Mr Betts pleaded guilty to 50 counts of Computer hacking and misuse against section 408E(2) of the *Criminal Code*. Taking into consideration the submissions made, the court fined Mr Betts \$8,000 and recorded a conviction.

In light of the conduct of Mr Betts, it has come to the commission's attention of the necessity to amend the wording of the 'Warning' screen that appears when a user logs into the QPRIME computer system.

It is recommended a review of the wording of the conditions of access and use of the QPRIME computer system is undertaken with a view of clearly articulating the possible consequences QPS members may face for any unauthorised access to and use and/or improper disclosure of confidential information.

To assist in this review, we have attached suggested wording for your consideration which specifically draws the user's attention to the fact that the QPRIME computer system is a restricted system.

I have also attached a copy of the current 'Warning' screen that appears on the QPRIME computer system for ease of reference.

I would be pleased if you would advise the CCC of any action taken in relation to this recommendation.

If you require any further information concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ATTACHMENT A:
Recommended wording for QPRIME security warning

RESTRICTED

1. *QPRIME is a restricted computer system.*
2. *Access to and use of any information on this computer system is for authorised users only and MUST relate to a function of the Queensland Police Service. By accessing or using this system you are representing that you are an authorised user. You are NOT authorised to access information for personal reasons. Any unauthorised access and use is strictly prohibited and may result in disciplinary proceedings and/or criminal prosecution.*
3. *The information contained on this computer system is confidential and must not be disclosed to unauthorised persons. Any improper disclosure of information may result in disciplinary proceedings and/or criminal prosecution.*
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5. *Details of all transactions, including User-IDs are automatically recorded by the computer and can be retrieved. By accessing and using this computer system you are consenting to security monitoring.*
6. *Malicious entry of false information is strictly prohibited. Any false information maliciously entered into the QPRIME computer system may result in disciplinary proceedings and/or criminal prosecution.*



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Our Reference: [REDACTED]
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31 May 2019

Assistant Commissioner Sharon Cowden
Ethical Standards Command
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Dear Assistant Commissioner Cowden

RE: DISCIPLINARY AND PROCEDURAL RECOMMENDATIONS

I refer to correspondence provided to you on 5 July 2016 and 20 December 2017 in relation to allegations relating to the conduct of [REDACTED]. It was recommended that there were sufficient grounds for disciplinary action against [REDACTED]. In addition the following procedural recommendation was made:

It is recommended that QPS consider:

1. Amending the current 'QPrime Security wording' to more accurately reflect the possible disciplinary proceedings and/or criminal prosecution that may result from any unauthorised use or improper disclosure. A copy of the proposed wording is attached.

Could you please provide advice on the outcome of the disciplinary and procedural recommendations.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Mark Reid
Director, Corruption Operations

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Dear Superintendent Reid

RE: DISCIPLINARY AND PROCEDURAL RECOMMENDATIONS

I refer to correspondence dated 31 May 2019 addressed to Assistant Commissioner Cowden, Ethical Standards Command. In the letter you are seeking advice on the outcome of disciplinary and procedural recommendations concerning [REDACTED].

I can advise that a Disciplinary Hearing was finalised on 29 July 2019 with Acting Deputy Commissioner Wright acting as the Prescribed Officer. The subject member received a sanction of forty hours community service and completion of an online learning product to be completed within six months and three months respectively. Email advice and relevant documents were forwarded to [REDACTED] on 30 July 2019.

In relation to the procedural recommendations mentioned in your correspondence, I can advise this Command has worked closely with the Commission over a number of years to seek some level of agreement on the wording of the security notification on the front screen of QPRIME. It is my understanding the current wording on QPRIME was amended to address a previous procedural recommendation from the Commission.

I note the attachment to your correspondence with the proposed wording the Commission wishes to have placed on the QPRIME log in screen.

I have also reviewed the current warning placed on QPRIME. These warnings are outlined below:

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I have also reviewed the proposed wording provided by the Commission. I note at point six there is additional wording which relates to disciplinary proceedings and/or criminal prosecution. These additional words, although important, I believe do not add any further value to the warning already provided on the current QPRIME entry screen. Members are advised under the current point three that members can be exposed to punishment or civil claims.

Having reviewed both the current warnings and the proposed warnings, I wish to advise the QPS will not progress any further changes to the QPRIME entry screen.

Should you have any further queries, please contact [REDACTED] or by email to [REDACTED]@au.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

**GLENN HORTON
CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT
INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS GROUP
ETHICAL STANDARDS COMMAND**