**15 February 2016** 

## **MEDIA STATEMENT BY CHAIR**

The Committee has considered its position in light of matters that have arisen since its public hearing on 11 February 2016. It has sought legal advice with respect to the Commissioner's request that the Committee publish the material presented by the ICAC. This advice was sought by the Committee due to its concerns about certain legal questions relating to the further handling of the material and the Committee is awaiting that advice.

The Committee does not intend to comment on reports in the media purporting to reveal the content of telephone interception product relating to Operation Hale. Nor will the Committee be commenting at this stage on any matter relating to items or commentary that appeared in the media.

The hearing previously scheduled for 19 February 2016 has been deferred to a later date.