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**INQUIRY INTO BUDGET PROCESS FOR INDEPENDENT
OVERSIGHT BODIES AND THE PARLIAMENT OF NEW
SOUTH WALES**

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Adequate funding for the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission is absolutely essential to maintain law and order in NSW. If the LECC cannot investigate every complaint that deserves its attention, police are sent the message that they can act with impunity, and the public are sent the message that police cannot be trusted.

Police enforce the law and protect the public with the permission of the people. If corrupt and illegal behaviour is not adequately investigated, the public come to fear and distrust the police. NSW has seen the police ignoring organised crime, murder, and high level corruption in the past. Under Askin, we saw what happens when police are not held accountable. Any government that is not intending to emulate the intense corruption that Askin oversaw must provide sufficient funding for the LECC to be able to conduct all the investigations it feels warranted, to the fullest extent necessary.