


HEALTH PAYROLL SYSTEM COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

FURTHER ADDENDUM STATEMENT OF BARBARA JEAN PERROTT

I, BARBARA JEAN PERROTT (married name Kulpa) of (Address Known to the Commission), state as follows:

1. I have been asked about some further details of the matters, the subject of my previous two statements.
2. I have been asked about a meeting between myself, Mr Bradley, Mr Burns and representatives of Accenture which apparently took place on the 2nd August 2007 rather than the previous date which was put to me, the 24th July 2007. I do recall a meeting of the 2nd August 2007. There was a presentation from Accenture. Present at the meeting were possibly three representatives of Accenture. One of these was Simon Porter, with whom I had previously had quite a bit of contact, and for that reason I recall him. There were in my memory, two others present. This is likely to have been Mr Salouk and Mr Sneddon. I was far less familiar with them.
3. Mr Sneddon is likely to have attended because Mr Bradley was present. Sneddon was, as I understood it, a more senior member of Accenture and thus was likely to attend when a more senior public servant such as Mr Bradley was present. As I recall it would have been Sneddon who did most of the talking for Accenture.
4. These kinds of meetings or presentations were a frequent event at the time; all of the potential tenderers were keen to impress us.
5. As set out in my previous statement, I do not recall any undertaking being given to Accenture to the effect that participation in the RFI process would definitely lead to a contract for Accenture. As I have previously said, such an undertaking would be contrary to the RFI process. I note that in his statement, Mr Salouk says that he did not feel that he "totally received the necessary assurances" he was seeking, but nevertheless continued with a bid, as he puts it. It is possible that Mr Bradley mentioned legal advice, however, I do not recall any details of this.

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6. I have also been asked about the allegations made by Mr Salouk that, in effect, I delegated management of the procurement process to Mr Burns and did nothing more than sign-off on his recommendations. I deny this. The situation was that I managed the process, and as part of this I was manager of Mr Burns. He managed the part of the process of which he was in charge, but he was answerable to me. Mr Burns has a somewhat forceful personality and at times could be difficult to control. However, I remained in control of him. Examples were that I reminded him on more than one occasion that he remained accountable to me in his duties. When I put this to him he accepted it. These were of course private conversations.
7. Mr Burns was recruited for a short-term contract due to his apparent experience in risk assessment, high level contract negotiation skills and advising on the appropriate governance arrangement when working with a Prime Contractor. It was my belief that these skills transcend jurisdictions and were ones that we were lacking in CorpTech. I surrounded Mr Burns with people on his team who were highly conversant with the Queensland Government procurement process, and he also reported regularly to myself and other member of the CT Management Team on progress. I was also of the belief that while these skills were important in the set-up period with the Prime Contractor, Mr Burns would never be a long-term employee/contractor of CorpTech.
8. I would also like to add to my previous statements in terms of the appointment of Mr Terry Burns, and in particular, to the period leading-up to his appointment. For the 9 months prior to the appointment I was the Executive Director of the PPO and Mr Geoff Waite the Executive Director of CorpTech. During that time, I was becoming increasingly concerned about several aspects of the program. I was also aware that many of my concerns were also held by many of the senior corporate services staff within both the departments and the Shared Service Providers. Given my joint accountability for the program, I recall a meeting (February/March,2007) between Mr Waite and myself where I asked Mr Waite "did he think we had control of the way forward, and in particular was he confident that we had it right with the scheduling of Departments in the Schedule 9?". He indicated to me that he had the same concerns that I had, and was not

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confident of the next steps. He was also concerned that we should give Mr Gerard Bradley a more fulsome briefing on the current state of the program and we discussed how we might approach that.

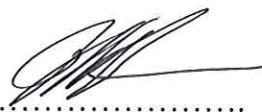
9. Shortly after that discussion we briefed Mr Bradley regarding our concerns and recommended that we stop and take stock of the program. We also recommended that it would be useful to get someone to take an independent look, to confirm our own beliefs and to suggest remedial steps. I am not sure if it was before or after that meeting that Mr Burns was introduced to us as a possible candidate to conduct the short review.
10. I voluntarily make this statement to the Commission of Inquiry. The contents of this statement are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that any false or misleading statement could be an offence against the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1950 (Qld) or contempt of the Commission.

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