



MEDIA RELEASE

Hon. John Hatzistergos MLC
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IAN TEMBY APPOINTED ACTING DPP

Attorney General, John Hatzistergos, today announced that Ian Temby AO QC would be appointed Acting Director of Public Prosecutions for two months commencing 19 March 2011.

“Mr Temby is excellently qualified to serve as an Acting Director of Public Prosecutions,” Mr Hatzistergos said.

“He has previously held the positions of Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions and Commissioner of the Independent Commission Against Corruption.”

Mr Hatzistergos said that an acting appointment for this period was made pursuant to Caretaker Conventions.

The convention is that, wherever possible, the Government should avoid making significant appointments during the caretaker period. Consideration should instead be given to making an acting appointment.

Mr Temby was admitted to legal practice in 1966 and co-founded the Legal Advice Bureau in 1972. He went to the Bar in Perth in 1978 and was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1980.

Mr Temby is a past President of the Law Society of WA, and of the Law Council of Australia, the peak national body for lawyers.

He was appointed the first Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions in 1984 and the first Commissioner of NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption in 1989. He held that position until 1994 at which time he resumed private practice in Sydney.

Mr Hatzistergos thanked outgoing DPP Nicholas Cowdery AM QC for his services to NSW and wished him well in his retirement.

“The Office of the DPP is of vital importance in the criminal justice system and the NSW Government valued the integrity of Mr Cowdery's prosecutorial decisions”.

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