Media alert

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100 days of the National Anti- Corruption Commission

Today marks 100 days since the National Anti-Corruption Commission commenced. Commissioner Brereton recorded a brief address highlighting some of the Commission's achievements and milestones in this period.

See 100 days of the National Anti-Corruption Commission

Referral update

In its first 100 days of operations, the Commission received 1247 referrals.

Assessments

Assessment is a process by which the Commission considers, first, whether the referral is in its jurisdiction and raises a corruption issue (which we call triaging) and, secondly, whether and if so how to investigate the issue raised by the referral.

Since 1 July 2023, 710 referrals have been excluded at the triage stage because they do not involve a Commonwealth public official or do not raise a corruption issue.

188 referrals are pending triage.

69 referrals are currently in active triage.

173 referrals are currently under assessment.

In some instances referrals are duplicates. Administrative nuances such as this may lead to a gap between the itemised figures above and the total number of referrals.

The Commission's assessment policy is available on its website at How the NACC assesses corruption issues.

Investigations

The Commission has opened 9 preliminary investigations. A preliminary investigation helps the Commission decide whether there is a corruption issue that it should investigate further. The Commission can use some of its investigatory powers in a preliminary investigation, such as compelling the provision of information or documents.

To date, the Commission has opened 3 new investigations.

The Commission continues to work on 6 active investigations inherited from the former Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity.

The Commission does not comment on the subject matter of ongoing investigations as it may impact on operational activities.

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Making a report

The Commission is appreciative of the high level of interest and referrals it has received so far. We will continue to reach out to individual referrers where we need additional information, or to let them know if we have decided not to proceed further.

If you wish to make a report about a corruption issue in the Commonwealth public sector, visit nacc.gov.au or call 1300 489 844.