National Anti-Corruption Commission

Monthly update

Date Thursday, 6 August 2026

August 2026

This is the Commission's monthly update for August, in line with our commitment to transparent communication regarding our key activities.

Arrest and charges laid in Operation Lota



In late July, a senior manager of a renewable energy technology company was arrested and charged over allegedly attempting to bribe a Commonwealth public official during a product approval process.

It is alleged the man attempted to bribe the public official with $20,000 in cash. He has been charged with offering a secret commission to an agent, under section 442BA of the *Queensland Criminal Code 1899*.

The arrest and charges stem from Operation Lota, a joint investigation by the Queensland Police Service, the NACC and the Australian Federal Police.

Read the full media release on our website.

Acting Commissioner appears on podcast

Acting National Anti-Corruption Commissioner Kylie Kilgour recently joined Centre for Public Integrity director Michael Barker for a discussion on the Centre for Public Integrity's podcast.

Acting Commissioner Kilgour explained how corrupt conduct is defined under our Act, the Operation Myrtleford investigation into the Robodebt Royal Commission referrals, and our performance in assessing referrals, investigating corruption issues and informing the public and our jurisdiction about our work.

Listen to the podcast online or on your preferred podcast platform.

Updated Strategic Corruption Priorities

We have updated our Strategic Corruption Priorities, which are thematic issues we use to focus our work exposing and preventing corrupt conduct. They assist our decision-making (including prioritisation) regarding referrals we receive, drive proactive work, promote collaboration with other agencies, and improve transparency.

The updated priorities closely reflect the previous priorities, with minor changes to their titles and definitions.

The 6 priorities are:

- Corrupt conduct affecting vulnerable people
- Corrupt conduct at the Australian border
- Corrupt conduct involving senior public officials
- Corrupt conduct involving contractors
- Corrupt conduct in procurement and grants
- Corrupt conduct affecting the environmental sector

Read more about the updated Strategic Corruption Priorities on our website.

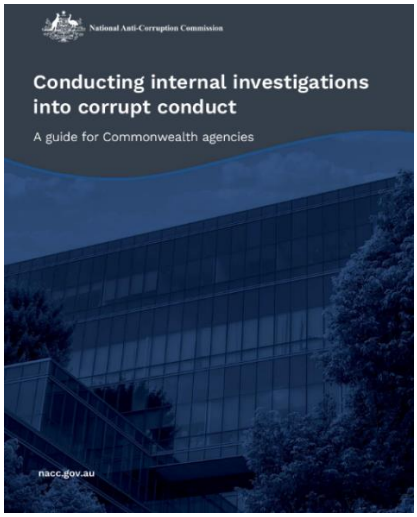
New guidance and case studies available

We have recently published new guidance and case studies on our website to assist our jurisdiction's and the public's understanding of our work.

A new guide is available to support agencies to conduct internal investigation when the NACC refers a corruption issue to them, setting out expectations for progress and completion reports. Read the guide on our website.

A new factsheet is also available to support Commonwealth agencies to respond to requests for information from the NACC. To inform our process of assessing referrals we receive, further information may be requested from agencies. Read the factsheet on our website.

In addition, we published 2 case studies, based on Operation Bannister and Operation Wilson, to provide real-world examples of corruption vulnerabilities and threats.

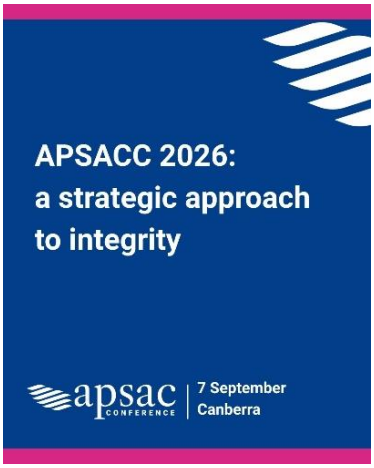


Last chance to register for APSACC

Late registration is still available for the Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference (APSACC), to be hosted by the NACC in Canberra from 7-9 September 2026.

This is the last chance to register for Australia's leading anti-corruption event, where you will be joined by industry leaders and experts from across state and territory, federal, public and private sectors, as well as around the world.

Register or find out more on the APSACC 2026 website.



Fast facts as at 5 August 2026

19	33	11	5	30	222
Preliminary investigations underway	Corruption investigations underway	Joint corruption investigations underway	Matters before the court	Investigations by other agencies being overseen or monitored by the Commission	Referrals received this financial year