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Charges laid in Operation Esk

On 11 September, an Australian Taxation Office (ATO) staff member was charged with corruption-related and other offences as part of a joint NACC, Australian Federal Police (AFP) and ATO investigation.

The staff member was charged with 2 counts of unlawful disclosure of information by a Commonwealth officer, contrary to section 122.4 (1) of the Criminal Code (Cth). The maximum penalty for this offence is 2 years' imprisonment.

The charges stem from a joint investigation, Operation Esk, which examined the disclosure of information obtained in the staff member's capacity as a public official to organised crime associates.

[Read the full media release.](#)



APSACC 2026

From 7-9 September, more than 650 delegates attended the Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference (APSACC), hosted by the NACC in Canberra.

APSACC 2026 attracted a wide-ranging audience from across state and territory, federal, public and private sectors, including international attendees. Delegates came together to share knowledge, experience and expertise in exposing, preventing and responding to corruption in the public sector. Thank you to all who participated in the conference, as a speaker, panellist or attendee.

The host for APSACC 2028 will be announced in due course.



A panel discussion at APSACC on police integrity, featuring (L-R): Sarah Hoff (IPCA NZ), Anina Johnson (LECC), Kylie Kilgour (NACC), Liana Buchanan (IBAC) and Emily Scott (IBAC). (Magnetic Shots)

Supplementary submission to PJC-NACC inquiry

We recently made a supplementary submission to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the National Anti-Corruption's (PJC-NACC) inquiry into our performance of some of our functions.

The submission details our response to comments made in other submissions and the work underway across the NACC to develop and enhance the performance of some of our functions.

[Read the submission on the Committee's website.](#)

NACC representatives also appeared before a public hearing on 18 September and answered members' questions regarding our performance.

Fast facts on our work

As at 30 September, we are conducting 13 preliminary investigations and 31 corruption investigations. Five of our cases are [currently before the courts](#), and since our commencement [13 convictions have been secured](#).

In September, we also undertook 15 engagements with national and international stakeholders.

