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Strong attendance at NACC's International Fraud Awareness webinar

Staff at all levels need to be vigilant in the fight against corruption, Acting National Anti-Corruption Commissioner Kylie Kilgour has told an audience of public officials.

The online webinar – the first of its kind for the NACC – took attendees through what can be corrupt conduct under the NACC Act, examples of investigation outcomes and lessons agencies and individuals can take from them.

Hosted by Ms Kilgour and Acting Deputy Commissioner Jamie Lowe, the webinar attracted 671 attendees. More than 85 Commonwealth agencies were represented in the audience, including dozens of staff from Services Australia, the Australian Taxation Office, the National Disability Insurance Agency and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Ms Kilgour said it was vital for the NACC to continue to educate public officials about preventing corrupt conduct.

'By their nature, we can't talk about ongoing investigations every time we execute a search warrant or get a witness statement,' she said.

'But the NACC Act is clear that we have a responsibility to educate public officials about corrupt conduct and how to prevent it.

'We held this webinar as part of International Fraud Awareness Week and it was wonderful to see so many public officials want to know how they can prevent or report corrupt conduct.'

Acting Deputy Commissioner Jamie Lowe said the attendance numbers showed how much of an appetite there was for engagement with the NACC.

'Over the past three years we've delivered almost 500 corruption prevention products and presentations and engagements,' Ms Lowe said.

'It's the first time we've done a webinar and the level of interest is a great sign of how much people want to hear about what we're doing.'

The webinar is available at: NACC webinar – Three years in: themes and trends | National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC)