



Integrity Commissioner – Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity

Opening Statement

Monday, 7 November 2022

To assist the Committee with your consideration of the Portfolio Budget Statements, I provide the Committee with the following information in relation to the impact of the Budget on ACLEI.

In the Budget, ACLEI received an additional \$27.5 million. This is made up of \$8.6 million departmental operating funding and \$18.9 million in departmental capital funding.

ACLEI also received an additional 23 ASL.

This additional funding is for the work that ACLEI is undertaking with the Attorney-General's Department to implement the National Anti-Corruption Commission.

The additional 23 ASL will amount to between 45-50 new staff for ACLEI this year. These new staff will move with ACLEI's current staff into the NACC on establishment. This will be the first phase of recruitment for the NACC and we are currently undertaking an organisation design process to assist with this recruitment. The types of roles that will be filled through this recruitment include:

- intake and assessment staff
- investigators
- intelligence analysts
- engagement staff, including corruption prevention specialists; and
- additional corporate staff to support the implementation of the NACC.

The additional operational funding will support this recruitment as well as other operational costs in support of the implementation of the NACC, including project management, lease and supplier costs.

The additional capital funding will support the establishment of a secure and independent ICT environment for the NACC, which will involve moving ACLEI away from our current shared service arrangement which is provided by the AGD. It will also enable ACLEI to expand our property footprint from our current 4 leases (in Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne) in preparation for the NACC.

In the Portfolio Budget Statements, ACLEI does not have any forward estimates allocated from 2023-24. The funding that was previously allocated for ACLEI in the forward estimates is set out on page 51 of Budget Paper No 2 and is a partial off-set against the National Anti-Corruption Commission establishment funding. This reflects the fact that ACLEI will be subsumed by the NACC and that all of ACLEI's staff and resources will move into, and form the basis of the NACC on establishment.