

PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION FOR LAW  
ENFORCEMENT INTEGRITY

**Question No. ACLEI-01**

**Senator Scarr (Chair) asked the following question at the hearing on 19 March 2021:**

I have one last question on measure 1.4. There's the observation in the report: Despite the increase in the number of assessments, we still exceeded our previous target, with 98% being completed within 90 days.

I know it's a very small figure, but can you provide some context in relation to the two per cent that has extended beyond 90 days and what the situation might be? What are the characteristics of those sorts of cases? Is it a question of you not having enough information to make the assessment, or were there some very technical issues? Can you provide any general characterisations in relation to that two per cent?

**Ms Hinchcliffe replied:**

I can't provide any general characterisation, but what I suspect is that some of that two per cent relates to an issue we've referred to there about a process of assessing historic referrals, and through that process, because those matters were historic, by their nature they were older.

**Chair:** Could you take that on notice?

**Ms Hinchcliffe:** Yes, of course I can.

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

The remaining 2% of referrals which were not completed within the previous 90 day target amounts to 4 matters.

In one of these cases, ACLEI's assessment of the matter was delayed while further information was sought to support the assessment.

The remaining 3 matters were historical referrals from members of the public which were assessed as part of the process referred to on page 28 of the Annual Report.