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Ms Sophie Dunstone
Committee Secretary
The Senate Select Committee
on the establishment of a
National Integrity Commission
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear Ms Dunstone

I refer to my appearance before the Senate Select Committee on the establishment of a National Integrity Commission on 15 May 2017, and a question asked by Senator Hinch concerning the extent of cooperation between State anti-corruption agencies. In particular, Senator Hinch asked whether there is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between agencies in this regard.

I can advise that last year the following agencies entered into an MOU: Independent Commission Against Corruption in South Australia; Crime and Corruption Commission (QLD); Corruption and Crime Commission (WA); Independent Commission Against Corruption (NSW); Integrity Commission (TAS); the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (VICT); Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (CW).

The MOU was not a general commitment to cooperating with one another. Rather the agency heads agreed to provide staff to a requesting agency to investigate allegations of misconduct by staff members in the requesting agency.

I can say that there are good levels of cooperation between agencies. A very good example is the Australian Public Sector Anti-corruption Conference which is jointly hosted by a number of agencies every two years. The next conference will be hosted by the CCC (QLD) and ICAC in Sydney in November this year. I have attached a copy of the brochure for this conference for the Committee's information.

Yours sincerely

Forbes Smith
Chief Executive Officer

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Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference 2017

14–16 November 2017
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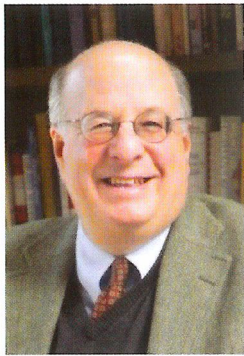
The Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference (APSACC) 2017 is Australia's premier corruption and misconduct prevention forum. The APSACC program offers 80+ speakers, 22+ sessions and six interactive workshops.

APSACC brings together local and international professionals from all tiers of the public sector. Our aim is to deliver a program of interesting and thought-provoking speakers to advance your knowledge and understanding of effective approaches for reducing corruption risks and increasing agency corruption resistance.



International keynote speakers

WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2017



Honourable Mark L Wolf

Senior Judge, District of Massachusetts and Chair, Integrity Initiatives International – United States of America

Prior to his appointment to the District Court of Massachusetts in 1985, Judge Wolf served as a Special Assistant to the Attorney General of the United States after Watergate and as the Deputy United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts. In 1984, he received the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award for exceptional success in prosecuting public corruption in Massachusetts.

The Judge is a scholar, an Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School on combating corruption and an international human rights advocate. He will speak at APSACC about the global threat of grand corruption, its local impacts and the case for an International Corruption Court.



Esther George LLB (Hons) LLM MA

Cybercrime and Cybersecurity Consultant – United Kingdom

Esther George is an independent cybercrime, cybersecurity and digital evidence consultant and is the lead cybercrime consultant for the Global Prosecutors E-Crime Network (GPEN), which is part of the International Association of Prosecutors. Ms George is also an Honorary Researcher at the University of Lancaster Law School.

Ms George initiated and designed the GPEN which enables cybercrime prosecutors around the world to learn and benefit from sharing information, experiences, and strategies with each other, resulting in enhanced international cooperation. She designed and was one of the tutors on GPEN's first e-crime training seminar involving 16 Caribbean countries held in Bermuda in August 2009. In 2010, Ms George received a Certificate of Merit from the International Association of Prosecutors for being the Architect of GPEN.

Esther George will speak about the various aspects of cybercrime, the interaction of cybercrime and corruption and discuss possible solutions.

THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER



Special Agent George Bokelberg

Federal Bureau of Investigation, New Orleans Division – United States of America

Special Agent George Bokelberg is a clinical psychologist who received his doctorate from the Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology at Rutgers University several years before becoming a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

After joining the FBI and working as a criminal investigator in Washington DC, Special Agent Bokelberg was promoted to FBI Headquarters where he served for several years as the FBI undercover program's chief psychologist before transferring to New Orleans.

Special Agent Bokelberg was the lead investigator on the investigation team that led to the successful conviction of former New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin for wire fraud, conspiracy, bribery and filing false tax returns. George Bokelberg will speak on the investigation of the Mayor and others following the devastation and rebuild of the City of New Orleans post Hurricane Katrina.



Chris Currie

Director, Emergency Management; National Preparedness; and Critical Infrastructure Protection Government Accountability Office (GAO) – United States of America

Chris Currie leads the Government Accountability Office's (GAO) work on national preparedness, emergency management, critical infrastructure protection, and other Department of Homeland Security (DHS) management and terrorism related issues. In this role, Mr Currie and his teams of GAO auditors evaluate DHS efforts and programs to prevent, plan for, and respond to natural and man-made disasters and terrorist attacks and protect critical infrastructure.

Mr Currie has been working on DHS issues since the Department was created and led numerous audits and assessments of DHS programs related to transportation security, research and development of new technologies, and the Department's efforts to test and evaluate large acquisition programs and technologies. Prior to this, Mr Currie was an Acting Director in GAO's Defence team where he led reviews of the Department's programs, including those related to military housing, military aircraft, and counter-piracy efforts.

Chris Currie will share his breadth of experience and insights with delegates and discuss management and decision-making in emergency situations.



Concurrent sessions

Twenty concurrent sessions comprising presentations and panel discussions with Australian and international practitioners and experts will be conducted on issues and topics relevant to all tiers of the public sector, including:

- areas of vulnerability in contracting and outsourcing
- information management and effective use
- planning and infrastructure
- outsourcing, oversight and management
- early detection/intervention systems
- probity in decision-making
- corruption and misconduct risks during organisational change
- international perspectives
- better procurement processes
- identifying and addressing people risk
- effective investigations
- codes, values and management frameworks
- political corruption
- organisational responses to incidents of corruption and misconduct
- the value of data.

Who will attend

APSACC attracts attendees from a wide range of disciplines across the Australian public sector and the Asia-Pacific region, including:

- public sector executives and managers
- corruption prevention specialists
- governance managers
- local government executives
- planning specialists
- university executive members
- academics
- business analysts
- change managers
- policy advisers
- senior police officers
- internal auditors
- investigators
- representatives from non-government agencies.

Social networking

The APSACC program includes social networking events for you to make new professional contacts.

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS – TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2017

The full-day and half-day interactive workshops aim to increase participants' understanding, knowledge and skills to:

- design and incorporate corruption prevention strategies into everyday operations
- conduct effective fact finding activities
- achieve better complaint handling and effective communication with complainants
- effectively use workplace data for better risk identification and the introduction of practical solutions.

Workshop facilitators are qualified and experienced practitioners from the NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), the Queensland Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC), the NSW Ombudsman and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), USA.

The workshop program can be viewed on the APSACC website www.apsac.com.au.

You do not need to be a conference delegate to register for an APSACC workshop.

Registration

The discounted early bird rates are available from 29 May to 15 August 2017. You may register for the two-day conference or a single day of your choosing. Workshops incur additional fees.

Competitive accommodation rates, negotiated for conference delegates, have been sourced at The Westin Sydney. You are encouraged to secure your accommodation as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Please visit the accommodation page on the conference website from 29 May 2017 for more information about accommodation options.

All accommodation is subject to hotel availability.

Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference 2017



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