



## **Australian Government**

Australian Government Response to the  
Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Commission for  
Law Enforcement Integrity Report:  
*Examination of the Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner  
2016-17*

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## AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE

### PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT INTEGRITY REPORT: *EXAMINATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER 2016-17*

The *Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner 2016–17* (Annual Report 2016–17) was tabled in the Senate on 13 November 2017 and the House of Representatives on 4 December 2017.

Paragraph 215(1)(c) of the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006* (LEIC Act) requires the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (PJC-ACLEI) to examine each annual report prepared by the Integrity Commissioner pursuant to section 201 of the LEIC Act, and to report to the Parliament on any matter appearing in, or arising out of, any such annual report.

The Committee held a public hearing to examine the Annual Report 2016–17 on 10 May 2018. On 3 April 2019, the Committee tabled its report, *Examination of the Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner 2016-17*, which made two recommendations.

The Government is pleased to respond to the Committee’s recommendations.

#### **Recommendation 1**

**The committee recommends that the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity includes in its annual reports a table of assessment statistics that includes the:**

- **total number of assessments conducted in each year;**
- **total number of assessments completed in each year;**
- **total number of assessments completed within the 90-day benchmark in each year; and**
- **percentage of assessments that met the 90-day benchmark (against a target of 75 per cent).**

#### **Agreed.**

The Government supports this recommendation. ACLEI included a table in its 2017-18 annual report which set out the total number of assessments completed and the percentage that met the 90-day benchmark (against a target of 75 per cent), noting that all 167 assessments had been completed within the 90-day benchmark (see page 24). ACLEI included a similar table in its 2018-19 annual report, also on page 24. ACLEI understands from the committee’s report in relation to its 2017-18 annual report that the committee was also seeking to have data on the total number of assessments underway within the financial year (“assessments conducted”). ACLEI will include this data in its 2019-20 Annual Report.

In addition, from 2019–20 ACLEI has changed its benchmark for the completion of assessments. The new target is for 90% of assessments to be completed within 30 days of receipt of the notification or referral.

**Recommendation 2**

**The committee recommends that the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity promptly informs the committee of any errors identified in its annual reports, irrespective of whether ACLEI determines such errors do not meet the reporting threshold under section 7AH(1)(e) of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Rule 2014.**

**Agreed.**

ACLEI will promptly inform the committee of any errors identified in its annual reports.