

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

Future impact of serious and organised crime on Australian Society

Australian Taxation Office

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Topic: Internal Investigations Unit

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CHAIR—How many people are in the internal investigations unit?

Ms Granger—I would have to get that information for you. I do not have those figures here.

CHAIR—Could you also provide on notice the type of qualifications of the investigative side of that?

Ms Granger—Certainly.

Answer:

The Fraud Prevention and Control Branch have the responsibility for internal investigations within the Tax Office. There are 34 people within this Branch, of which 14 perform the internal investigations role.

Of the 14 officers performing the investigations function, 12 hold fraud control investigations qualifications at the Certificate IV, Diploma and Advanced Diploma level. These mandatory qualifications are in accordance with Guideline 6 of the *Commonwealth Fraud Control Guidelines 2002*

Nine of the 14 officers also hold tertiary qualifications in the fields of fraud, accounting, arts, law, policing, education and psychology at the Graduate Certificate, Diploma, Bachelor and Masters' level.

The majority of investigators have considerable law enforcement backgrounds with the average investigations experience across the branch of 20.1 years.