

CHAPTER 6

REPORTS TO THE MINISTER

During the year, the Integrity Commissioner gave two investigation reports to the Minister for Home Affairs.

Consistent with Regulation 20(e) of the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Regulations 2006*, a summary of each report together with any recommendations, is given here.

Report 01/2008

A person, who had been a staff member of the former National Crime Authority (NCA), made allegations that brought into doubt the validity of aspects of an NCA investigation, including the collection of evidence concerning the activities of an established criminal network.

The allegations were extensively investigated by ACLEI, including examination of computer records, paper files, and examination of witnesses in private hearings using coercive information-gathering powers under the LEIC Act. No evidence was found to support the allegations.

The Integrity Commissioner concluded that it is likely the allegations arose because of the former staff member's partial knowledge of the NCA operation in question.

As some of the issues that were the subject of the allegations related to matters currently before the courts, the Integrity Commissioner decided that his report should remain in confidence.

Acceptance of Recommendations

No recommendations were made in this case.

Other matters raised by the former staff member in the course of the investigation indicated possible breaches of duty by some ACC staff members. These matters were not central to this investigation, and were not considered to be corruption issues. The Integrity Commissioner separately informed the CEO of the ACC of these matters under section 146 of the LEIC Act, which relates to evidence of a breach of duty or misconduct by a staff member.