



MEDIA STATEMENT

OPERATION AJAX: Sentencing of Rebecca Reid

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The Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI) welcomes the ACT Magistrates Court's decision yesterday to sentence a former employee of the Department of Home Affairs (Home Affairs) for corruption-related offences.

The prosecution of Ms Rebecca Reid arose from an ACLEI investigation into the production of fraudulent medical certificates by Home Affairs' employees. Ms Reid pleaded guilty to offences under the Criminal Code relating to the use and attempted use of forged documents. She was sentenced to a 12 month Good Behaviour Order and 200 Hours of Community Service. She was also ordered to pay reparation in the sum of \$4,564.12 with 2 years to pay.

The investigation highlights the need for agencies to maintain a vigilant approach to monitoring the use of leave and other entitlements. Corruption like this can cause a significant loss to the Commonwealth.

To report corruption in Commonwealth law enforcement agencies, go to www.aclei.gov.au. Corruption in other agencies can be reported to Crime Stoppers.

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