



MEDIA STATEMENT

OPERATION ANGOVE - ACLEI to conduct public hearings into allegations of corruption in interactions between the Department of Home Affairs and Crown Casino

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On 30 July 2019, the Attorney-General, the Hon Christian Porter MP, referred to ACLEI allegations that might raise corruption issues in interactions between the Department of Home Affairs and Crown Casino.

As part of the investigation by ACLEI into these matters (Operation Angove), public hearings will be held in Melbourne from 29 October to 1 November 2019. It is likely that ACLEI will conduct further public hearings as the investigation progresses.

The Integrity Commissioner, Mr Michael Griffin AM, said the purpose of the public hearings is to examine the extent to which interactions between the Department of Home Affairs and Crown Casino raise issues of corruption within the meaning of the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006*.

“While over its 13 year history ACLEI has primarily chosen to progress investigations through the use of private hearings, the matters raised by the Attorney-General in his referral to me, and the significant public interest in those matters, has led me to conclude that this particular investigation will be best served by hearing matters in public where appropriate” Mr Griffin said.

Mr Griffin went on to state that “any persons with information pertaining to this matter are strongly encouraged to make contact with ACLEI.” ACLEI can be contacted by:

Phone – (02) 6141 2345

Email – PublicHearings@aclei.gov.au

Online – [Online Confidential Information Report](#)

Any person or organisation with information pertaining to this matter should be aware that ACLEI has a range of powers to protect witnesses and that all information received will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Further information on the public hearings can be found on the ACLEI [website](#).

Media enquiries regarding the Operation Angove public hearings can be sent to PublicHearings@aclei.gov.au.