



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA

**PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON
THE NATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION**

3 December 2025

The Hon Paul Brereton AM RFD SC
Commissioner
National Anti-Corruption Commission

By email: governance@nacc.gov.au

Dear Commissioner Brereton,

Correspondence —clarification of assistance to the IGADF

I am writing in relation to your correspondence to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the National Anti-Corruption Commission (committee), dated 31 October 2025, relating to your refusal from consideration of Defence matters before the National Anti-Corruption Commission (Commission).

The committee welcomed your letter on this subject ahead of the related media release later that same day. The committee notes that in your letter, you refer to ‘about a dozen’ instances of assistance you provided to the Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force (IGADF).

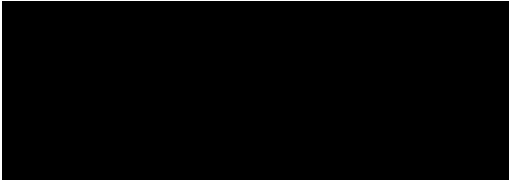
The committee is aware that on 15 November 2025, the IGADF, Mr James Gaynor, corrected evidence given at a supplementary budget estimates hearing to the Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade Legislation Committee to reflect 21 instances of assistance by you to the IGADF since July 2023. The committee also notes that on 25 November 2025, Mr Philip Reed, Chief Executive Officer of the NACC corrected similar evidence to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee.

The committee reminds you of its important oversight role as set out in section 177 of the *National Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2022*, which includes monitoring and reviewing the NACC’s performance. The committee also notes that Parliamentary committees rely on the integrity of the evidence and information presented to them. If evidence or information you provide to the committee is subsequently found to be incorrect, the committee would expect that you provide updated advice at the earliest possible opportunity.

The committee therefore requests that you consider providing the committee with information to correct your letter of 31 October 2025 and ensure that you update the committee should such circumstances arise in future.

If you have any questions, please contact the secretariat on (02) 6277 3419 or by email at nacc.committee@aph.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



Hon Kate Thwaites MP
Chair