

National Anti-Corruption Commission CEO, Mr Philip Reed, opening address to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee Additional Estimates 2025-26 hearing – 9 February 2026

Thank you Chair and Senators for the opportunity to make an opening statement.

Last Friday 6 February the Commission was notified by the Inspector that she had commenced a complaint investigation under section 184(1)(e) of the National Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2022 (Cth) (NACC Act) regarding the Commissioner's involvement in Defence referrals and assistance to the IGADF.

To date, the Commission has voluntarily provided a vast amount of documentation and information in response to the Inspector's preliminary inquiries. The Commission and the Commissioner will respond to the Inspector within the framework and processes of the investigation which are mandated by the NACC Act.

In order to avoid prejudicing the investigation, including the procedural fairness process under the NACC Act, I will not be able to answer questions about matters within the scope of the investigation.

Thank you.