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Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Commission for
Law Enforcement Integrity Report:
*Examination of the Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner
2017-18*

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AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE

PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT INTEGRITY REPORT: *EXAMINATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER 2017-18*

The *Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner 2017–18* (Annual Report 2017–18) was tabled in the Senate on 12 November 2018 and in the House of Representatives on 22 October 2018.

Paragraph 215(1)(c) of the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006* (LEIC Act) requires the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (PJC-ACLEI) to examine each annual report prepared by the Integrity Commissioner pursuant to section 201 of the LEIC Act, and to report to the Parliament on any matter appearing in, or arising out of, any such annual report.

The PJC-ACLEI held a public hearing to examine the Annual Report 2017–18 on 20 September 2019. On 26 February 2020, the Committee tabled its report, *Examination of the Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner 2017-18*, which made two recommendations.

The Government is pleased to respond to the Committee’s recommendations.

Recommendation 1

The committee recommends that the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity includes in its annual reports the total number of assessments conducted in each year.

Agreed.

ACLEI will include data on the total number of assessments ‘active’ during the year. This terminology is consistent with that ACLEI uses for reporting on the total number of investigations of corruption issues that are active during the year.

Recommendation 2

The committee recommends the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity review its data reporting methods, to identify if there are other possible changes to procedure that may reduce instances of post-reporting amendments and to provide greater confidence that data reported is accurate and consistent for the purposes of comparison.

Agreed.

ACLEI is continuing to review its reporting methods and procedures and make changes to improve the accuracy of data reported, noting that there are a number of limitations on ACLEI’s current information technology systems in relation to statistical reporting. As noted

in the *Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner 2018–19*, a feasibility study to improve case data management, intelligence linking and statistical reporting was completed during the year and options identified. Aspects of this work were put on hold given the introduction of the Commonwealth Integrity Commission Measure in the 2019–20 Budget.