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Question:

How many Secret Volumes are there from this Royal Commission?

Answer:

No volumes of the Interim or Final Reports of the Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption are classified 'secret'.

Commissioner John Dyson Heydon AC QC recommended that one volume of the Interim Report in December 2014 not be published to protect the physical well-being of witnesses and their families. This confidential volume of the Interim Report was also subject to a non-publication direction made by Commissioner Heydon on 11 December 2014, and varied on 16 December 2014 and 28 December 2015.

Commissioner John Dyson Heydon AC QC also recommended one volume of the Final Report in December 2015 remain confidential.