

Australian Government National Anti-Corruption Commission

Media alert

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Update: referrals and assessment

The National Anti-Corruption Commission provides the following update on the number of referrals received to date.

From 1 July to close of business on Monday 4 September 2023, the Commission received 813 referrals.

Approximately 11% of the referrals relate to matters well publicised in the media.

Assessment of referrals

The Commission continues to assess referrals. Assessment is a process by which the Commission considers, first, whether the referral is in its jurisdiction and raises a corruption issue, and secondly, whether and if so how to investigate the issue raised by the referral.

Since 1 July 2023, 323 referrals have been assessed to be outside the Commission's jurisdiction because they

- did not involve a Commonwealth public official (106), or
- did not raise a corruption issue (217).

Since 1 July the Commission has made 246 requests for further information.

217 referrals have been escalated to the second stage of assessment.

153 referrals are waiting to be assessed.

The Commission's assessment policy is available on its website at How the NACC assesses corruption issues.

The Commission is appreciative of the high level of interest and referrals it has received so far. We will continue to reach out to individual referrers where we need additional information, or to let them know if we have decided not to proceed further.

If you wish to make a report about a corruption issue in the Commonwealth public sector, visit <u>nacc.gov.au</u> or call 1300 489 844.