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26 September 2024

Mr Greg Moriarty
Secretary of Defence
Department of Defence
s 47E(d) Russell Offices
PO Box s 47E(d)
Canberra BC ACT 2610

Dear Mr Moriarty

Review into the ANAO Performance Audit Report into Defence's Management of Contracts for the Supply of Munitions – Part 1 (published 25 June 2024)

Thank you for the meeting with yourself, Ben Wright, the First Assistance Secretary for Defence Integrity and myself and James Couche of Thales Australia (Thales) on 5 September 2024 (Meeting).

Thales Australia takes the ANAO's audit findings very seriously.

To this end, Thales Australia commissioned an independent review (by DLA Piper) to verify and understand two findings in the Audit Report, namely:

1. when an official from the Department solicited a bottle of champagne from a Thales representative; and
2. that the same official from the Department provided confidential information to Thales in November 2016 comprising internal Departmental advice relating to the Department's committee processes and internal thinking and positioning.

In support of the independent review, the Thales Chief Compliance Officer and DLA Piper jointly oversaw a thorough document identification and extraction (conducted by KordaMentha), interviews of current and former Thales employees, and a review of documents provided by Defence on these matters.

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With regards to the first matter, Thales acknowledges and concurs with Defence's position that "the investigation did not find any evidence to substantiate the allegation" and further "no evidence of undue influence on the Project was identified."

With regards to the second matter, our investigation can find no evidence to substantiate the ANAO finding of unethical conduct between Thales and Defence.

Given the outcome of both investigations, we will now write to the ANAO, providing a copy of this letter, to seek understanding as to the basis of this finding, given our investigation cannot identify any material to support the ANAO's position.

I would be grateful if you could advise the NACC that, consistent with the outcome of both investigations, there is no evidence to substantiate the finding in respect of issue one.

Please let me know if we can assist further.

Very best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JEFF CONNOLLY', written over a vertical line.

JEFF CONNOLLY
Chief Executive Officer
Thales Australia & NZ

From: s 22(1)(b)(ii)
To: s 22(1)(b)(ii)
Subject: RE: 20241015 13:16 - Email - s 22(1)(b)(ii) - Request for Further Information - s 37(1)(a), s 47E(d) [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Date: Monday, 28 October 2024 11:01:00 AM
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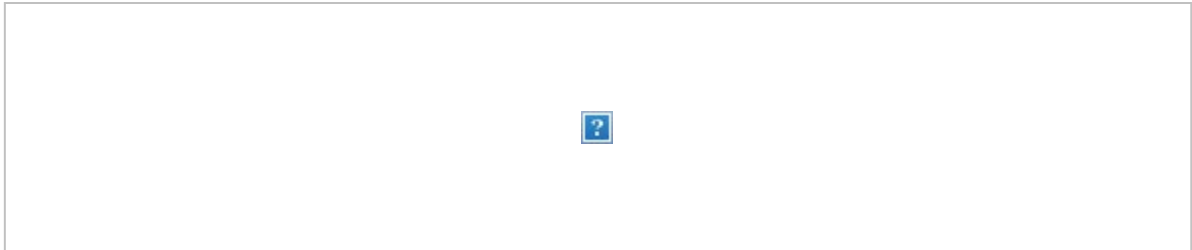
Thank you, much appreciated.

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To: s 22(1)(b)(ii) @nacc.gov.au
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Hi s 22(1)(b)(ii),

It may take a little while to get the data onto an external device as Defence systems can be tricky. I will let you know once it is done.

Regards,

s 22(1)(b)(ii)

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Investigations and Public Interest Disclosures Branch

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To: s 22(1)(b)(ii) @defence.gov.au>
Subject: RE: 20241015 13:16 - Email - s 22(1)(b)(ii) - Request for Further Information - s 47E(d), s 37(1)(a) [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Good morning, [Redacted],

Is it ok if my Assistant Director, [Redacted] picks up the external storage device from your office (assuming you are in Canberra)? Or you can meet her at the NACC office if you prefer.

She said she could meet you tomorrow or next Tuesday if that is better.

Thank you

s 22(1)(b)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(b)(ii) @defence.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2024 2:12 PM
To: s 22(1)(b)(ii) @nacc.gov.au>
Subject: RE: 20241015 13:16 - Email - s 22(1)(b)(ii) - Request for Further Information - s 37(1)(a), s 47E(d) [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Good Afternoon [redacted],

Please see below responses to your queries. Regarding the transfer of the external storage device as referenced below, please reach out so we can facilitate that transfer.

Regards,

s 22(1)(b)(ii)

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Sent: Tuesday, 15 October 2024 1:16 PM
To: **s 22(1)(b)(ii)** @defence.gov.au>
Cc: **s 47E(d)** @nacc.gov.au>
Subject: 20241015 13:16 - Email - **s 22(1)(b)(ii)** - Request for Further Information - **s 37(1)(a), s 47E(d)**

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Good afternoon, [redacted],

Further to my email earlier this morning, as the matter was referred to the Commission as a mandatory referral under section 33 of the NACC Act, that carries with it a statutory obligation to include all relevant information in the agency’s possession or control (s38(2)) and any further relevant information of which you subsequently become aware (s38(3)), As such, I would be grateful if you could please provide further information/documents related to this matter – including but not limited to:

s 37(1)(a)

s 37(1)(a)

I am aware that you may have a lot of information related to the above request, please only include information/documents that you assess as relevant to the issues outlined above.

Please contact me if you have any inquiries or would like to discuss this request.

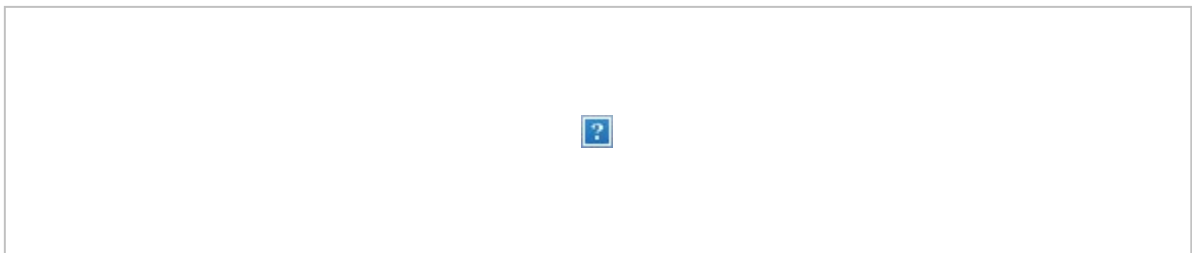
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To: s 47E(d)
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Hi s 22(1)(b)(ii),

s 37(1)(a)

Regards,

s 22(1)(b)(ii)

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Good morning, s 22(1)(b)(ii),

Thank you for providing the updates in relation to s 37(1)(a), s 47E(d).

s 37(1)(a)

Thank you

s 22(1)(b)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(b)(ii) @defence.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2024 10:52 AM
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Good Morning,

In addition to the below update, I wish to provide a report prepared by Thales outlining their findings from an internal investigation. In summary, they corroborated Defence’s findings in that there was **no evidence** to substantiate the allegation.

Thank you,

s 22(1)(b)(ii)

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Sent: Wednesday, 4 September 2024 2:15 PM
To: s 22(1)(b)(ii) @defence.gov.au>; s 47E(d) @nacc.gov.au>
Subject: 20240904 14:14 - Email - NACC - Assessments/Multiple Recipients - Department of Defence - Update to s 37(1)(a), s 47E(d)

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Good afternoon, s 22(1)(b)(ii),

Acknowledging receipt of your email and thank you for providing the Commission with the update.

Regards,

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Good Afternoon,

I wish to provide an update to [§ 37(1)(a), § 47E(d)] which was originally referred to the NACC on 19 April 2024 with updates provided on 10 July 2024 and 29 July 2024 (see below).

I can advise the investigation **did not** find any evidence to substantiate the allegation that [§ 47F(1), § 47E(d)] solicited and/or received a bribe from Thales. [§ 47F(1), § 47E(d)] assertion that the comments in the email were made "in jest" were accepted.

The investigation is now finalised. If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Regards,

s 22(1)(b)(ii)

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Sent: Monday, 29 July 2024 11:28 AM
To: **s 47E(d)** @nacc.gov.au>
Subject: 20240729 11:27 - Email - **s 22(1)(b)(ii)** 'NACC - Assessments' - Department of Defence - Update to [§ 37(1)(a), § 47E(d)]

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Good Morning,

I wish to provide an update to [§ 37(1)(a), § 47E(d)] which was originally referred to the NACC on 19 April 2024 with an update provided on 10 July 2024 (see below). This matter involved allegations that a contracted service provider (Thales Australia) offered then Defence Official [§ 47F(1), § 47E(d)] a bottle

of champagne in exchange for his assistance in removing one of their projects from the ministerial 'Projects of Concern' list. As you are aware, this matter remains under investigation by Defence, and we provide the below by way of additional information in support of our original referral:

s 37(1)(a)

Regards,

s 22(1)(b)(i)

s 22(1)(b)(ii)

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Subject: 20240710 11:17 - Email - NACC - Assessments/Multiple Recipients - Department of Defence - Update to s 37(1)(a), s 47E(d)

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Good morning, s 22(1)(b)(i),

Thank you for providing the Commission with an update.

Regards,

s 22(1)(b)(ii)

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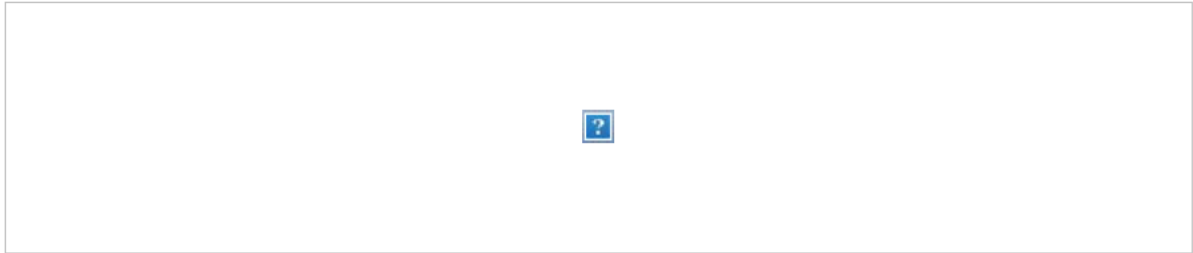
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Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2024 11:08 AM

To: s 47E(d)@nacc.gov.au

Subject: Department of Defence - Update to s 37(1)(a), s 47E(d) [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive, ACCESS=Personal-Privacy]

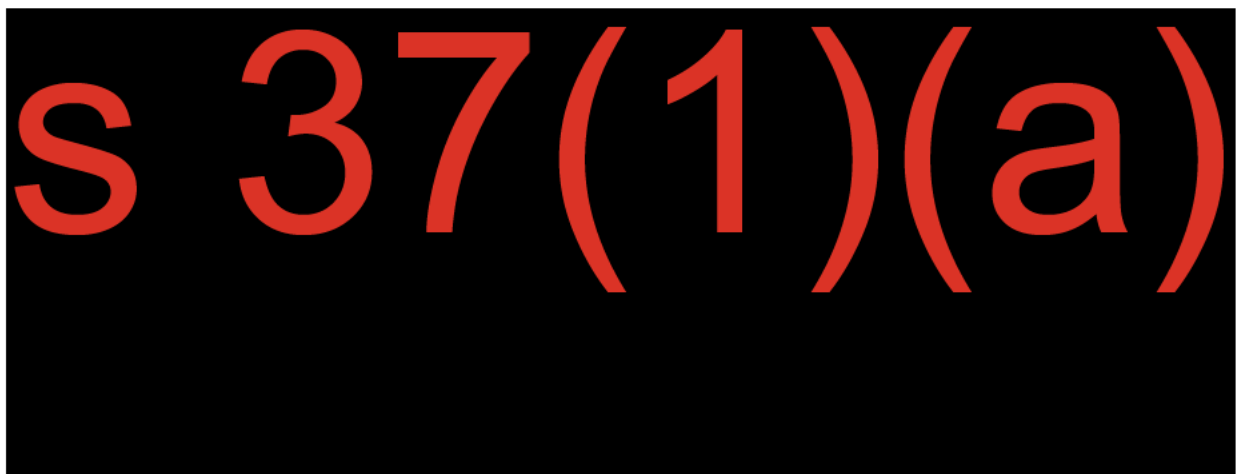
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s 37(1)(a)

Please don't hesitate to let us know if you require anything further; additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

Regards,

s 22(1)(b)(ii)

s 22(1)(b)(ii)

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From: Gill, Belinda MS
To: Peter Ratcliffe
Cc: s 47E(d); Wright, Ben MR; s 22(1)(b)(ii)
Subject: RE: Update on Defence Mandatory Referral: NACC Webform ID: s 37(1)(a), s 47E(d) [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Date: Tuesday, 25 June 2024 12:58:10 PM

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Many thanks Pete.

Kind regards

Belinda Gill

Assistant Secretary Investigations and Public Interest Disclosures

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Sent: Tuesday, 25 June 2024 12:52 PM
To: Gill, Belinda MS s 22(1)(b)(ii)@defence.gov.au>
Cc: s 47E(d)@nacc.gov.au>; Wright, Ben MR s 22(1)(b)(ii)@defence.gov.au>; s 22(1)(b)(ii)@defence.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Update on Defence Mandatory Referral: NACC Webform ID: s 37(1)(a), s 47E(d) [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi Belinda

I have discussed with the Commissioner here following our call this morning.

He has advised as follows:

While the Commission usually prefers that referrals not be publicly announced, in order to avoid alerting potential persons of interest to a possible investigation, in circumstances where this matter enters the public domain through the ANAO report, the Commission has no

difficulty with the Department announcing that the matter has been referred the Commission.

We would rather no further details were provided beyond that line.

I'll give you a call just to confirm.

Thank you as always.

Pete

From: Gill, Belinda MS s 22(1)(b)(ii) [@defence.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(b)(ii)@defence.gov.au)>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 7:11 PM
To: Peter Ratcliffe s 22(1)(b)(ii) [@nacc.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(b)(ii)@nacc.gov.au)>
Cc: s 47E(d) [@nacc.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(b)(ii)@nacc.gov.au)>; Wright, Ben MR s 22(1)(b)(ii) [@defence.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(b)(ii)@defence.gov.au)>; s 22(1)(b)(ii) [@defence.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(b)(ii)@defence.gov.au)>
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Hi Pete

As discussed earlier I have provided an update below in relation to this matter. Also confirming that tomorrow the ANAO will table its performance audit report *Defence's Management of Contracts for the Supply of Munitions — Part 1* and that this audit report refers to a Defence official soliciting a bottle of champagne from a Thales representative.

IR-IGD01-DI-2024-54 – s 47F(1), s 47E(d) – Mulwala Propellant Facility Procurement

The matter has been raised to investigation and assigned to s 22(1)(b)(ii) as Primary Investigator (PI). An Investigation Plan has been completed.

To date, the PI has s 37(1)(a)

Per the Investigation Plan, s 37(1)(a)

s 37(1)(a) [Redacted]

s 37(1)(a) [Redacted]

We will keep the Commission updated as the investigation progresses.

Kind regards

Belinda Gill

Assistant Secretary Investigations and Public Interest Disclosures

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Sent: Monday, 24 June 2024 5:03 PM

To: Gill, Belinda MS s 22(1)(b)(ii)@defence.gov.au>

Cc: s 47E(d)@nacc.gov.au>; Wright, Ben MR

s 22(1)(b)(ii)@defence.gov.au>; s 22(1)(b)(ii)@defence.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Update on Defence Mandatory Referral: NACC Webform ID: s 37(1)(a), s 47E(d)

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Hi Belinda

Good to chat to you earlier.

The case is with our Assistant Directors for review (as part of a queue). We envisage a turnaround time for decision of four to six weeks. I will let you know as and when it reaches final assessment consideration.

Kind regards.

Pete

From: Gill, Belinda MS [s 22\(1\)\(b\)\(ii\)@defence.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(b)(ii)@defence.gov.au)
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Cc: [s 47E\(d\)@nacc.gov.au](mailto:s 47E(d)@nacc.gov.au); Wright, Ben MR [s 22\(1\)\(b\)\(ii\)@defence.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(b)(ii)@defence.gov.au); [s 22\(1\)\(b\)\(ii\)@defence.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(b)(ii)@defence.gov.au)
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Good afternoon Pete

Thanks for your message and look forward to talking this afternoon. Confirming I'm hoping to discuss the below matter with you.

On 19 April 2024 Defence made a mandatory referral to the Commission, your Webform ID: [s 37\(1\)\(a\), s 47E\(d\)](#) Our reference: [s 37\(1\)\(a\), s 47E\(d\)](#). On 4 June 2024 the Commission requested additional information from Defence and a response was provided on 7 June 2024.

Kind regards

Belinda Gill

Assistant Secretary Investigations and Public Interest Disclosures

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Thank you Belinda

s 22(1)(b)(ii) – please see update. It is possible that there will be some press attention of the ANAO publication tomorrow. It may be worth having something prepared to provide to Media should we be asked any questions.

Thanks all.

Kind regards.

Pete

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Hi Pete

As discussed earlier I have provided an update below in relation to this matter. Also confirming that tomorrow the ANAO will table its performance audit report *Defence's Management of Contracts for the Supply of Munitions — Part 1* and that this audit report refers to a Defence official soliciting a bottle of champagne from a Thales representative.

IR-IGD01-DI-2024-54 – s 47F(1), s 47E(d) – Mulwala Propellant Facility Procurement

The matter has been raised to investigation and assigned to s 22(1)(b)(ii) as Primary Investigator (PI). An Investigation Plan has been completed.

To date, the PI has s 37(1)(a)

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We will keep the Commission updated as the investigation progresses.

Kind regards

Belinda Gill

Assistant Secretary Investigations and Public Interest Disclosures

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Hi Belinda

Good to chat to you earlier.

The case is with our Assistant Directors for review (as part of a queue). We envisage a turnaround time for decision of four to six weeks. I will let you know as and when it reaches final assessment consideration.

Kind regards.

Pete

From: Gill, Belinda MS [s 22\(1\)\(b\)\(ii\)@defence.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(b)(ii)@defence.gov.au)
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Good afternoon Pete

Thanks for your message and look forward to talking this afternoon. Confirming I'm hoping to discuss the below matter with you.

On 19 April 2024 Defence made a mandatory referral to the Commission, your Webform ID: [s 37\(1\)\(a\), s 47E\(d\)](#), Our reference: [s 37\(1\)\(a\), s 47E\(d\)](#). On 4 June 2024 the Commission requested additional information from Defence and a response was provided on 7 June 2024.

Kind regards

Belinda Gill

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Good morning,

Please see the below response to your request for information relating to Webform ID:

s 37(1)(a), s 47E(d)

- *Has the Department of Defence taken any further action regarding the disclosure/individual? If so, what is the current status and/or outcome of this action?*

s 37(1)(a)

- *Has the matter been referred to a State, Territory or Commonwealth integrity agency, in addition to the Commission?*

No, as of 4 June 2023 Defence has only been referred the matter to the NACC.

Should you require any further information, or documentation to support the information provided in this email, please let me know at your earliest convenience.

Regards,

s 22(1)(b)(ii)

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Webform ID: s 37(1)(a), s 47E(d) [redacted]
Our reference: s 37(1)(a), s 47E(d) [redacted]

Dear s 22(1)(b)(ii) [redacted],

Thank you for your referral to the National Anti-Corruption Commission (the Commission) on 19 April 2024 regarding s 47F(1), s 47E(d) [redacted] alleged influence in a procurement process which resulted in direct financial benefit.

As you would be aware, this matter has been referred to the Commission as a mandatory referral under section 35 of the Act, and that carries with it a statutory obligation to include all relevant information in the agency's possession or control (s38(2)), and any further relevant information of which you subsequently become aware (s38(3)). I would therefore be grateful if you could provide the further information related to this matter – including but not limited to:

- Has the Department of Defence taken any further action regarding the disclosure/individual? If so, what is the current status and/or outcome of this action?
- Has the matter been referred to a State, Territory or Commonwealth integrity agency, in addition to the Commission?

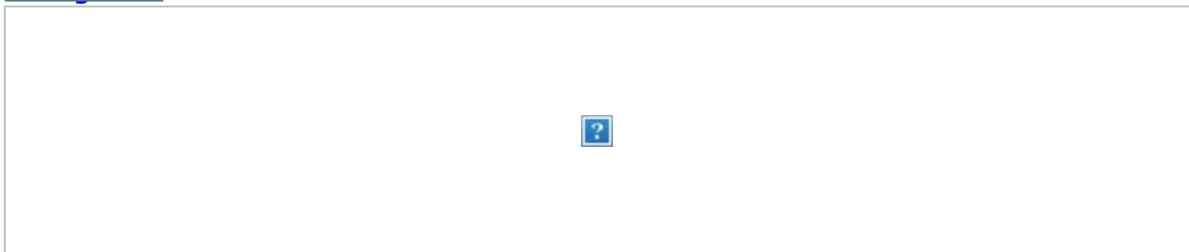
If we do not receive a response within two weeks, your referral will be progressed with the information the Commission currently has relating to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Assessments Team



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