



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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WRITTEN QUESTION

J Davis to the Chief Minister, Hon Lia Finocchiaro MLA:

Office of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (ICAC)

- 1. How many full-time equivalent (FTE) staff are currently employed by the NT ICAC?**

As at 13 August 2025, the Office of the ICAC had 19.6 FTE.

- a. Are all positions filled, and if not, how this is impacting operations?**

There are 6 positions vacant with recruitment currently being conducted. The Office of the ICAC has been able to continue to discharge its statutory functions through prioritising its activities.

- 2. What measures are in place to ensure the ICAC has the necessary expertise and capacity to handle complex investigations?**

If complex investigations arise the Office has numerous tools available to it to ensure it has the necessary expertise to handle them including recruitment, secondment and outsourcing.

- 3. Recent media reports have highlighted concerns about the NT ICAC's effectiveness and independence.**

- a. How has the NT ICAC responded to these concerns?**

The Office of the ICAC discharges its functions in accordance with its statutory obligations and, as is appropriate, is not influenced in the discharge of those functions by media commentary about its effectiveness or otherwise.

- b. What steps are being taken to address public perception and enhance credibility?**

The Office of the ICAC reports to the public on its activities through General Reports and its Annual Report. The Inspector evaluates the performance of the ICAC each financial year.

On 4 September the Northern Territory Government accepted the 2025 Integrity Review Report and is taking action to implement the recommended structural reforms to strengthen independent oversight, improve efficiency, and maintain public confidence in government accountability.

4. What steps are being taken to ensure the NT ICAC has the necessary powers and resources to effectively combat corruption in the Northern Territory?

The Office of the ICAC has sufficient resources to meet the current level of activity of the office. For the year ended 30 June 2025, the Office received 314 reports, conducted 387 assessments and completed 12 investigations. There were two investigations current at the end of the financial year.

Implementation of the 2025 Integrity Review recommended model, would see the establishment of a new Northern Territory Integrity and Ethics Commission, bringing together the functions of the ICAC, Ombudsman/Information Commissioner, and the Health and Community Services Complaints Commission.

This new model enhances transparency, improves coordination, and ensures that integrity services are sustainable and robust into the future.

All substantive powers and responsibilities of each office, including those of the ICAC, will be retained under the new Commission.

For Territorians, this will mean greater value for money and will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of integrity bodies; delivering better outcomes for Territorians.