



Message from our Commissioner

Welcome to the first issue of Insights for the year. 2017 marks IBAC's fourth year of full operation, in which we look forward to continuing to build on our efforts to expose and prevent public sector corruption in Victoria.

Last week, we tabled a special report on Operation Dunham, our investigation into allegations of serious corrupt conduct concerning the failed Department of Education and Training Ultranet project. The investigation revealed evidence of process corruption, improper diversion of funds, conflict of interest and mismanagement at senior levels of the department, resulting in the waste of millions of dollars of public money.

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Special feature

Empowering the public to prevent corruption

The Hon. Stephen Charles AO QC, former judge of the Victorian Court of Appeal, discusses IBAC's community education campaign and the important role all Victorians can play in preventing corruption.

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News

Operation Dunham

The **findings and recommendations from Operation Dunham**, IBAC's major investigation into the Department of Education and Training's \$180 million Ultranet project, were tabled in Parliament last Friday, 27 January.

IBAC found evidence of process corruption, improper diversion of funds, conflict of interest and mismanagement at senior levels at the Department.

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Operation Ross

IBAC's **special report on Operation Ross**, tabled in Parliament on 10 November 2016, reports on its investigation into alleged excessive use of force by police against several people at the Ballarat police station.

IBAC also reviewed Victoria Police data, including the over-representation of sergeants in complaints, which indicated that there had been long-standing cause for concern about Ballarat police station, made recommendations to Victoria Police to improve policies, systems and practices.

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Illicit drug use by Victoria Police officers: Operations Apsley, Hotham and Yarrawitch

Tabled in Parliament on 13 December 2016, this special report exposes evidence of illicit drug use by Victoria Police officers and identifies serious deficiencies in the handling of drug issues by the force.

The report provides the **findings of three IBAC investigations known as Operation Apsley, Hotham and Yarrawitch** which examined allegations of illicit drug use by Victoria Police officers. The report also includes a broader assessment of Victoria Police's systems and practices to detect and prevent illicit drug use by its officers.

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Charges laid in relation to Operation Ord, Royston and Yalgar

Read the media releases:

Operation Ord

Operation Royston

Operation Yalgar.

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Anti-corruption campaign continues

IBAC is continuing our **community education campaign** to raise awareness about public sector corruption in Victoria and encourage reporting.

Following a pause over the holiday period, the campaign is re-commencing in February and will run until April 2017. It includes outdoor advertising on bus, train and tram shelters, metropolitan and regional newspaper and radio advertising, digital media and some catch-up TV.

Importantly, this next phase also involves a focus on Victorians from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds with translated advertisements to feature in community media.

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Podcast

Mandatory notifications

We talk to **IBAC CEO, Alistair Maclean** about the new legislative requirement for public sector heads to notify IBAC of suspected corruption, and what it means for the sector as a whole.

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Research

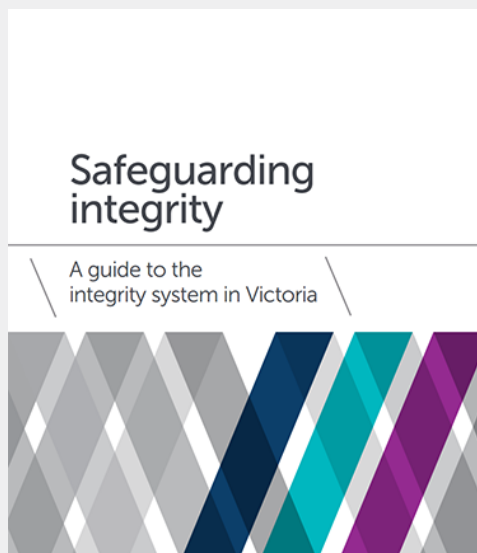
Drink driving detections of Victoria Police officers: Analysis of trends from 2000-2015

Recent research by IBAC identified the typical Victoria Police officer detected for drink driving is a male senior constable with 15 years' service.

The research also found while there has been a steady decline in the number of officers detected drink driving, there has been an increase in the median blood alcohol concentration (BAC) reading of officers detected drink driving, and an increase in the proportion of officers detected drink driving after a collision.

[read the report](#)

Transit Protective Services Officers - An exploration of



Resources

Updated Safeguarding integrity guide now available online

Updated in December last year by IBAC, Victorian Auditor-General's Office and the Victorian Ombudsman, *Safeguarding Integrity: A guide to the integrity system in Victoria* is designed to help public sector employees and the broader community understand our integrity system and its key agencies.

The guide focuses on key integrity bodies with public sector-wide responsibilities rather than those bodies with specific sector responsibilities, such as the Office of the Health Commissioner.

While this guide primarily covers the public sector as defined in the *Public Administration Act 2004*, it also refers to politicians, the courts, local councils and police. Anyone seeking more

corruption and misconduct risks

This IBAC research report, released in December 2016, reviews complaint and use of force data relating to transit Protective Services Officers (PSOs).

IBAC identified three key areas of risk in relation to PSO conduct:

- assault and excessive use of force
- unauthorised access to and/or disclosure of information
- predatory behaviour involving members of the public.

[read the report](#)

information about these areas should contact the relevant authority.

[download the guide](#)

Events

Save the date - Corruption prevention and integrity conference

(September 6 – 7, 2017)

Once again, IBAC is partnering with IPAA (Institute of Public Administration Victoria) to convene an engaging and highly relevant conference to help prevent public sector corruption and strengthen integrity. The conference will also include a special focus on police oversight and integrity issues.

The conference will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, over two days, on September 6 – 7 2017.

Stay tuned for updates

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