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CCC reports on year of increased productivity and improved efficiency

The *Corruption and Crime Commission 2017-18 Annual Report* has today been tabled in State Parliament.

During 2017-18, the strategic intelligence team continued its work analysing patterns of behaviour and assessing environmental factors, and what affect these have on serious misconduct and corruption in Western Australia. This intelligence is vital in informing the Commission's five strategic themes outlined below, and enables the Commission to allocate resources to proactively target corruption hot spots:

1. At-Risk Individuals;
2. Data and Information;
3. Regulation and Licensing;
4. Procurement; and
5. Use of Force.

The Commission conducted 62 investigations in 2017-18, including 19 in cooperation with other agencies. Thirteen reports were produced and 49 recommendations were made to public authorities.

The year saw the relocation of the Commission to new premises in Northbridge, enabling further improvements to efficiency in its operations and an increase in productivity.

Some of the key results in 2017-18 include:

- 2,866 notifications were received from public authorities and the community;
- from these notifications, 5,051 allegations were assessed with 1,675 of these allegations requiring further action;
- 94.5 per cent of notifications were assessed within three months of being received; and
- the average time taken to complete an investigation was 317 days.

Other features of the Annual Report reveal:

- a significant increase in the number of local government-related allegations – 761 in 2017-18, up from 550 in 2016-17;
- a significant increase in the number of education-related allegations – 403 in 2017-18, up from 232 in 2016-17;

- another significant increase in allegations of serious misconduct received from individuals – 1,823 in 2017-18, up from 1,388 in 2016-17 and 973 in 2015-16; and
- 61 per cent of public sector allegations were categorised as a criminal nature (for example – assault, fraud, stealing, unlawful use of a computer).

During the year, the Commission conducted public examinations in relation to two investigations and private examinations in relation to 13 investigations. The public examinations were made more accessible through live-streaming – attracting 5,950 Commission website page views over the seven days of public examinations.

One of the major benefits of the Commission's office relocation is the improved efficiency in its investigations, with two purpose-built public examination rooms enabling examinations to be conducted simultaneously for the first time.

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