

MEDIA RELEASE

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Report on corrupt conduct at the Public Transport Authority

The Commission has formed an opinion of serious misconduct in respect of a Public Transport Authority (PTA) employee. In its report tabled today in Parliament, the Commission detailed its investigation into the conduct of Richard Clark, a Manager at PTA.

The investigation found Mr Clark had a close long-standing relationship with key managers and directors at Railtrain, which he failed to adequately disclose. Railtrain provides contracted services to the PTA, including the development and delivery of training programs which Mr Clark had oversight of in his role as Manager Safety and Rail Access. The Commission found that Mr Clark wrote several training programs for Railtrain, was paid for this work, and then marketed some of these courses to the PTA through his position. Mr Clark also provided Railtrain with contact information for employees in the PTA who could further the relationship between Railtrain and the PTA and information about a course developed by a competitor of Railtrain which prompted Railtrain to finalise developing an equivalent training program to market to the PTA.

The Commission has formed an opinion of serious misconduct by Mr Richard Clark. The report also makes four recommendations to PTA for improvements to its approvals process for external employment and management of conflicts of interest.

In response to a draft copy of the report, the Department advised that they acknowledged the recommendations of the Commission and would work towards implementing them within the agency. The Commission will review the action taken in 12 months' time.

The report highlights the need for agencies to manage misconduct risks which can arise from conflicts of interest linked to secondary employment by public officers. As stated by Commissioner Michael Corboy *'Government agencies must ensure their policies and procedures related to External employment and the management of potential conflicts of interest are appropriate and rigorously applied. If they are not, they give rise to significant misconduct risk as demonstrated in this investigation.'*

The report is available [here](#).

NOTE: An opinion that serious misconduct has occurred does not mean, and should not be understood to mean, that any person named in the Commission's report has committed a criminal or disciplinary offence.

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