



PARLIAMENTARY CRIME AND CORRUPTION COMMISSIONER

REPORT TO THE PARLIAMENTARY CRIME AND CORRUPTION COMMITTEE

PUBLIC REPORT

28 MAY 2026

OPERATIONAL REPORT

1. This report details the activities of the Office of the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Commissioner for the period since 28 January 2026, when the report for the previous meeting with the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee was provided, to 7 May 2026.

Progressive Work Program

2. The Progressive Work Program of the Office of the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Commissioner for the period 28 January to 7 May 2026 is attached as Appendix 1 for the consideration of the Committee.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Prospective Amendments to *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979 (Cth)*

3. Over the last two and a half years, the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee and the Parliamentary Commissioner's office have been involved in discussions with the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC), the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department and other agencies concerning proposed amendments to the *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979 (Cth)* (TIA Act). The proposed amendments are sought to enable the CCC Chairperson to communicate lawfully intercepted information and/or interception warrant information to the Parliamentary Commissioner for permitted purposes.
4. In 24 November 2025, a letter was sent to the Office of the Communications Access Coordinator of the Department of Home Affairs requesting amendments to the *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979* in accordance with an attached draft which reflected the consensus opinion of the CCC, the Committee and my Office.

OTHER MATTERS

Records of the Connolly Ryan Commission of Inquiry

5. The Connolly Ryan Commission of Inquiry (COI) was constituted by Order in Council in 1996. The COI concluded unresolved in 1997. Under the *Crime and Corruption Act* the Parliamentary Commissioner is required to secure the records of the Connolly Ryan COI so that only persons who satisfy the Parliamentary Commissioner that they have a legitimate need of access may

access the records. The most important aspect of this role is the determination of a person's legitimate need of access. It is not essential that my office maintains physical possession of the records in order to make that assessment.

6. In August 2024 amendments were made to the *Crime and Corruption Act* (s.346C) which allowed the Connolly Ryan records to be moved to, and eventually be under the control of, the Queensland State Archivist. In December 2025 I attended a meeting at Queensland State Archives to discuss the proposed transfer of the Connolly Ryan COI documents, and the associated logistics.
7. As discussed in my last report, the index of Connolly Ryan holdings within my office is in a format used by State Archives many years ago. The physical holdings have been checked against that index. State Archives has provided a copy of its current template in the format of an Excel spreadsheet. Mr Kunde has now completed the process of transferring our office's index of holdings to the new Excel spreadsheet format. Liaison continues with a view to transferring the records in the next few months.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Key Outputs achieved during the period 28 January to 7 May 2026.

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Function	Output
Committee referrals finalised	0
Statutory functions finalised	2
Notifications of improper conduct assessed	8
Advices to the Committee finalised	1
Own initiative investigations finalised	0
Committee referrals received	0
Statutory functions arising	3
Notifications of improper conduct received	8
Advices to the Committee requested	1
Own initiative investigations commenced	0
Committee referrals on hand	0
Statutory functions on hand	1
Notifications of improper conduct to be assessed	0
Advices to the Committee to be provided	0
Own initiative investigations current	0
Reports to the Committee	1
Public meetings with the Committee	1
Private meetings with the Committee	1
Other meetings (CCC/QPS etc)	4
Hearings (in hours)	0
Timeliness	
Cumulative average time taken to finalise complaints against the CCC	24 weeks
Cumulative average time taken to finalise statutory functions	4.8 weeks

MATTERS ARISING FROM KEY OUTPUTS

Inspection of the CCC's telecommunications interception records

9. Pursuant to s.23(2) of the *Telecommunications Interception Act 2009* (TI Act), the Parliamentary Commissioner must inspect the CCC's telecommunications interception warrants records at least twice during each financial year to consider the extent to which CCC officers have complied with ss.14 to 16 and 18 to 20 of the TI Act. These sections relate to the detailed records the CCC is required to keep and the reports the CCC is required to make.
10. The second inspection of the CCC's telecommunications interception warrants records for the 2025-26 financial year was conducted on 25 February 2026. A schedule of the results of the inspection was provided to the Acting Manager of the CCC's Electronic Collections Unit on 25 February 2026.

Audit and Report on Authorities for Assumed Identities

11. Pursuant to s.316 of the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000* (PPRA) and s.146ZS of the *Crime and Corruption Act*, the CCC Chairperson must have the records of authorities for the use of assumed identities audited by the Parliamentary Commissioner at least once every six months while the authority is in force and at least once in the six months after the cancellation or expiry of the authority. The Parliamentary Commissioner is required to give the CCC Chairperson a report on the results of the audit.
12. A six-monthly audit of the CCC's records of authorities for the use of assumed identities was conducted on 29 April 2026. It involved an inspection of the CCC's records of assumed identities for the period from 22 November 2025 to the inspection date. On 30 April 2026 a report on the results of the audit was provided to the CCC Chairperson. The CCC has fully complied with its responsibilities pursuant to s.315 of the PPRA and s.146ZR of the *Crime and Corruption Act*.

Local Government

13. At our last meeting on 17 February 2026 the Committee advised that it had resolved to request that I maintain a watching brief on the issue of the adequacy of anti-corruption training for members of local government. I was asked to report back to the Committee with any preliminary views by the end of March.
14. On 24 February and 10 March 2026 I wrote to the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) seeking information on the nature and sufficiency of education resources available to elected members of local government with respect to anti-corruption issues. On 13 March 2026 I received a response from the CEO Ms Alison Smith. She provided details of a range of information, resources and training packages available to the local government sector in this area.
15. On 27 March 2026 I met with the CCC's Senior Executive Officer, Corruption, Mr Craig Capper, and Executive Director, Corruption Prevention and Engagement, Ms Rhiannon Boden, at the CCC. They provided a comprehensive briefing of their outreach activities and the issues I was interested in pursuing.

Section 329 Notifications

16. Pursuant to s.314(4) of the *Crime and Corruption Act* the Parliamentary Commissioner has the function to investigate on his or her own initiative a matter mentioned in s.314(2)(b) or (c) or a matter notified to the Parliamentary Commissioner under s.329, subject to certain conditions set

out in s.314(4)(a) and (b). During the period covered by this report, the CCC sent eight notifications pursuant to s.329 of the Act.

17. Under s.314(5) of the Act, the Parliamentary Commissioner is permitted to undertake a preliminary assessment of a matter to decide whether the conditions set out in s.314(4)(a) and (b) are satisfied for the matter.
18. If the Parliamentary Commissioner decides to conduct a preliminary assessment under s.314(5), then pursuant to s.314(7), the Parliamentary Commissioner must notify the Parliamentary Committee of the decision. I finalised preliminary assessments of the eight s.329 notifications received in this reporting period and notified the Committee and the CCC of my assessments.

CERTIFICATION

19. I submit that the above information demonstrates:

- a) satisfactory progress in the efficient, effective and economical achievement of the goals of the Office of the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Commissioner;
- b) resources are being allocated to produce best value for money; and
- c) outputs are being provided at the standards stated in the Parliamentary Service Plan.

20. I also submit that the above information confirms:

- a) the appropriateness of the goal, and strategies to achieve the goal, as outlined in the Parliamentary Service Management Plan;
- b) the suitability of the performance indicators in measuring the achievement of the goal;
- c) options to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and economy of operations are being pursued.



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**Parliamentary Crime and
Corruption Commissioner**

Appendix 1

PARLIAMENTARY CRIME AND CORRUPTION COMMISSIONER

Progressive Work Program

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As at 7 May 2026

Meeting date: 28 May 2026

Inquiry or Function	Description	Anticipated or agreed completion date	Progress last reporting period	Anticipated progress next reporting period	Resources
Inspection of Telecommunications Interception Records	Pursuant to s.23(2) of the <i>Telecommunications Interception Act 2009</i> inspect the CCC's TI records to find out the extent to which the CCC has complied with ss.14-16 and 18-20.	February 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspected hard copy files and RADARS records to ensure all documents and details kept • Checked copies of evidentiary certificates were maintained. • Inspected Use and Communication register to ensure appropriate level of detail recorded. • Recorded results of inspection on Compliance Schedule. • Prepared covering letter for Compliance Schedule. 	Finalised. Reported results of inspection to CCC on 25 February 2026.	Parliamentary Commissioner Principal Legal Officer
Audit of Assumed Identities	Pursuant to s.146ZS <i>Crime and Corruption Act</i> and s.316(1) <i>PPRA</i> , audit the CCC's records of authorities for assumed identities and provide a report to the CCC Chair.	April 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspected registers of assumed identities, cancellations and variations. • Inspected authorities to acquire/use assumed identities, variations and cancellations. • Checked expenditure incurred by assumed identities. • Prepared report on audit of assumed identities. • Provided report to CCC Chair. 	Finalised. Report provided to CCC Chair 30 April 2026.	Parliamentary Commissioner Principal Legal Officer

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Anti-corruption training for Local Government	Maintain watching brief on the adequacy of anti-corruption training for members of local government. Report any preliminary views to the Committee.	March 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed online resources. • Contacted stakeholders - CCC and Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ). • Met with CCC SEO Corruption, and Executive Director, Corruption Prevention and Engagement. • Received email from LGAQ • Prepared letter for Committee. 	Ongoing	Parliamentary Commissioner Principal Legal Officer
Receive and assess notifications of suspected improper conduct.	Pursuant to s.314(5) of the <i>Crime and Corruption Act</i> assess notifications received from CCC of suspected improper conduct of Commission officers.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received new s.329 notifications. • Assessed notifications. • Advised Committee and CCC of assessment decisions for all new notifications. 	Ongoing	Parliamentary Commissioner Principal Legal Officer