# Performance of the Victorian integrity agencies 2022/23 report tabled

The Victorian Parliament’s Integrity and Oversight Committee presented its report today on its review of the performance of the Victorian integrity agencies 2022/23.

The report reviews the performance of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (IBAC), Integrity Oversight Victoria (IOV), the Office of the Victorian Information Commissioner (OVIC) and the Victorian Ombudsman (VO) during 2022/23. The Committee examined the agencies’ annual reports, heard from them at public hearings and reviewed their responses to detailed questions on notice.

The Committee acknowledges the important work undertaken by these agencies to oversight the Victorian public sector and improve integrity through investigations, complaint handling, reviews and education and prevention efforts. The Committee has, however, identified a number of areas for improvement and made 14 recommendations to both the Victorian Government and agencies for this purpose.

“The report reviews the integrity agencies’ performance, identifies important performance issues and makes recommendations for improvements by the agencies and Government”, said Committee Chair, Dr Tim Read MP.

The Committee’s recommendations include that:

* IBAC report more rigorously on complaints data so the causes of delays, and the agency’s responses to them, can be better tracked over time
* the VO be given greater flexibility in how it handles whistleblower complaints so that it can use its resources more proportionately and efficiently
* the Victorian Government consider whether the way in which integrity agencies are funded can be improved
* IBAC consider reviewing how effectively Victoria Police handles complaints about police-perpetrated family violence, and that IBAC itself undertake further work to improve its capacity to protect the safety, health and welfare of victim-survivors
* the Victorian Government amend the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003* (Vic) so that the integrity agencies are required to respond to recommendations within 6 months.

The report is available on the Committee’s [web page](https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/get-involved/inquiries/performance-of-the-victorian-integrity-agencies-202223/reports)

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