ibac independent broad-based anti-corruption commission
Victoria

Chief Officer Report to the Minister
1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022

Section 31 of the *Crimes (Assumed Identities) Act 2004* (Vic)

1 Introduction

This report is provided pursuant to section 31 of the *Crimes (Assumed Identities) Act 2004* (Vic) (the Act) for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 (the reporting period).

For the purposes of the Act, the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (IBAC) is a 'law enforcement agency' and the IBAC Commissioner (Commissioner) is the 'chief officer'.

2 Reports about authorities for assumed identities

2.1 The number of authorities granted during the year [s 31(1)(a)]

In the reporting period, 13 assumed identity authorities were granted by the Commissioner or his delegate for the acquisition and use of assumed identities by various IBAC law enforcement officers.

2.2 General description of the activities undertaken by authorised persons when using assumed identities [s 31(1)(b)]

In the reporting period, the authorised persons used the assumed identities in the performance of their covert operational duties as required in relation to investigations, intelligence-gathering and other related activities, as well as to provide support services to covert operations. These activities formed part of the IBAC's role to identify, investigate and expose corrupt conduct by public bodies or officers and misconduct of police personnel.

2.3 The number of applications for authorities that were refused during the year [s 31(1)(c)]

The Commissioner or his delegate did not refuse any applications for authorities to use or acquire an assumed identity.

2.4 Whether or not any fraud or other unlawful activity was identified by an audit under s 33 during the year [s 31(1)(d)]

IBAC did not identify any fraud or unlawful activity in audits conducted in accordance with section 33 of the Act in relation to authorities granted or cancelled during the reporting period.

2.5 Any other information relating to authorities and assumed identities and the administration of this Act that the Minister considers appropriate [s 31(1)e]

No other information has been requested by the Minister.



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