Chief officer's report to the Minister

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

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Introduction

This report is provided pursuant to section 31 of the *Crimes (Assumed Identities) Act 2004* (Vic) (**the Act**) for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 (**the reporting period**).

For the purposes of, and as defined under, Part 1 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'.

Reporting period

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

In the reporting period, one assumed identity authority was granted by the Commissioner or their delegate for the acquisition and use of an assumed identity by an IBAC law enforcement officer.

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.

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

The Commissioner or their delegate did not refuse any applications for authorities to use or acquire an assumed identity during the reporting period.

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 in effect during the reporting period.

Any other information relating to authorities and assumed identities and the administration of this Act that the Minister considers appropriate [s31(1)(e)]

No other information has been requested by the Minister.

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Commissioner
Date: 25/09/2025

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