

# Chief officer report to the Minister

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

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1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020



## **1 Introduction**

Section 31 of the *Crimes (Assumed Identities) Act 2004* (Vic) (the Act) provides that as soon as practicable after the end of each financial year, the chief officer of a law enforcement agency must submit a report to the Minister setting out the details required by s 31 of the Act in relation to authorities for assumed identities.

This report relates to the financial year 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 (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 six 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 authorities granted 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 The number of authorities granted during the year [s 31(1)(d)]**

IBAC conducted two audits in accordance with s 33 of the Act during the reporting period. The audits did not identify any fraud or other unlawful activity.

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### 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Redlich', written in a cursive style.

**The Honourable Robert Redlich AM, QC**

Commissioner

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