

# ACT Integrity Commission – Significant Operational Activity

## Operation Kingfisher

<p><b>Nov 2020</b> Corruption report received</p> <p><b>Mar 2021</b> Decision to investigate</p> <p><b>May 2021</b> 3 Summonses to attend an examination issued</p> <p><b>August 2021</b> Investigative analysis of first tranche of documents begins</p> <p><b>Jun 2021</b> 3 days of private examinations of 3 witnesses</p>	<p><b>FY 21/22</b> 29 Summonses issued – 16 to attend an examination and 13 to produce documents or things issued (including 5 summonses issued to produce mobile phones which resulted in the analysis of 9 handsets)</p> <p><b>Feb 22</b> Commission publicly called for the building and construction industry to come forward with information relating to suspected improper conduct in ACT Government procurement processes.</p> <p><b>May 22 – June 22</b> 5 days of private examinations of 5 witnesses</p>	<p><b>FY 22/23</b> 8 Summonses issued – 6 to attend an examination and 2 to produce documents or things</p> <p><b>Nov 22 – Jun 23</b> 15 days of private examinations of 17 witnesses</p> <p><b>May 23 – June 23</b> Submissions from Counsel Assisting for the Commission’s consideration of whether to hold public examinations</p> <p><b>May 23</b> Internal processes to prepare for public examinations, including procurement of specialist live streaming capability, implementation of security measures and preparations for the hearing room undertaken.</p>	<p><b>FY 23/24</b> 30 Summonses issued – 20 to attend an examination and 10 to produce documents or things</p> <p><b>Jul 23</b> Submissions requested from witnesses regarding public examinations</p> <p><b>Aug 23</b> Submissions considered, resulting in the Commission announcing public examinations will be held</p> <p><b>Aug – Dec 2023</b> Public examinations conducted over 12 days calling upon 12 witnesses to give evidence and private examinations conducted over 4 days with 5 witnesses</p> <p><b>1 Sep 2023</b> Litigation commenced by Katy Haire <i>Haire v ACT Integrity Commission (SC 354 of 2023)</i></p> <p><b>Dec 23</b> Commission calls for written submissions from counsel assisting and counsel for the witnesses</p> <p><b>March 24</b> Submissions in response to above from witnesses received</p> <p><b>Jan – April 24</b> 5 days of private examinations conducted with 7 witnesses giving evidence</p>	<p><b>FY 24/25</b> 4 Summonses issued – 1 to attend an examination, 3 to produce documents or things</p> <p><b>Jul 24</b> A witness, Mr Ceramidas brought an urgent interlocutory application requesting the upcoming oral submissions be held in private and sought a suppression order over his name – Suppression order was initially issued, but the application was ultimately rejected and costs awarded to the Commission</p> <p><b>Jul 24</b> 5 days of public oral closing submissions conducted</p> <p><b>March 25</b> Final judgement delivered in <i>Haire v ACT Integrity Commission (SC 354 of 2023)</i> – with no findings against the Commission, and no order as to costs</p> <p><b>Jun 25</b> Preparation of Proposed Investigation Report (PIR) commences (ongoing process until PIR finalised on 27 Feb 26)</p> <p><b>Jun 25</b> 2 days of private examinations and production of documents and a mobile phone conducted with 2 witnesses giving evidence</p>	<p><b>July 25 – Sept 25</b> 5 summonses issued to produce documents</p> <p><b>July 25</b> Civil proceedings filed in ACT Supreme Court by a witness, Mr Ferguson</p> <p><b>Aug 25</b> Ferguson filed an application for an interim injunction to prevent the Commission reviewing data on his phone</p> <p><b>21 Feb 26</b> Ferguson withdrew his claim and was ordered to pay costs</p> <p><b>27 Feb 26</b> Proposed Investigation Report sent to relevant parties as required under the Act</p>	Preparation of the PIR continued from June 25 until it was finalised in Feb 26	<p><b>Since Op Kingfisher commenced:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Over 1.8M digital evidence items downloaded</li> <li>Over 6500 files of documents, policies and correspondence obtained</li> <li>Over 3800 pages compiled as a brief of evidence</li> <li>30 witnesses examined</li> <li>199 hours of examinations</li> </ul>
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This diagram outlines significant *operational matters* undertaken by the Commission since July 2020, excepting the routine assessment of corruption reports and related preliminary inquiries, which form a continuous part of the Commission’s work. Over the period represented, the Commission received in excess of 910 matters for assessment requiring decisions by the Commissioner.

