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Ms Jessica Falvey
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Parliament of New South Wales
SYDNEY 2000
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Dear Ms Falvey,

Question on notice from the ICAC Committee

During my recent appearance before the ICAC Parliamentary Committee I was asked the following question by the Honourable Adam Searle, *"...some years ago the current Government gave your office some special money to deal with prosecutions emerging from ICAC matters. How much is the budget of that unit? Does it still exist? Where is it up to in terms of its operations?"*.

I took the question on notice and now forward my reply.

In response to funding received in 2013, the ODPP created the ICAC referral unit for the purpose of providing advice to ICAC and conducting prosecutions arising out of ICAC investigations. In July of 2019, the unit was reformed into the Public Sector Prosecutions Unit, dealing with ICAC and other prosecutions involving public officers. From the commencement of the ICAC referral unit, ICAC have referred 34 Operations involving 114 persons of interest. In response, the ODPP has provided advice in 29 of those Operations and conducted 47 completed and ongoing prosecutions relating to those Operations. Approved funding for the Public Sector Prosecutions Unit in the current financial year is \$1.908 million.

Yours faithfully


Lloyd Babb SC
Director of Public Prosecutions