

## Briefing for the Premier

## Provision of information to the ICAC

**Issue:** A Ministerial adviser employed in the office of the Minister for Trade and Industry has advised the Department of Premier and Cabinet that he holds information that may be relevant to the investigation being conducted by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) into Canterbury City Council and other public officials (known as Operation Dasha). Ministers and heads of government agencies have a duty to report to ICAC any matter that the person suspects on reasonable grounds concerns or may concern corrupt conduct. DPC is obtaining the information from the Ministerial adviser for immediate provision to ICAC.

## Purpose

- To inform the Premier that the Secretary of the Department of Premier and Cabinet is providing information to the ICAC that may be relevant to Operation Dasha.

## Background

- Operation Dasha is a current investigation by ICAC into Canterbury City Council and other public officials. Mr Darryl Maguire has announced his intention to resign as a Member of Parliament as a result of this investigation.
- DPC has been contacted by a staff member currently employed in the office of the Minister for Trade and Industry about information held by the staff member that may be relevant to Operation Dasha. The information relates to the staff member's role in 2017 as a trade and investment advisor to the Minister for Trade and Industry.
- Under section 11(2) of the *ICAC Act 1988*, Ministers and the principal officer of a public authority have a duty to report to the ICAC any matter that the Minister or principal officer suspects on reasonable grounds concerns or may concern corrupt conduct. Ministers may comply with this obligation by reporting the matter to the ICAC or to the head of any agency responsible to the Minister.
- DPC has advised the staff member that the information should be promptly provided to ICAC.

## Recommendations

- Note** that DPC has been informed that an advisor in the office of the Minister for Trade and Industry holds information that may be relevant to Operation Dasha and that the Secretary of DPC will provide that information to ICAC.

<b>DPC final approver</b>	Approved: Deputy Secretary & General Counsel (Karen Smith), 27-07-2018 Cabinet and Legal Group	
<b>Premier's comments</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Approved/Not Approved/Noted</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Karen Smith Deputy Secretary, Cabinet and Legal,	