

13 January 2021

**Public Accountability Committee**

Parliament House, Macquarie Street Sydney  
NSW, 2000 Australia

**Hearing:** Public Accountability Committee Inquiry into the Integrity Efficacy and Value for Money for NSW Gov. Grant Programs

**Re:** Answers to Questions on Notice - 9 December hearing - Core Integrity

No.	Question	Answer
1.	<p><b>Extract from Transcript (page 11):</b></p> <p><b>The CHAIR:</b> But in relation to this particular organised crime syndicate, who clearly were targeting the grants application, can you remember the scale of it or what the indicators were?</p> <p><b>Mr BOHNEN:</b> I would have to take that question on notice.</p>	<p>As referenced by Core Integrity during the hearing on 9 December 2021, during the course of Core Integrity’s involvement in working with DCS (and Service NSW), Core Integrity staff were issued Departmental laptops. At the conclusion of our engagement these devices were returned to the Department and Core Integrity no longer has access to the information related to the work we performed as the Strategic Investigations Unit (SIU).</p> <p>As a result, Core Integrity is unable to provide any further specific and accurate information in relation to the scale of fraud alleged to have been undertaken by an individual (or group), the particulars of any specific suspected or actually fraudulent application or associated indicators.</p>

		This information would be available from Service NSW.
2.	<p><b>Extract from Transcript (page 18):</b></p> <p><b>The Hon. JOHN GRAHAM:</b> Firstly, in relation to the outlaw motorcycle gang incident, it was largely in Lake Macquarie. We are referring to the same incident?</p> <p><b>Mr MURPHY:</b> I think there were a number of different groups that were targeting these schemes across the Hunter and upper North Coast.</p> <p><b>The Hon. JOHN GRAHAM:</b> What other areas were involved? The initial police referrals were from Lake Macquarie. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Mr MURPHY:</b> Lake Macquarie and the Hunter Valley, and a little bit further up north.</p> <p><b>The Hon. JOHN GRAHAM:</b> When you say the North Coast, where are you referring to?</p> <p><b>Mr MURPHY:</b> Do you have the details on that, Mr Bohnen?</p> <p><b>Mr BOHNEN:</b> No, I would have to take that on notice.</p>	<p>In our capacity as providing advice and resources to perform duties as the Strategic Investigations Unit (SIU) on behalf of both DCS and Service NSW, a key component of our role was to work with law enforcement to both receive, and refer, both suspected and actual fraudulent grant applications for investigation.</p> <p>Throughout our engagement, we engaged and supported police investigations from across the state, including the State Crime Command as well as various Police Area Commands (PACs) and regions via our dedicated Law Enforcement Liaison role.</p> <p>We supported two Strike Forces in the Lake Macquarie and Hunter/Cessnock regions as well as various PACs up and down the east coast of NSW.</p> <p>For further information about law enforcement liaison, these should be directed to Service NSW as Core Integrity no longer has access to the relevant material as outlined above.</p>