

4 November 2015

The Hon Robert Borsak MLC
Chair
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4
Parliament of New South Wales
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr Borsack

Operation Prospect – progress report

I am writing in response to General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4's third recommendation in its report into the progress of the Ombudsman's investigation 'Operation Prospect'.

Recommendation 3

That the Acting Ombudsman provide a written report to General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4 by 1 November 2015 outlining the progress of Operation Prospect, including an anticipated timeframe for the completion of the investigation.

I have prepared this report in response to that recommendation to inform the Committee and other interested parties of progress in the Operation Prospect investigation in recent months, and to indicate the expected timeframe for completing the investigation. This report also outlines the Ombudsman office response to numerous issues that have been raised in submissions we have received over the last three months about the scope and conduct of Operation Prospect.

Once the Committee members have considered the report, I would ask that you contact my office to inform us whether you intend to make the report publicly available. I do not have any objection to its release.

Yours sincerely

Professor John McMillan, AO
Acting Ombudsman