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## **STRENGTHENING ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR**

South Australia's Office for Public Integrity received more than 880 complaints and reports about potential corruption, misconduct and maladministration in public administration in its first full financial year as an independent entity.

Of the 886 reports that were assessed, approximately 60% required no further action to be taken.

The remainder were referred for further investigation, including:

- 68 matters to ICAC;
- 98 matters to Ombudsman SA;
- 11 matters to law enforcement agencies; and
- 143 matters to public authorities.

Most referrals to ICAC and Ombudsman SA were from reports made by public officers, highlighting their willingness to report potential corruption, misconduct and maladministration.

In addition to its functions under the ICAC Act, the OPI also oversees complaints and reports made about SA Police Officers. Throughout 2022-23, the OPI received 2605 complaints and reports about SA Police Officers - approximately a 10% increase from the previous year. The OPI also had oversight of 460 investigations throughout the year.

This year, the OPI has sought to strengthen the identification of corruption, misconduct and maladministration by providing accessible information to the public sector, through training sessions and the distribution of promotional material, in relation to the role of the OPI and reporting obligations.

The OPI continued to develop its internal processes throughout the year, including the development of its first strategic plan and the establishment of its four core values: professionalism, collaboration, accessibility, and resilience. These values underpin all work conducted by OPI staff and drives their ability to promote and preserve integrity within the public sector.



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