

Fact sheet – amendments to the *Integrity Act 2009* effective 13 December 2023 – public service entities



As a result of a recent legislative amendment, senior officers are no longer ‘designated persons’ for the purposes of the *Integrity Act 2009*, meaning they can no longer seek the Integrity Commissioner’s advice on an ethics or integrity issue.

Relevantly, the following persons are ‘designated persons’ who can seek the Integrity Commissioner’s advice on an ethics or integrity issue (including a conflict of interest issue) involving themselves:

- a. a chief executive of a ‘public service entity’ (i.e. a department, or an entity mentioned in schedule 1 of the *Public Sector Act 2022*);
- b. a senior executive (SES) employed under section 188 of the *Public Sector Act 2022*;
- c. a public service officer employed on a fixed term contract under section 152 of the *Public Sector Act 2022* (SES equivalent);
and
- d. a person, or a person within a class of persons, prescribed by the *Integrity Regulation 2011*.

Within two years of ceasing to be a ‘designated person’, a person may request the Integrity Commissioner’s advice on an ethics or integrity issue involving themselves, that arises from a post-separation obligation.

Further, a chief executive of a public service entity may request the Integrity Commissioner’s advice on an ethics or integrity issue involving a ‘designated person’ employed in the public service entity.

**For further information contact the Office of the Integrity Commissioner either by
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