



Australian Government  
Department of Immigration  
and Border Protection

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# R E P O R T

## ASSUMED IDENTITIES AUTHORISATIONS AND USE

1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017

## **Purpose of this Report**

Part IAC of the *Crimes Act 1914* (the Act) provides a statutory scheme for Commonwealth law enforcement agencies, including the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the Department), to acquire and use assumed identities in the investigation of Commonwealth offences.

Under Part IAC, the chief officer of each participating agency and their delegate may authorise the acquisition or use of assumed identities.

This report has been developed in accordance with the requirements of section 15LD of the Act with respect to authorisations for assumed identities acquired and used by the Department.

Under sub-section 15LD(1), the Department is required to provide a report to the Minister as soon as practicable after the end of the financial year, detailing:

- A. the number of authorities granted during the year
- B. a general description of the activities undertaken by authorised civilians and authorised law enforcement officers when using assumed identities under Part IAC during the year
- C. the number of applications for authorities that were refused during the year;
- D. the number of authorities of which control was transferred by the chief officer under section 15KV during the year
- E. the number of authorities of which control was transferred to the chief officer under section 15KV during the year
- F. a statement whether or not any fraud or other unlawful activity was identified by an audit under section 15LG during the year, and
- G. any other information relating to authorities and assumed identities and the administration of Part IAC that the Minister considers appropriate.

## **Department of Immigration and Border Protection Use of Assumed Identities (15LD1)**

During the 2016-2017 financial year:

- A. there were four (4) new authorisations granted
- B. assumed identities authorised under the Act were used by law enforcement officers in the Department for surveillance activities
- C. no applications for authorities were refused
- D. no authorities were transferred by the chief officer
- E. no authorities were transferred to the chief officer
- F. a review of the use of assumed identities was conducted and did not identify any instances of fraudulent or unlawful activity by law enforcement officers in the Department, and
- G. One assumed identity was cancelled in this financial year and one variation of evidence was approved.