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2018-2019 JCC Annual Report published

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The third annual report of the Judicial Conduct Commissioner (JCC) was tabled in the South Australian Parliament today.

The 2018-2019 report contains key information and statistics about the operations of the office. As of 30 June 2019, the JCC is in its third year of operation and continues to perform an important role in maintaining public confidence in the judicial system.

The Annual Report outlines the Commissioner's strategic plan, key performance indicators and process for dealing with complaints.

During the 2018-2019 period, the Commissioner examined 120 issues arising from 40 new complaints. This was an increase on the 2017-2018 financial year where the Commissioner received 24 new complaints.

As with previous years, the majority of these complaints were either dismissed or did not require further action to be taken. In his report Commissioner Lander commented, "Complainants continue to misunderstand my role as the Judicial Conduct Commissioner."

The Commissioner reiterated, "The JCC Act prohibits me from challenging or calling into question the legality or correctness of a judicial decision, order or judgement. The power to review a judicial decision, order or judgment is vested within the appropriate appellate court.

"My role is concerned with the conduct of judicial officers in relation to the carrying out of judicial duties and functions."

The 2018-2019 JCC Annual Report can be downloaded from the Commissioner's website: www.jcc.sa.gov.au