

Corruption in the provision and certification of security industry training

ICAC FINDINGS

- The ICAC has made findings of corrupt conduct against Ahmed Moosani, Ali Merchant, Hamdi Alqudsi, Dru Hyland, Shane Camilleri, Vivek Raghaven, Craig Wheeler, Tibi Brandusoiu, Nick Bosynak and Jose Sanz in relation to their creation and use of competency certificates which falsely represented that prescribed competencies relating to the security courses had been demonstrated.

ICAC RECOMMENDATIONS

- The Commission is of the opinion that consideration should be given to obtaining the advice of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) with respect to the prosecution of Ahmed Moosani, Ali Merchant, Hamdi Alqudsi, Dru Hyland, Shane Camilleri, Vivek Raghaven, Craig Wheeler and Tibi Brandusoiu for various criminal offences.
- The Commission also recommends that as Mr Bosynak and Mr Sanz knowingly obtained their security licences by producing to the SIR certificates of competency that falsely represented they had demonstrated the prescribed competencies, that the Security Industry Registrar consider revoking their security licences.

CORRUPTION PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

The ICAC has made 16 corruption prevention recommendations to address the fundamental regulatory problems besetting the security industry. These include that the:

- NSW Police Commissioner should assume ultimate responsibility for security industry integrity-related functions including corruption prevention, corruption risk management, and fraud and corruption investigation and detection.
- Compliance, inspection and data review processes of the Security Industry Registrar (SIR) should be expanded and improved to give SIR the capacity to detect fraudulent or inadequate training practices by registered training organisations (RTOs).
- SIR should be given sufficient, dedicated staffing and other resources to implement the above two recommendations, without reliance on staff from other sections of the Police, the Vocational Education and Training Board (VETAB), the approved industry associations or any other organisations.
- VETAB improve its auditing and monitoring of RTOs to ensure early detection of training, assessment or recognition of prior learning not conducted in accordance with the Australian Quality Training Framework standards.
- SIR should take steps to determine the validity of all security qualifications granted during the upgrade process.

BACKGROUND

- The Commission's investigation arose out of a report received on 31 October 2008 from the SIR that trainers at Roger Training Academy were providing improper assistance to candidates undertaking training as part of the upgrade process to improve skills of security officers in accordance with the September 2007 amendments to the Security Industry Act 1997. Allegations were also made that Roger was issuing certificates of competency to these candidates in the absence of proper assessment of their competency.
- The full investigation report is available on the ICAC website at www.icac.nsw.gov.au.
Media Inquiries: ICAC Manager Communications & Media Nicole Thomas 02 8281 5799/ 0417 467 801