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Dear Attorney General

Thank you for your letter of 7 September 2017.

You have asked me to clarify our approach to resources in relation to serious misconduct and unexplained wealth:

1. Yes. The Commission has undertaken to exercise the proposed function within existing resources and review after three years. The scourge of the illicit drug trade and serious misconduct both impact on the state. The Commission will manage the priorities as to deal with what is regarded as most urgent from time to time.

2. No. Under the CCM Act all allegation of serious misconduct must be assessed. This will continue.

The Commission regularly assigns priorities and if necessary suspends or terminates an investigation if resources should be committed to a more important investigation.

This practice will continue.

The proposed unexplained wealth power is an important State tool in the disruption of criminal activity, particularly the illicit methamphetamine trade.

However if the public interest is better served from to time by a particular serious misconduct investigation, resources will be diverted accordingly.

Yours sincerely

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