



Australian Government

Registered Organisations Commission

Investigation into Health Services Union Victoria No. 1 Branch

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On 16 January 2019, the Registered Organisations Commission (ROC) commenced an investigation into the Health Services Union (HSU) Victoria No. 1 Branch.

In summary, the investigation will examine whether current or former office holders complied with their statutory obligations, including to act with care and diligence, act in good faith and in the best interests of the HSU and to not improperly use their positions. In particular, the investigation will examine allegations related to the lawfulness of the cashing out of leave and RDO's, then used to fund a private legal challenge and the subsequent re-crediting of leave and RDO's to the potential detriment of members of the HSU.

The Registered Organisations Commissioner (or his delegate) may conduct investigations under Section 331 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (Cth)* (**RO Act**) if satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for doing so.

The ROC may make inquiries and investigations into federally registered unions and employer associations (known as registered organisations) regarding their compliance with the RO Act and their rules regarding finances and financial administration, and in relation to the conduct of their officers.

The ROC is unable to comment further on this matter, as it remains an open investigation.

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