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Sent: Monday, 13 July 2026 11:04 AM
To: SHANE DOWLING <shanedowling@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Further Media questions - Shane Dowling [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good morning,

The Inspector has asked me to respond to your email.

In her statement published on 8 July 2026, the Inspector stated that significant public money has been spent on the two complaint investigations which included public money spent by the NACC in responding to them. In order for the draft reports, which were in part contested, to be completed, further considerable public funds would need to be spent. The Inspector could not justify such expenditure in circumstances where former Commissioner Brereton had resigned and the systemic issues which had been identified had been satisfactorily addressed.

The Inspector did not state that she had insufficient funds.

The Inspector had completed a draft complaint investigation report on the first complaint investigation. At the point when it was discontinued, the analysis of that information was not complete because there were some matters which were contested by the lawyers acting for the Commission, in submissions made to the Inspector. The Inspector is required to consider submissions made before completing a report and was doing so.

In her statement, the Inspector stated that there was no corruption issue involved in either complaint. A corruption issue includes 'abuse of office'. There was no allegation of criminality in either complaint.

The Inspector declines your request for an interview.

Kind regards,

Jenna Sheward

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From: SHANE DOWLING <shanedowling@hotmail.com>
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Dear Inspector of the NACC Gail Furness SC

I am an independent journalist and have some further questions:

In your public statement last week, you said one of reasons you had stopped your investigations into 2 complaints against former NACC Commissioner Paul Brereton was because you “cannot justify such expenditure in circumstances where Commissioner Brereton has resigned.”

1. Did you ask the federal Attorney-General and/or federal government for further funding so you could finish the 2 investigations?
2. Does everyone in the federal public service get corruption investigations against them discontinued if they resign?

At the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee senate estimates hearing on Tuesday (26/5/26) Senator David Shoebridge asked you questions about funding and you said you have sufficient financial resources, and you had been able to bring in additional support to deal with the 2 complaints.

3. Given you told the senate estimates hearing on the 26/5/26 that you had sufficient funding how can you now say you can't justify the “expenditure” to fulfill one of your key functions?

On page 4 of your public statement last week, you said:

“For completeness, as part of considering the complaints I had received, I had sought and been provided with documents from the NACC concerning the assessment of all 98 defence related referrals made to the NACC from July 2023 until October 2025. At the point when I discontinued this complaint investigation, my analysis of that information was not complete and there were some matters which were contested by the lawyers acting for the Commission.”

4. Given your “analysis of that information was not complete” of the “98 defence related referrals made to the NACC” can you say for certain that Paul Brereton did not abuse his position when dealing with the “98 defence related referrals.”?
5. Given your “analysis of that information was not complete” how can you say for certain that no corruption or crimes took place when Paul Brereton and the NACC were dealing with the “98 defence related referrals.”?

General questions:

6. Given the NACC has a shocking reputation with the public do you realise that your decision to discontinue the 2 corruption investigations into Paul Brereton has done further damage to the NACC's reputation as well as damage to you and the Office of the Inspector of the National Anti-Corruption Commission's reputation?

In the first corruption investigation into Paul Brereton in 2024 you found he was guilty of officer misconduct because he breached the NACC Act section 184 (3) (b) (v) is not unlawful, but: arises, wholly or in part, from a mistake of law or fact.

7. Why did you employ former judge Alan Robertson only to investigate Paul Brereton given others were involved in the Robodebt cover-up?
8. Why was Alan Robertson only employed to investigate if section 184 (3) (b) (v) had been breached?
9. Why was Alan Robertson not allowed to investigate if more serious offences had been committed such as breaching section 184 (a) is unlawful conduct, or (b) (i) is corrupt conduct or (b) (iii) arises, wholly or in part, from improper motives.?
10. Would you be OK with doing a Zoom interview for my YouTube Channel and website?

Please respond by 5pm Monday the 13th of July 2026 so I can publish.

Regards

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From: NACC Inspector <enquiries@naccinspector.gov.au>
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Dear Mr Dowling

The Inspector's responses to your questions are:

1. No.
2. No.

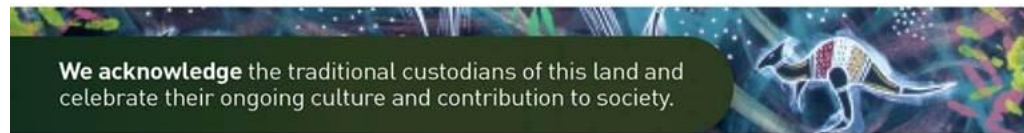
Yours sincerely

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From: SHANE DOWLING <shanedowling@hotmail.com>

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Dear Inspector of the NACC Gail Furness SC

I am an independent journalist and have some questions:

1. Do you have, or have you had in the past, any association and/or friendship with Senator David Shoebridge?
2. Given both you and Senator David Shoebridge are barristers and are members of the NSW Bar Association have you ever met David Shoebridge in any professional capacity or at any social functions?

Please respond by 5 pm Thursday the 9th of July 2026 so I can publish.

Regards

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