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NEW APPOINTMENT TO OFFICE OF CHIEF EXAMINER

The Andrews Labor Government today announced the appointment of Sally Winton as an examiner with the Office of the Chief Examiner.

Ms Winton is currently the Public Access Deputy Commissioner in the Office of the Victorian Information Commissioner, where she has worked since September 2017.

She played a key role in the establishment of the Office, working closely with the Information Commissioner and the Privacy and Data Protection Deputy Commissioner.

In her current role, Ms Winton has carried out external reviews of freedom of information decisions and advocacy to promote the objectives of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*.

Ms Winton was previously with the Office of the Freedom of Information Commissioner, where she initially acted as the Assistant Commissioner from October 2016, and then acted as the Commissioner from June 2017.

From 2010–16, Ms Winton held various legal roles at the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission, rising to the role of National Litigation Manager.

Ms Winton began her career at the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department in 2006, including as Acting Principal Legal Officer.

She has a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Queensland, and a Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice from the Australian National University.

The Office of the Chief Examiner was established in 2005 to help combat organised crime by obtaining evidence through the use of coercive powers.

Quotes attributable to Attorney-General Martin Pakula

"Ms Winton brings extensive experience working in legal roles in both the Victorian and Commonwealth governments."

"Her expertise will make her a valuable asset to Victoria's Office of the Chief Examiner and I congratulate her on her appointment."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Police Lisa Neville

"Ms Winton's appointment will boost Victoria's Office of the Chief Examiner's ability to target organised crime."

"It is an essential arm of Victoria's law enforcement capability, taking on organised crime figures and syndicates."