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Media statement on Operation Betelgeuse

The Corruption and Crime Commission can confirm that Operation Betelgeuse has effectively ended.

The Commission's access to the laptop was delayed by litigation brought by the President of the Legislative Council. Following the decision of Justice Hall the Commission and Parliament entered into a protocol which allowed the Commission to examine the laptop. The protocol is working as intended.

In view of Mr Edman's lawfully obtained comments as to the contents of the laptop, the Commission was required to investigate if his comments about unspecified other people could be substantiated.

The contents of the laptop did not reach the threshold of serious misconduct in respect of any individual.

There is material from the laptop that has formed the basis of a Commission proposition under the *Corruption Crime and Misconduct Act* s 26, named Operation Sevenstones.

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[Misconduct risks in electorate allowances for Members of Parliament](#) - 17 December 2019

[Report on electorate allowances and management of electorate offices](#) - 26 November 2020

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