



## 2018-19 Investigation Ireh

<b>Sector</b>	Parliament of Tasmania
<b>Respondent level</b>	Designated Public Officer – Elected Representative, Public Officer
<b>Misconduct risk(s)</b>	Misuse of power and authority

### Description

Investigation Ireh considered allegations of misconduct by the Hon Jacquie Petrusma MP – then Minister for Human Services – and her Chief of Staff.

Following a complaint from the Hon Josh Willie MLC, we investigated an allegation that the Minister's Chief of Staff had attempted to improperly influence the then Commissioner for Children and Young People in performing their role.

While it was clear that a misunderstanding had arisen between the Chief of Staff and the Commissioner, we found that none of the four allegations amounted to misconduct or a breach of relevant legislation.

The investigation found that communication problems between the Chief of Staff and the Commissioner had contributed to the misunderstanding. It concluded that the relationship had not always been harmonious and had deteriorated over time.

The investigation also found no factual basis for the allegations that the Minister adversely affected the performance of the Commissioner's powers or failed to respect his apolitical role.

<b>Outcome</b>	Dismissed – report released in the public interest
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### Read the full report:

[https://www.integrity.tas.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0011/472925/Integrity-Commission-Report-4-of-2018-Investigation-into-the-former-Minister-for-Human-Services-and-her-Chief-of-Staff.pdf](https://www.integrity.tas.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/472925/Integrity-Commission-Report-4-of-2018-Investigation-into-the-former-Minister-for-Human-Services-and-her-Chief-of-Staff.pdf)



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