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Request Summary: Information concerning: *“All complaints of racism/racial harassment/racial discrimination made against Tasmania Police since 1 January 2017 and for each complaint identified, the report of the internal investigation into the complaint.”*

Information Released : Per request (RTI: 172/20)

INFORMATION FOR DISCLOSURE:

I can advise that between the period of 1 January 2017 to 29 June 2020, there were two (2) complaints of alleged discrimination/racism against Tasmania Police members.

Both complaints were categorised as a ‘Level 1’ complaints pursuant to the Tasmania Police Commissioner’s Directions relating to Police Conduct and Complaint Management, referred to as ‘Abacus’. A comprehensive explanation of the Tasmania Police complaints system can be located online at : <https://www.police.tas.gov.au/about-us/abacus/>

Complaint 1

Received - 30 October 2018

Details – Report of a domestic dispute resulting in the complainant being served a Family Violence protection order.

Complaint - Complainant alleged racial discrimination resulting in psychological intimidation.

Result of Investigation - Matter was dismissed pursuant to Section 46 of the *Police Service Act 2003*. Investigations by Professional Standards Officers revealed the complaint may have been factually incorrect and not made in good faith by the complainant. Both the complainant and involved officers were informed of the outcome. No further action taken.

Complaint 2

Received - 30 November 2019

Details – Report by the complainant to Tasmania Police of allegedly being assaulted by a member of the public.

Complaint – Complainant alleges harassment, racism and unprofessional behaviour when reporting the assault to Tasmania Police.

Result of Investigation - The matter dismissed as no indication or evidence that police had acted inappropriately. Both the complainant and involved officers were informed of the outcome. No further action taken.