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**Anti-Corruption Day**

Today marks International Anti-Corruption Day, a day dedicated to promoting efforts to stop corruption and its damaging effects.

Australia is consistently ranked as one of the least corrupt countries in the world, and this Government is committed to ensuring we do not become complacent.

The Government has a strong record in tackling corruption, including investing \$127 million to reform the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

This puts Australians affected by dodgy dealings, fraudulent conduct, malpractice and misconduct in the financial services industry, at the front of our reform package.

We established the Fraud and Anti-Corruption Centre within the Australian Federal Police, and invested an additional \$15 million into the multi-agency centre.

This provides for an additional 26 specialists to bolster the AFP's operational response to serious and complex fraud, foreign bribery, and corruption.

The Government is also currently examining a deferred prosecution agreements scheme and reviewing our laws on bribery of foreign public officials, while looking at the legislative framework that allows investigators to tackle these crimes.

We are strengthening our integrity framework in Australia's first National Action Plan under the Open Government Partnership and Australia has also recently announced its support for a new Global Anti-Corruption Consortium.

Taking action against bribery and corruption is an ongoing task. The Government will continue to explore ways to strengthen our laws and best way of enforcing them.

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