



This statement describes the overall policy framework and the commitment of the ANSTO Board to establish and maintain an effective fraud control framework within ANSTO. Fraud is a form of misconduct that involves dishonestly obtaining a benefit, or causing a loss, by deception or other means.

ANSTO's Commitment

The ANSTO Board recognises that the risk of fraud can arise in the conduct of ANSTO's operations and that these risks, if not identified and mitigated, have the potential to damage the good reputation of the organisation.

In keeping with legal obligations embodied within the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (PGPA) Act* and the *Commonwealth Fraud Control Framework*, the ANSTO Board commits ANSTO to establish a fraud control framework, including a *Fraud Control Plan*, which describes the organisation's approach to prevent and detect fraud effectively as well as respond appropriately to instances of fraud.

In keeping with this commitment, the Board and ANSTO management:

- will monitor, promote and encourage the highest standards of integrity, professionalism and ethical behaviour at all levels, consistent with ANSTO's 'Core Values', the *ANSTO Code of Conduct* and the 'standards of behaviour' applicable to all public sector 'officials', as prescribed by the *PGPA Act*
- will not tolerate fraudulent actions and behaviour
- encourage ANSTO staff, contractors and visiting researchers to report a concern, suspicion or information relating to improper or fraudulent conduct
- will ensure that reports of alleged or suspected instances of fraud or corrupt behaviour are subject to proper assessment and investigation, including referral to appropriate law enforcement agencies, as deemed appropriate
- depending on the outcome of an investigation, will seek appropriate civil, administrative or disciplinary remedies, as deemed appropriate, and will pursue all reasonable means to recover losses caused by illegal activity

Actions

This policy will be implemented through the ANSTO Fraud Control Framework by:

- ensuring the establishment and maintenance of sound systems of risk management and internal control where fraud opportunities and vulnerabilities are engaged in a sensible, practical and positive manner
- conducting regular fraud risk assessments to identify fraud opportunities and vulnerabilities
- developing, communicating and implementing a Fraud Control Plan that outlines ANSTO's arrangements for preventing, detecting and investigating incidents of fraud or suspected fraud, including arrangements for ANSTO employees and others to report suspected fraud and other forms of inappropriate conduct
- training relevant staff in fraud awareness and prevention

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