The rise in whistleblower reports received by ASIC



FY19

(before the relevant whistlebower protections commenced)

278

whistleblower reports

FY20 644

whistleblower reports



FY21

whistleblower



An increase of

194%

in whistleblower reports over two years



A number of

factors

may have contributed to this outcome

ASIC Commissioner Sean Hughes



These three issues are of particular concern to ASIC because they suggest that many entities do not fully understand the enhanced whistleblower protection regime, or worse still, have chosen to ignore them.

Whistleblower policies



FY2

ASIC reviewed a sample of

102 whistleblower

whistleblower policies from relevant entities



The majority of policies

ASIC

reviewed
did not fully
address the
relevant legal
requirements

Three of the most prevalent and concerning deficiencies were:



66

[ASIC has] current investigations underway into alleged breaches of the whistleblower protections. And we continue to assess new reports of these matters.