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Dear Mr Millard,

**Notification of changes made to records [AR2017/9]**

I acknowledge receipt of a Notification of Change to the office holders of the Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI).

This information was lodged with the Registered Organisations Commission (the ROC) pursuant to the notification requirements in section 233(2) of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the RO Act).

According to your advice, Mr Stone, the Secretary of the VCCI, has had a review undertaken of the changes to offices referred to in the Notification of Change lodged with the ROC on 18/12/2017. This review showed that two further offices should have been notified. However the records in ROC's possession show VCCI notified ROC of the departure of Stephen Griffin as Regional Chairperson in the Notification of Change of the 18/12/2017 and ROC acknowledged this by way of letter dated 27/02/2018 and advised that the notification was received on time.

The table below outlines the changes notified and when they were lodged. Our records have been updated accordingly. The document can be viewed on the Website through the [list of Registered Organisations](#).

Date of lodgement	Change
18/12/2017	Regional Chairperson vacancy (1) Stephen Griffin
5/03/2018	Regional Chairperson vacancy (1) Mark Answerth

**Time frames**

Regulation 151 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009* prescribes that a notification of change pursuant to section 233(2) of the RO Act must be lodged within 35 days of the change occurring. I note that this is a civil penalty provision and non-compliance may leave your organisation open to Federal Court proceedings.

I note your advice that the Secretary has taken steps to ensure that future notifications are lodged within 35 days in order to comply with the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the RO Act). I accept this information for this occasion and advise that the ROC will assess VCCI's future records to ensure compliance.

### **Officer Induction Kit**

The ROC has created an [Officer Induction Kit](#) to assist new officers. The Kit includes a number of resources that will help an officer to understand their general duties as an officer and their specific duties as an officer in your organisation. It also includes tools to guide an officer's understanding of compliance dates and other reporting obligations.

The kit should not be printed as it is updated regularly and some of the documents are interactive. The ROC strongly recommends that all new officers, and officers who are seeking more information on their obligations and duties, are given the link to the officer induction kit. Please direct your new officers to the kit which is on the ROC's [fact sheets, templates and webinars page](#), under Officers.

### **Mandatory disclosures**

Please ensure that all new holders of office are advised of their obligations to make disclosures regarding remuneration, non-cash benefits and material personal interests. Details are contained in the RO Act and are summarised in the ROC's [Disclosures Fact Sheet](#).

### **Mandatory training**

Please also note that Section 293K of the RO Act requires each officer with duties that relate to the financial management to undertake approved training that covers the duties within 6 months after the person begins to hold office. Please ensure that relevant officers are advised of the requirement to undertake approved training. Please also ensure that they undertake the training within the required timeframe.

Thank you for your correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

**Christine Hibberd**  
**Registered Organisations Commission**

**NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO RECORDS (Changes to Records in the Annual Return) required to be kept in accordance with section 230 *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* and regulation 147 *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009***


I, Mark Stone, being the Secretary of the Victorian Chamber of Commerce & Industry, declare the following:

1. I am authorised to make this declaration.
2. I received a letter dated 27/02/2018 from the Registered Organisations Commission which informed me that a Notification of Change to Records concerning one of the offices on the Executive Council of the Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry was given outside of the requisite period of 35 days.
3. I have had a review undertaken of the changes to offices referred to in the Notification of Change to Records lodged with the Commission on 18/12/2017.
4. The office on the Executive Council previously held by Michelle McLean was vacated on 15/08/2017. On that basis it is acknowledged that the notification should have been but was not lodged by 19/09/2017.
5. As a result of the aforementioned review I have also ascertained that two further offices on the Executive Council changed and should also have notified to the Commission in the Notification of Change to Records lodged with the Commission on 18/12/2017. The offices of Regional Chairpersons previously held by Messrs Answerth and Griffin were vacated on 16 November 2017 respectively. On that basis it is acknowledged that the notifications should have been but were not lodged by 21/12/2017.
6. Further Victorian Chamber of Commerce & Industry notified the Commission that its Executive Council had increased the number of its offices from twenty three to twenty seven. This notification was acknowledged by the Commission in its letter dated 6/09/2017. One of those newly created offices has not been filled at any time and remains vacant. As there has been no change in that office I believe that there is no obligation under the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act or Regulations to lodge a notification with respect to that vacant office.
7. I will ensure that future notifications are lodged within time in compliance with the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act and Regulations.

8. The following is a correct statement of the changes made to the information contained in the records required to be kept by the organisation in accordance with s.230(1)(b), (c), and (d) of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*:

- A list of changes to offices and the names, postal addresses and occupations of persons holding those offices is attached to this declaration at Annexure A and forms part of this declaration.

Signed:

  
5/3/18

Dated:

*[PLEASE NOTE: This declaration must be submitted to the Registered Organisations Commission within 35 days of the change. It can be submitted to [regorgs@roc.gov.au](mailto:regorgs@roc.gov.au).]*

**ANNEXURE A**

**THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT THAT WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE WEBSITE**

- Changes to Offices and Office Holders in the Organisation and its Branches. *Please note the 35 days begins at the earliest event (for instance when the officer retires) and an organisation may need to notify the events separately if the appointment or election process will take longer than 35 days.*

<b>Branch</b>	<b>Date of Change</b>	<b>Name of Office that has changed</b>	<b>Name of <u>Outgoing</u> Office Holder</b>	<b>Name of <u>New</u> Office Holder</b>	<b>Postal Address of <u>New</u> Office Holder</b>	<b>Occupation of <u>New</u> Office Holder</b>
	16/11/2017	<i>Regional Chairperson</i>	<i>Mark Answerth</i>	<i>vacant</i>	<i>c/- Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, level 2, 150 Collins Street Melbourne</i>	
	16/11/2017	<i>Regional Chairperson</i>	<i>Stephen Griffin</i>	<i>vacant</i>	<i>As above</i>	
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27 February 2018

Mr Mark Stone  
Chief Executive Officer/Secretary  
Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
info@victorianchamber.com.au

Dear Mr Stone,

**Notification of changes made to records [AR2017/9]**

I acknowledge receipt of a Notification of Change to the office holders of the Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

This information was lodged with the Registered Organisations Commission (the ROC) pursuant to the notification requirements in section 233(2) of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the RO Act).

The table below outlines the changes notified and when they were lodged. Our records have been updated accordingly. The document can be viewed on the Website through the [list of Registered Organisations](#).

Date of lodgement	Branch	Change	Within prescribed period (Yes/No). If No, how many days late
18/12/2017	N/A	New Executive Council Members (3)	Yes
18/12/2017	N/A	Regional Chairperson vacancy (1)	Yes
18/12/2017	N/A	Executive council Member vacancy (1)	No – 90 days

**Time frames**

Regulation 151 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009* prescribes that a notification of change pursuant to section 233(2) of the RO Act must be lodged within 35 days of the change occurring. I note that this is a civil penalty provision and non-compliance may leave your organisation open to Federal Court proceedings.

**Late notification**

The notification from your organisation indicates that a change occurred more than 35 days prior to its lodgement. Please ensure that future notifications of change are lodged within 35 days of the change occurring.

**Mandatory disclosures**

Please ensure that all new holders of office are advised of their obligations to make disclosures regarding remuneration, non-cash benefits and material personal interests. Details are contained in the RO Act and are summarised in the ROC's [Disclosures Fact Sheet](#).

**Mandatory training**

Please also note that Section 293K of the RO Act requires each officer with duties that relate to the financial management to undertake approved training that covers the duties within 6 months after the person begins to hold office. Please ensure that relevant officers are advised of the requirement to undertake approved training. Please also ensure that they undertake the training within the required timeframe.

Thank you for your correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

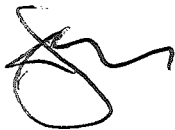
**Christine Hibberd**  
**Registered Organisations Commission**

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I, Mark Stone, being the Secretary of the Victorian Chamber of Commerce & Industry, declare the following:

1. I am authorised to make this declaration.
2. The following is a correct statement of the changes made to the information contained in the records required to be kept by the organisation in accordance with s.230(1)(b), (c), and (d) of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*:
  - A list of changes to offices and the names, postal addresses and occupations of persons holding those offices is attached to this declaration at Annexure A and forms part of this declaration.

Signed:



Mark Stone

Dated:

18/12/17

*[PLEASE NOTE: This declaration must be submitted to the Registered Organisations Commission within 35 days of the change. It can be submitted to [regorgs@roc.gov.au](mailto:regorgs@roc.gov.au).]*



**ANNEXURE A**

- Changes to Offices and Office Holders in the Organisation and its Branches:

Branch	Date of Change	Name of Office that has changed	Name of <u>Outgoing</u> Office Holder	Name of <u>New</u> Office Holder	Postal Address of <u>New</u> Office Holder	Occupation of <u>New</u> Office Holder
	16/11/2017	Executive Council Member	Not applicable	Helen Fairclough having been elected to the new office created on the Executive Council as acknowledged in the letter from the Registered Organisations Office dated 6 September 2017.	Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre 1 Convention Centre Place, South Wharf VIC 3006	Director, People and Culture
	16/11/2017	Executive Council Member	Not applicable	Amanda Purdie having been elected to the new office created on the Executive Council as acknowledged in the letter from the Registered Organisations Office dated 6 September 2017.	Commtract [REDACTED]	Corporate Communications Specialist
	16/11/2017	Executive Council Member	Not applicable	Charles Davidson having been elected to the new office created on the Executive Council as acknowledged in the letter from the Registered Organisations Office dated 6 September 2017.	Peninsula Hot Springs 140 Springs Lane Fingal VIC 3939	CEO, Founder
	16/11/2017	Regional Chairperson	Stephen Griffin	Vacant		
	15/08/2017	Executive Council Member	Michelle McLean	Vacant		

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**From:** ROC - Registered Org Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, 12 October 2017 3:40 PM  
**Subject:** Education and advice campaign - notification of changes to records within prescribed timeframe [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]  
**Attachments:** Letter to orgs\_Notifications of Change.pdf; Fact Sheet\_Notification of changes.pdf; Guidance Note\_notifications of change.pdf; Legislative Summary\_Notifications of Change.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please find attached correspondence for the Secretary or other prescribed office holder, providing education and advice regarding the obligation to notify the Registered Organisations Commission (the ROC) of changes to the records of a registered organisation.

Kind regards,

**Office of the Registered Organisations Commission**

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12 October 2017

Dear Secretary (or prescribed office holder),

**Education and advice campaign - the obligation to notify the ROC of changes to records within the prescribed statutory time frame**

I write on behalf of the Registered Organisations Commissioner to advise you about an education and advice campaign being conducted by the Registered Organisations Commission (ROC) which is designed to encourage all registered organisations and their office holders to comply with the statutory obligation to lodge timely notifications of changes to records, contained in section 233(2) of the *Fair work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the RO Act).

The ROC has become increasingly concerned about systemic contraventions of s.233(2) in which the lodgement of notifications are repeatedly weeks, months or even years late, or have not been lodged at all. Contraventions of this provision can give rise to risks for registered organisations and their members as a result of reduced transparency and accountability, and can expose the organisation to potential civil penalty proceedings.

As an independent regulator, the ROC's approach seeks to be fair, proportionate, objective and evidence-based. The ROC considers that compliance with statutory obligations is essential to ensure that registered organisations function efficiently, effectively and transparently.

**The importance of timely notifications**

The statutory obligation on registered organisations to notify the ROC of particular changes to records under s.233(2) of the RO Act has been part of the regulatory scheme in various forms for over 100 years and is currently a civil penalty provision, which means that registered organisations or their prescribed office holders may be potentially liable for any breaches.

The obligation is essential for a number of reasons including that:

- It assists members to participate in the democratic functioning and control of their organisations;
- Enables the regulator to publish information about who current office holders are; and
- It promotes accountability of office holders who are managing the funds and assets of registered organisations.

Registered organisations represent the interests of approximately 2 million members nationally. It is essential that timely information about the identity of relevant office holders is lodged in compliance with the RO Act so that the regulator and each organisation's members can be aware of which office holders are exercising management and financial responsibilities in their organisations.

The ROC and its predecessors have published the lists of office holders of registered organisations on the relevant agency's public website since at least 2003. The ROC also publishes all notifications about changes to the branches, office addresses and office holders of registered organisations lodged under s.233(2) of the RO Act. The publication of this information provides transparency to members and the general public and facilitates accountability.

## Educational reference documents

The ROC is committed to providing education, assistance and advice to registered organisations as part of the functions set out in s.329AB of the RO Act. Our primary educational goal is to maximise voluntary compliance with statutory obligations under the RO Act, to promote the effective governance, accountability and transparency of registered organisations and to thereby reduce the need for enforcement action.

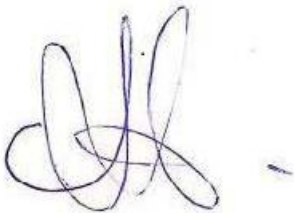
As one part of a strategy to assist organisations to increase voluntary compliance with the s.233(2) obligation, the ROC has recently produced some new educational guides which are **enclosed**:

- Guidance Note – a quick reference guide in the form of a table, using scenarios where organisation staff and office holders may be unsure if they are obliged to notify changes. The table contains references to all relevant legislative provisions;
- Fact Sheet – a separate fact sheet outlining the types of changes that need to be notified and what needs to be included with the notification;
- Legislative Summary – a brief summary of the history of the legislative provision to notify changes, included for the purpose of understanding the historical context of the obligation.

In addition, the ROC will continue its ongoing practice of providing courtesy reminder correspondence about the requirement to notify changes to office holders, whenever we are provided with election results from the Australian Electoral Commission (**AEC**). Further, the ROC proposes to audit and continue to review compliance with this important statutory obligation.

Should you have any questions or feedback in relation to this correspondence, I can be contacted on 1300 341 665 or via [regorgs@roc.gov.au](mailto:regorgs@roc.gov.au).

Yours faithfully,



Chris Enright  
Executive Director  
Registered Organisations Commission



# Fact sheet

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## Notification of changes

The *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* requires organisations of employers and employees to annually lodge certain information to the Registered Organisations Commission (the ROC). In addition, whenever any changes occur in relation to certain records, registered organisations are required to lodge a notification of change to the ROC. The change must be lodged within 35 days after the change occurs.

## Records requiring notifications of any changes

If any of the following records change, the organisation must notify the ROC of the change within 35 days after the change occurs:

- the list of offices in the organisation or in a branch of the organisation
- the name, postal address or occupation of a person holding office
- the name of a branch of the organisation
- the commencement or cessation of a branch of the organisation
- the address of the office of the organisation, or the address of the office of a branch of the organisation

## What does the ROC do with the information?

Records including the above information are required to be lodged by each organisation by 31 March in each year in the Annual Return of Information. Annual Returns are published under the corresponding organisation on the ROC website. This information can be found by clicking on the 'Find a Registered Organisation' tab. Notifications of changes are published in descending date order within the corresponding year's annual return document. This enables members to view the changes with reference to the complete list of office holders.

## When changes must be notified

Details of any changes must be notified within 35 days after the change occurs, as prescribed by regulation 151 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009*.

## What needs to be included?

**NOTE:** *The ROC recommends use of the sample Notification of Changes template, as provided below, to help ensure that all of the required details are included in a notification of change*

- The notification must be lodged with a declaration signed by the Secretary or another office holder whose duties under the rules of the organisation or branch include lodging required information to

the statutory body. The declaration must contain a statement that the information lodged is a correct statement of the changes made.

- The notification must include details of each relevant office/office holder/branch to which the changes have occurred.
- The notification must include the date the change occurred and clearly specify what the change was.
- The notification must indicate the date on which the changes occurred, as this pertains to the obligation to lodge the notification within 35 days of the change.
- For changes to office holders the following details are also required:
  - The title of the relevant office
  - The name of each new or former office holder
  - the postal address of each new office holder. For privacy reasons, the ROC recommends using the postal address of the relevant organisation/branch, rather than the residential address of the person.
  - The occupation of each new office holder
- For new branches the street address (not just a postal address) must be included.

## Who can sign the declaration?

The declaration must be signed by the Secretary or another office holder whose duties under the rules of the organisation or branch include lodging required information to the statutory body. A sample declaration template is provided below under 'sample notification of change template'.

If an organisation is divided into branches or divisions, the notification of change may be made by a national office holder or the relevant branch or division office holder, depending on who has authority under the rules of the organisation to do so.

## Sample Notification of Changes Template

The sample notification of change template provided below includes a sample declaration template and a sample notification table. The ROC recommends use of these documents to help ensure that all of the required information is provided.

- [Sample notification of change template](#)

## Find out more

- Guidance Note – ROC Quiz Answers - Notifications of Change
- Legislative Summary – Notifications of Change
- [ROC Internal Checklist – Notifications of change](#)
- [Fact Sheet – Records to be kept by registered organisations](#)
- [Fact Sheet – Records to be lodged annually by registered organisations](#)

For instructions on how to lodge a notification of changes with the ROC, please refer the [Lodging Documents](#) section of our website.



# Guidance Note

## Notifications of Change ROC Quiz

<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>	<u>Reference</u> * <b>RO Act</b> = Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009; * <b>RO Regs</b> = Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009).
<b>1. Do organisations need to lodge a notification of changes <i>IF</i>:</b>		
a) An elected office holder resigned but the term of office was almost over	<b>YES</b> – any change to the list of office holders of the organisation or a branch of the organisation must be notified within 35 days of the change.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 233(2) of the RO Act;</li> <li>• Section 230(1)(b) of the RO Act;</li> <li>• Reg.151 of the RO Regs</li> </ul>
b) A person leaves an office but the person replacing them will not commence for a few weeks	<b>YES</b> – this requires <u>two</u> notifications – one for the office holder leaving, and one for the person replacing them. If both changes can be notified within 35 days of the earliest change, they can be included together in just one notification, however, we recommend notifying each change as soon as possible after it occurs in order to ensure compliance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 233(2) of the RO Act;</li> <li>• Reg.151 of the RO Regs</li> </ul>
c) An elected national office holder relocated to a different state	<b>YES</b> – any change to the address of an office holder must be notified within 35 days of the change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 233(2) of the RO Act;</li> <li>• Section 230(1)(c) of the RO Act;</li> <li>• Reg.151 of the RO Regs</li> </ul>
d) A branch relocated to different premises	<b>YES</b> – any change to the office name or address of the organisation, or of a branch of the organisation, must be notified within 35 days of the change.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 233(2) of the RO Act;</li> <li>• Section 230(1)(d) of the RO Act;</li> <li>• Reg.147(d)(ii) of the RO Regs;</li> <li>• Reg.151 of the RO Regs</li> </ul>
e) The Secretary’s telephone number or email address changed	Not required under the legislation – however, it is beneficial to update us with any changes to contact details so we can provide alerts for upcoming lodgement dates and other important information. You can email <a href="mailto:regorgs@roc.gov.au">regorgs@roc.gov.au</a> to advise changes to telephone and email addresses.	<b>N/A</b>
f) A Branch office changed its’ telephone number or	Not required under the legislation – however, it is beneficial to keep	<b>N/A</b>



	preferred email address	us updated with relevant contact details to facilitate ROC alerts for upcoming lodgement dates and other important information updates. You can email <a href="mailto:regorgs@roc.gov.au">regorgs@roc.gov.au</a> to advise changes to telephone and email addresses.	
	<b>g)</b> The AEC has recently provided a declaration of results for an election to the organisation and the email shows that it was also sent to the ROC by the AEC	<b>YES</b> – the organisation is still required to formally notify the ROC of any <u>changes</u> to the list of office holders in the organisation or any of its’ branches. If an election results in any changes to the people holding offices, those changes must be formally notified within 35 days of the change.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 233(2) of the RO Act;</li> <li>• Section 230(1)(c) of the RO Act;</li> <li>• Reg.151 of the RO Regs</li> </ul>
	<b>h)</b> An entire branch is abolished	<b>YES</b> - the organisation is required to notify the ROC of any changes to its’ list of branches; any changes to the list of offices in a branch of the organisation; and any changes to the list of names, postal addresses and occupations of people holding those offices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 233(2) of the RO Act;</li> <li>• Sections 230(1)(b), (c) and (d) of the RO Act;</li> <li>• Regs.147(a), (c) and (e)(ii) of the RO Regs;</li> <li>• Reg.151 of the RO Regs</li> </ul>
	<b>i)</b> A person is re-elected to the same office they already held, and they are listed in the most recent annual return list of office holders	<b>NO</b> – only changes need to be notified to the ROC	N/A
	<b>j)</b> A person is re-elected, but to a different office	<b>YES</b> – any <u>changes</u> to the list of office holders in the organisation or any of its’ branches needs to be notified to the ROC within 35 days.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 233(2) of the RO Act;</li> <li>• Section 230(1)(c) of the RO Act;</li> <li>• Reg.151 of the RO Regs</li> </ul>
	<b>k)</b> A Committee of Management Member resigned, but they are not the President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary or Treasurer	<b>YES</b> – members of the Committee of Management are officers as defined in the Act. Any changes in relation to such offices must be lodged within 35 days of the date the change took place.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 233(2) of the RO Act;</li> <li>• Section 9 of the RO Act;</li> <li>• Reg.151 of the RO Regs</li> </ul>
	<b>l)</b> A person resigned but it won’t take effect for three months	<b>NOT YET</b> – a notification of change needs to be lodged within 35 days after the change takes effect. This means it must be lodged between the day it takes effect and 35 days later.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 233(2) of the RO Act;</li> <li>• Reg.151 of the RO Regs</li> </ul>
	<b>m)</b> A person has been elected but they won’t take office until a set date in the future	<b>NOT YET</b> – a notification of change needs to be lodged after the change takes effect. It must be lodged between the date it takes effect and 35 days later.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 233(2) of the RO Act;</li> <li>• Reg.151 of the RO Regs</li> </ul>
	<b>2. What needs to be included in the notification?</b>	A notification of change needs to include relevant details of the change. In relation to a change of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 233(2) of the RO Act;</li> <li>• Section 230(1)(c) of the RO Act;</li> <li>• Reg.147 of the RO Regs</li> </ul>



	office holder, this will include the date the change occurred, the title of the relevant office, the name of the relevant person/people, whether they have ceased or commenced office, the postal address of the person / people (we recommend using the relevant organisation/branch address for privacy reasons), and the title of the occupation of the person / people. We recommend using the <a href="#">Notification of Changes template</a> , which is available on the <a href="#">Notification of Changes page</a> of the ROC website.	
Do organisations need to lodge:		
An amended list of all of the officers	NO – only details of the changes need to be lodged. If you lodge the entire list again and do not identify the changes staff of the ROC will ask you to specify what the changes are and when they occurred	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 233(2) of the RO Act</li> </ul>
Officers' names	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 233(2) of the RO Act;</li> <li>Section 230(1)(c) of the RO Act</li> </ul>
Officers' occupation titles	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 233(2) of the RO Act;</li> <li>Section 230(1)(c) of the RO Act</li> </ul>
Officers' home addresses	NO – please do not lodge their home addresses. The ROC publishes all of the returns on the website – please list their professional addresses	N/A
Officers' professional addresses	YES – this can be the address of the Union or Employer Association, or the relevant branch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 233(2) of the RO Act;</li> <li>Section 230(1)(c) of the RO Act</li> </ul>
<u>ONLY</u> the changes to the President, Treasurer, Vice President and Secretary	NO – notifications of change are required in relation to <u>all offices</u> in which a change has occurred. Offices include Committee of Management Members (however named - including, for example, Directors of the Board)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 233(2) of the RO Act;</li> <li>Section 230(1)(c) of the RO Act;</li> <li>Section 9 of the RO Act;</li> </ul>
A soft copy by email and a hard copy by post	NO – the ROC only requires one lodgement and email is the preferred method. The email address to lodge the notifications is <a href="mailto:regorgs@roc.gov.au">regorgs@roc.gov.au</a> .	N/A
Copies of resignations	NO – proof of leaving office is only required for evidence in relation to casual vacancy election matters. Evidence is not required in relation to notifications of changes.	N/A
Does it need to be signed?	YES – the notification must accompany a declaration stating that the copy of records lodged is a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 233(2) of the RO Act;</li> <li>Reg.150 of the RO Regs</li> </ul>

	correct statement of the changes made. The declaration must be signed by the Secretary or another current officer whose duties under the rules include lodging required information to the statutory body.	
<b>3. Elections and Notifications of change</b>		
a) If an officer resigns do organisations need to lodge the Prescribed Information for a casual vacancy election separately to the notification of changes?	YES – the notification process is completely separate to the election process. Notification of a vacant office does not cause an election process to automatically start. For information about lodging Prescribed Information for elections, see the <a href="#">Elections page</a> of the ROC website.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 233(2) of the RO Act;</li> </ul>
b) Do organisations need to advise the ROC about changes even when the ROC has been provided with the declaration of results for an election by the AEC?	YES – it is one of the statutory obligations of organisations to notify the ROC, in writing, of any changes to the records the organisation has lodged. The AEC declaration of results provides the names of office holders elected, but does not indicate whether this constitutes a change to the list of office holders that the organisation lodged with the annual return.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 233(2) of the RO Act;</li> <li>• Section 230(1)(c) of the RO Act</li> </ul>
c) If evidence of a vacancy has already been provided to the organisation for an election matter, is it still necessary to lodge a notification of the change?	YES – the notification of changes process and requirements are completely separate to those of the election process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 233(2) of the RO Act;</li> </ul>



# Guidance Note

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## **Summary and Historical Context of the Legislative Provisions**

A brief explanation of the historical context surrounding the reporting obligation to notify changes is provided below. This information is intended to promote a better understanding of the reporting obligation, as well as an understanding of some of the purposes of the obligation.

As an overview, the statutory requirement for federally registered organisations to notify the relevant regulator of changes to records:

- appears to have been part of the relevant legislative scheme for over a century,
- has varied in terms of the time periods allowed for the changes to be notified to the relevant regulator,
- is an essential, fundamental and appropriate statutory obligation which provides transparency to members and the regulator.

## **Summary of the current provisions relevant to notifications of changes**

'RO Act' means *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*.

'RO Regs' means *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009*.

Subsection 233(2) of the RO Act provides that:

An organisation must, within the prescribed period, lodge with the Commissioner notification of any change made to the records required to be kept under paragraphs 230(1)(b), (c) and (d), certified by declaration signed by the secretary or other prescribed officer of the organisation to be a correct statement of the changes made.

Civil penalty: 60 penalty units.

Subsections 230(1)(b), (c) and (d) of the RO Act provide that:

(1) An organisation must keep the following records:

- (b) a list of the offices in the organisation and each branch of the organisation;
- (c) a list of the names, postal addresses and occupations of the persons holding the offices;
- (d) such other records as are prescribed.

Regulation 147 of the RO Regs provides that:

For paragraph 230(1)(d) of the Act, the following records are prescribed in relation to an organisation:

- (a) a record of the name of each branch of the organisation;
- (b) a record of the name of each branch that commenced operation in the previous 12 months;
- (c) a record of the name of each branch that ceased operation in the previous 12 months;

- (d) a record of the address of:
  - (i) the office of the organisation; and
  - (ii) the office of each branch of the organisation;
- (e) a record of each election that must, under the rules of the organisation, be held during each year commencing 1 January:
  - (i) for an office in the organisation; and
  - (ii) for an office in a branch of the organisation;
- (f) a record of the number of members on 31 December in the previous year;
- (g) if the organisation has entered into an agreement mentioned in subsection 151(1) of the Act – a record of the number of members of the organisation who were, on 31 December in the previous year, ineligible State members, in relation to the organisation, within the meaning of section 150 of the Act.

Regulation 151 of the RO Regs provides that:

For subsection 233(2) of the Act, for the lodgment of notification of any change to the records, the period of 35 days, beginning on the day after the day when the change is made, is prescribed.

Section 5 of the RO Act provides that:

The standards set out in this Act:

- (a) ensure that employer and employee organisations registered under this Act are representative of and accountable to their members, and are able to operate effectively; and
- (b) encourage members to participate in the affairs of the organisations to which they belong; and
- (c) encourage the efficient management of organisations and high standards of accountability of organisations to their members; and
- (d) provide for the democratic functioning and control of organisations; and
- (e) facilitate the registration of a diverse range of employer and employee organisations.

### **Brief chronological history of the legislative provision**

1913 - The history of the provision for registered organisations to notify changes to relevant statutory body can be traced back to 1913. The *Conciliation and Arbitration Regulations 1913*, contained the 'Returns of Officers' provision at regulation 19, which required updates of lists of office holders to be provided within 14 days of any change.

1928 - The *Conciliation and Arbitration Regulations 1928* contained requirements relating to records at regulation 20 and this requirement bears similarity to the obligation set out in s 233(2) of the current RO Act. From 1928, the statutory requirement in accordance with regulation 23 was that changes to the records of registered organisations were to be filed with the relevant regulator within 14 days.

1989 - In 1989, the obligation on a registered organisation to notify the relevant regulator of changes to office holders was found in regulation 131, and notifications of changes were required to be lodged within 35 days. The requirement transitioned into the *Industrial Relations Act 1988* by virtue of section 268(4) taking effect in March 1989.

1988 - The *Industrial Relations Act 1988* was replaced by the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*.

2002 - The *Workplace Relations Amendment (Registration and Accountability of Organisations) Act 2002* placed the reporting obligations of registered organisations into a separate schedule. This amendment introduced Schedule 1B to the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, which was the original RAO (*Registration and Accountability of Organisations*) Schedule. The RAO schedule included section 233 which is very similar to the provision in s.233(2) of the current RO Act.

2009 - The RAO schedule later became the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*.



6 September 2017

Mr Mark Stone  
Chief Executive Officer/Secretary  
Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
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CC: Sean Millard by email: [SMillard@ccilawyers.com.au](mailto:SMillard@ccilawyers.com.au)

Dear Mr Stone,

**Notification of changes made to records [AR2017/9]**

I acknowledge receipt of a Notification of Change to the number of officers on the Executive Council of the Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

This information was lodged with the Registered Organisations Commission (the ROC) on 4 July 2017 in accordance with s.233(2) of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the RO Act). Our records have been updated accordingly. The document can be viewed on the Registered Organisations Commissions' Website through the [list of Registered Organisations](#).

Date of lodgement	Branch	Change
4 July 2017	VCCI	Increase Executive Council from 23 to 27 members

I note that new offices must be filled by election. Once the offices are filled section 293K of the RO Act requires each officer with financial management duties to undertake approved training that covers those duties within 6 months after the person begins to hold office. Please ensure that relevant officers undertake approved training within the required timeframe.

Further, once officers have taken office, a new notification of change must be lodged within 35 days informing the Commission of those changes.

Please also ensure that all new holders of office are advised of their obligations to make disclosures regarding remuneration, non-cash benefits and material personal interests, the details of which are contained in the RO Act.

Thank you for the notification.

Yours faithfully,

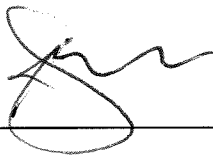
**Catherine Bebbington**  
Registered Organisations Commission

**NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO RECORDS (Changes to Records in the Annual Return)  
required to be kept in accordance with section 230 *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* and regulation 147 *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009***

I, MARK STONE of Level 2, 150 Collins Street, Melbourne, being the SECRETARY of the VICTORIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, declare the following:

1. I am authorised to make this declaration.
2. The following is a correct statement of the changes made to the information contained in the records required to be kept by the organisation in accordance with s.230(1)(b), (c), and (d) of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*:
  - (i) On 20 June 2017 the Executive Council of the Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry resolved in accordance with Rule 12(c) of the Rules of the Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry to increase its membership number from 23 to 27.

Signed:



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Mark Stone

Secretary

Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Dated:

*[PLEASE NOTE: This declaration must be submitted to the Registered Organisations Commission within 35 days of the change. It can be submitted to [regorgs@roc.gov.au](mailto:regorgs@roc.gov.au).]*



**Australian Government**  
**Registered Organisations Commission**

21 June 2017

Mr Mark Stone  
Chief Executive Officer/Secretary  
Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

By email: [info@victorianchamber.com.au](mailto:info@victorianchamber.com.au)

Dear Mr Stone,

**Annual Return of Information for Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
[AR2017/9]**

I acknowledge receipt on 17 March 2017 of your Declaration providing information in accordance with subsection 233(1) of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the RO Act).

The documents lodged cover the required information for the 2017 Annual Return of Information of the Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The documents have been filed and can be viewed on the website at <http://www.roc.gov.au/find-a-registered-organisation/vcci/victorian-chamber-of-commerce-and-industry>.

Yours faithfully

*Sarah Wilkin*

**Sarah Wilkin**  
**Senior Adviser**  
**Compliance**

**3 ANNUAL RETURN OF INFORMATION (organisation with no branches) in accordance with Regulation 147 *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009* and Sections 230 and 233 *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009***

I, Mark Stone, being the Secretary of the Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, declare the following:

1. I am authorised to make this declaration.
2. The register of members has, during the immediately preceding calendar year, been kept and maintained as required by s.230(1)(a) and s.230(2) of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (the Act)*.
3. The following is a correct statement of the information contained in the records required to be kept by the organisation in accordance with s.230(1)(b), (c), and (d) of *Act*:
  - The address of the organisation is Level 3, 150 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000.<sup>1</sup>
  - The organisation has no branches and no branches have ceased or commenced in the previous 12 months.<sup>2</sup>
  - On 31 December in the previous year the number of members was 6,190.<sup>3</sup>
  - A list of offices and the names, postal addresses and occupations of persons holding those offices is attached to this declaration at Annexure A and forms part of this declaration.
  - Under the rules of the organisation, the following elections must be held between 1 January and 31 December of 2017:<sup>4</sup>

*Executive Council (7)*

*Board of Directors (5)*

*Regional Chairs (5)*

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<sup>1</sup> s.230(1)(d); reg.147(d)

<sup>2</sup> s.230(1)(d); reg.147(a), (b), (c) & (d)

<sup>3</sup> s.230(1)(d); reg.147(f)

<sup>4</sup> s.230(1)(d); reg.147(e)



- The organisation:
  - Has not entered into an agreement under s.151(1) with a state union.

Signed:



**Mark Stone**  
**Secretary and Chief Executive**

Dated: 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

*[PLEASE NOTE: This declaration must be submitted to the Fair Work Commission by 31 March. It can be submitted to [orgs@fwc.gov.au](mailto:orgs@fwc.gov.au). If at any time in the year this information changes a Notification of Changes form must be lodged with the Commission within **35 days** of the change.]*

***Annexure A***  
**List of Offices and Office Holders**

<b>Office</b>	<b>Office Holder</b>
President	Don Rankin Occupation – Company director Level 3, 150 Collins Street, Melbourne Vic 3000
Deputy President	Karyn Sobels Occupation – Company director Level 3, 150 Collins Street, Melbourne Vic 3000
Secretary	Mark Stone Occupation – Chief Executive Level 3, 150 Collins Street, Melbourne Vic 3000
Director	Kevin Brown Occupation – Company director Level 3, 150 Collins Street, Melbourne Vic 3000
Director	Kerry Smith Occupation – Company director Level 3, 150 Collins Street, Melbourne Vic 3000
Director	Adrian Kloeden Occupation – Company director Level 3, 150 Collins Street, Melbourne Vic 3000
Director	Robert van Stokrom Occupation – Company director Level 3, 150 Collins Street, Melbourne Vic 3000
Director	David Richardson Occupation – Company director Level 3, 150 Collins Street, Melbourne Vic 3000
Director	Brian Negus Occupation – Company director Level 3, 150 Collins Street, Melbourne Vic 3000
Director	Mark Birrell Occupation – Company director Level 3, 150 Collins Street, Melbourne Vic 3000

<b>Office</b>	<b>Office Holder</b>
Executive Council Member	David Abela Occupation – Managing Director, 3 Degrees Marketing 1/454a Church Street, Richmond VIC 3121
Executive Council Member	Richard Elkington Occupation – Director, Paradise Consulting [REDACTED]
Executive Council Member	Dan Feldman Occupation – Managing Partner, HR Legal Level 11, 644 Chapel Street, South Yarra VIC 3141
Executive Council Member	Richard Holyman Occupation – Managing Director, Martin and Pleasance 7 Rocklea Drive, Port Melbourne VIC 3207
Executive Council Member	Graham Margetts Occupation – Managing Director, Balluff-Leuze 18 Malvern Street, Bayswater VIC 3153
Executive Council Member	Michelle McLean Occupation – Managing Partner, Cornwall Stodart Level 10, 114 William Street, Melbourne VIC 3000
Executive Council Member	Wendy Killeen Occupation – CEO, Stanton & Killeen Wines 440 Jacks Road, Rutherglen VIC 3685
Executive Council Member	Jeremy Johnson Occupation – CEO, The Sovereign Hill Museums Association 39-41 Magpie Street, Ballarat Vic 3350
Regional Chairperson	Mark Answerth Occupation – Managing Director, Midstate CreditCollect 31 Grey Street, Traralgon VIC 3844
Regional Chairperson	Paul Macartney Occupation – Director, Digital Streets Level 27/101 Collins Street, Melbourne Vic 3000

Regional Chairperson	Nerida Kerr Occupation- Executive Officer, AgBiz Assist Limited 15/3 Stanley Street, Wodonga Vic 3689
Regional Chairperson	Stephen Griffin Occupation – Chief Executive Officer, J.B. Cameron Victoria Pty Ltd Corner Armstrong & Eyre Street, Ballarat Vic 3353
Regional Chairperson	Peter Valentine Occupation – CEO, Geelong Taxi Network 10 Roseneath Street, North Geelong VIC 3215

This is the annexure marked "A" referred to in the Declaration of the Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry made on the – seventeenth day of March in the year two thousand and seventeen.