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A report of activity between January 1, 2019 and March 31, 2019.

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During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2019, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) received seventeen correspondences. A correspondence is an inbound communication, often a complaint or request for review, which is received and tracked by the OIG.

Three of the seventeen correspondences initiated a case (1 Investigation, 1 Investigative Inquiry and 1 Process Review). Twelve correspondences were addressed as Administrative Projects<sup>1</sup>. The remaining two correspondences remained in a pending status at the end of the quarter.



<sup>1</sup> Definitions can be found on page 3.

## Triage Process

The Inspector General will convene a meeting to triage complaints received through Citizens' Complaint Reporting Hotline, *Tell Citizens*, or other mechanisms to discuss the merits of the complaint and collaboratively assign the complaint as appropriate for handling.

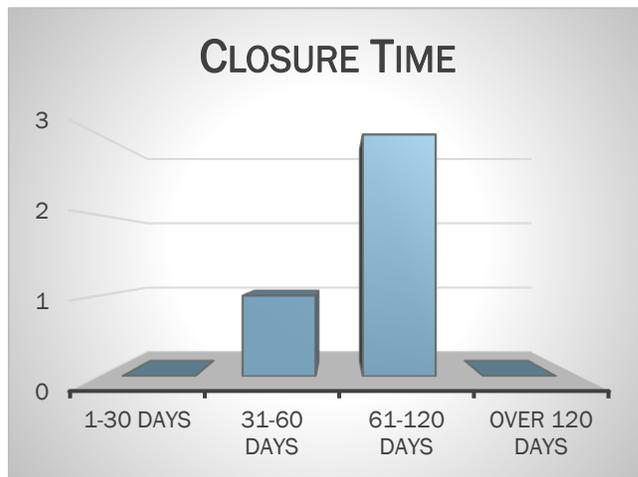
Inspector General investigations, inquiries, or reviews requested by the Chair of Citizens' Board of Governors, the Financial Services Commission, Citizens' President/CEO and Executive Director, an Executive Leadership Team member, or initiated independently by the Inspector General will not be subject to a triage meeting. However, the Chief of Internal Audit will be promptly notified of non-triaged investigations.

## Cases/Substantive Projects Initiated in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019

Three cases/substantive projects (1 Investigation, 1 Investigative Inquiry and 1 Process Review) were initiated during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2019. The investigation and investigative inquiry involved allegations of Mismanagement and Vendor Improprieties. These cases impacted the Claims Division. The Process Review involved operational procedures within the Office of Inspector General.

## Cases/Substantive Projects Closed 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019

During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2019, four cases were closed. The average closure time for a case/substantive project was 86 calendar days.



## Definitions

### CASES

An **Investigation** is conducted when the Inspector General has determined that the highest level of review by the OIG is necessary. Investigations typically consist of multiple interviews of the complainant, witnesses, and other subjects, as well as detailed analysis of Citizens and non-Citizens documents, communications, data, and business processes and systems. Investigations often stem from complaints involving alleged employee or vendor misconduct, which if proved, could result in significant action against the employee or vendor. Investigations may result in terminations or criminal prosecutions.

An **Investigative Inquiry** is a lower level of review conducted by the OIG. An investigative inquiry is conducted when circumstances dictate that an alternative to a full investigation is prudent. The purpose of an investigative inquiry is to provide an appropriate level of review in situations where a full, detailed analysis and conclusion typically associated with an investigation is unwarranted or impractical.

### SUBSTANTIVE PROJECTS

A **Compliance Review** attempts to determine if a specific Citizens Business unit, function, action, or process is compliant with applicable laws, rules policies, and procedures.

A **Process Review** analyzes a particular Citizens business unit's processes and attempts to determine if the actual or outlined processes are effective and efficient, or in need of improvement.

### ADMINISTRATIVE PROJECTS

**Administrative Closures** occur on occasion when no additional investigative activity is warranted for a particular matter or the matter falls outside of the OIG's jurisdiction to handle or refer.

**Consultation Services** are provided to any Citizens individual or business unit upon request. This is an OIG engagement whereby best practices, appropriate responses, or necessary actions to ongoing corporate issues are discussed and analyzed. Care is taken to ensure that any OIG input is provided in a discretionary, advisory manner so as not to impair OIG independence.

**Opinions** are proactive determinations provided by the Inspector General to inquiries made by Citizens staff or business partners. Opinions promote assurance that inquiries or concerns have been received and documented by the Office of Inspector General and appropriate guidance is provided to facilitate compliance. The most common form of opinion is an ethics opinion; rendering of ethics opinions are always coordinated and confirmed with the Ethics and Compliance Officer.

**Referrals** can be made to internal Citizens business units or external parties. A referral is a request from the OIG for the recipient to review the matter, address the matter as appropriate, and advise the OIG of the intended response prior to the matter being closed. The most common referrals are open door matters, job performance or grievance complaints which are typically referred to Human Resources for handling.