

and entered into the record of the evidence. This had to be done as Mr White is currently based in Washington where he is an employee of the World Bank.

2.1.3 The Second Stage of the public phase of the investigation: specific complaints

2.1.3.1 This stage of the public phase of the investigation presented a particular challenge as most, if not all of the specific complaints in connection with the SDP were being investigated by the other two agencies involved. In order not to interfere with those investigations or to duplicate efforts, care had to be taken to select specific complaints that could be investigated in public. Eventually it was decided that, a public investigation into the complaint of CI²² Systems (Pty) Ltd (CI²³) would not be detrimental to the other investigations and that it would be in the public interest, in the interest of the complainant and in the interest of openness and transparency, that this complaint and any rebuttals thereof be ventilated properly.

2.2 THE FORENSIC INVESTIGATION BY THE AUDITOR-GENERAL

2.2.1 Operational Teams of the Auditor-General

The operational team of the Auditor-General was divided into five subteams. Each subteam was allocated certain responsibilities to ensure that the investigation would be completed within a reasonable time. Due to the shortage of personnel in the Office of the A-G, personnel from private audit firms were contracted in and formed part of the teams. Precaution was taken to ensure that no conflict of interest would arise. Security clearances were obtained for all personnel involved in the investigation. A project office was established, which was headed by a project manager. The project manager was responsible for managing all the subteams and liaising with the investigators attached to the other investigation agencies.