

OPENING OF THE LEGAL YEAR 2021

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM
AG LUCIEN WONG'S SPEECH**

**SUPPORTING GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO
TACKLE COVID-19**

AGC's COVID-19 Task Force provided legal advice on all aspects of the Government's pandemic response, including in areas:

Over **1,300** COVID-related requests received in the first half of 2020 alone.



Temperature surveillance



Contact tracing



Border security



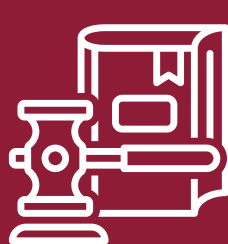
Ensuring trade for essential supplies



Financing COVID-19 Budgets



Purchase of vaccines



AGC drafted major COVID-19 related legislation in record time.

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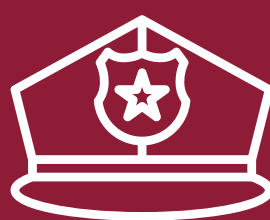
COVID-19 related legislation introduced

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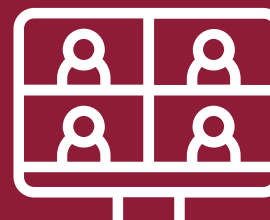
Bills introduced

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Subsidiary legislation passed



AGC worked with law enforcement agencies to deal with breaches of the law and **control the risk of virus transmission** in the community.



AGC ensured prosecutions and litigation matters **continued to be heard throughout the pandemic** via remote court hearings.

EMBRACING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

AGC will be introducing the following digital initiatives:



New contract drafting application

Allows public officers to draft customised contracts on their own using automation tools



New Legislation Code System

Facilitates harmonisation in the way legislation is referenced in digital databases to enhance enforcement support systems



Integrated criminal case management system

Integrated with enforcement agencies, the Judiciary and prisons

PROSECUTORS SERVING THE PUBLIC INTEREST

AGC's prosecutors perform their duty with integrity and to the best of their ability. In a year:



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Prosecutors



Over **40,000**

investigation papers



Over **7,000**

concluded court matters

AGC has taken concrete steps to **address institutional gaps** and **provide greater accountability** to the public:



Review of training and guidance prosecutors receive



Developing internal guidelines with the Police for proper recording of investigative statements and valuation of items



*We recognise ours as a **grave and sacred duty** to use our prosecutorial discretion to **serve the public interest**.*

Our motive is not to win at all costs, or to secure the most convictions, but to reach just outcomes fairly.

*We will not allow the fear of failure or of public backlash to stand in the way of this duty... Acquittals show **AGC does not only pursue cases which are easy wins**, but where we truly believe an offence has been committed.*



- AG Lucien Wong, OLY 2021