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Short Description

Melanie has worked for the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) for the past decade, initially within the GST compliance field, before joining Criminal Investigations. Prior to her current position within ATO Strategic Criminal Investigations, Melanie was a member of the Northern Territory (NT) Police Force where she specialised within Criminal Investigations (CIB), Major Crime, and the investigation and prosecution of serious and high-profile offenders.

Full Bio

Melanie has worked for the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) for the past decade, initially within the GST compliance field, undertaking taxation audits on a range of business types and dealing with a variety of taxation professionals, before joining Criminal Investigations where she has utilised her audit skills and system knowledge to produce high quality investigation outcomes and successful prosecution cases.

Melanie has been involved within ATO System Integrity Program, instrumental in identification of system exploitations by third party fraudsters and engagement of key stakeholders to minimise the loss of tax revenue and improve system integrity.

Prior to her current position with Strategic Criminal Investigations, Melanie was a member of the Northern Territory (NT) Police Force where she specialised within Criminal Investigations (CIB), Major Crime, involved in the investigation and prosecution of serious and high-profile offenders. Melanie led the Computer Crimes Unit for a period when digital forensics was in its infancy, achieving a 100% conviction rate of predatory offenders involved in the creation, collection, and distribution of Child Abuse Material.

Melanie has been involved in numerous joint agency investigations involving Australian Federal Police (AFP) and other law enforcement agencies both as a police officer and as an ATO officer, achieving successful outcomes for all agencies.

Melanie has backed up her real-world experience with educational certifications, having obtained a bachelor's degree in information technology and certifications within Business, Financial Services, Accounting and Government Investigations.