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DVAC	DIRECTORATE OF VIGILANCE AND ANTI-CORRUPTION
NCT	NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY
NSW	NEW SOUTH WALES
RSC	REVISED STATUTUES OF CANANDA
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