

Criminal Tax Conference – CI Update Outline (Draft) – 26 May 2022

Question 1: It's been quite a year for CI. Your annual report is full of successes, and I know you've had many others since then. But let's start with a brief discussion of where the agency is in relation to COVID. You see the size of the crowd in the room today – where is CI now in terms of working in the office and how is COVID affecting your investigations?

Question 2: Let's talk about some of those successes from FY21 – what would you say are some of the biggest takeaways from your annual report that the tax community should be aware of?

Question 3: It sounds like the agency has their hands pretty full these days – can you talk to us a bit about where you are with staffing these days? Are you guys currently hiring?

Question 4: Crypto has had some volatile weeks in the market over the last few months. Your seizures in the crypto space have been nothing short of incredible – where do you see your crypto work going in the months and years to come?

Question 5: I understand you had a pretty eventful week in London with the J5 last month. What were some of the takeaways with the other countries and what role is the J5 playing in your work these days?

Question 6: I see that CI is a part of the new Kleptocapture task force working on Russian Sanctions. What kind of progress are you making in this space?

Question 7: With all of the new work CI is asked to do – COVID fraud, sanctions, crypto – what would you say is the biggest challenge facing CI right now?

Question 8: And on the other side of that question – what are you most proud of as the Chief of CI?

Question 9: Looking ahead to next year, what are your investigative priorities for 2023? Anything new to share?

Question 10: Anything else you'd like to add? Final thoughts?