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Australian Taxation Office

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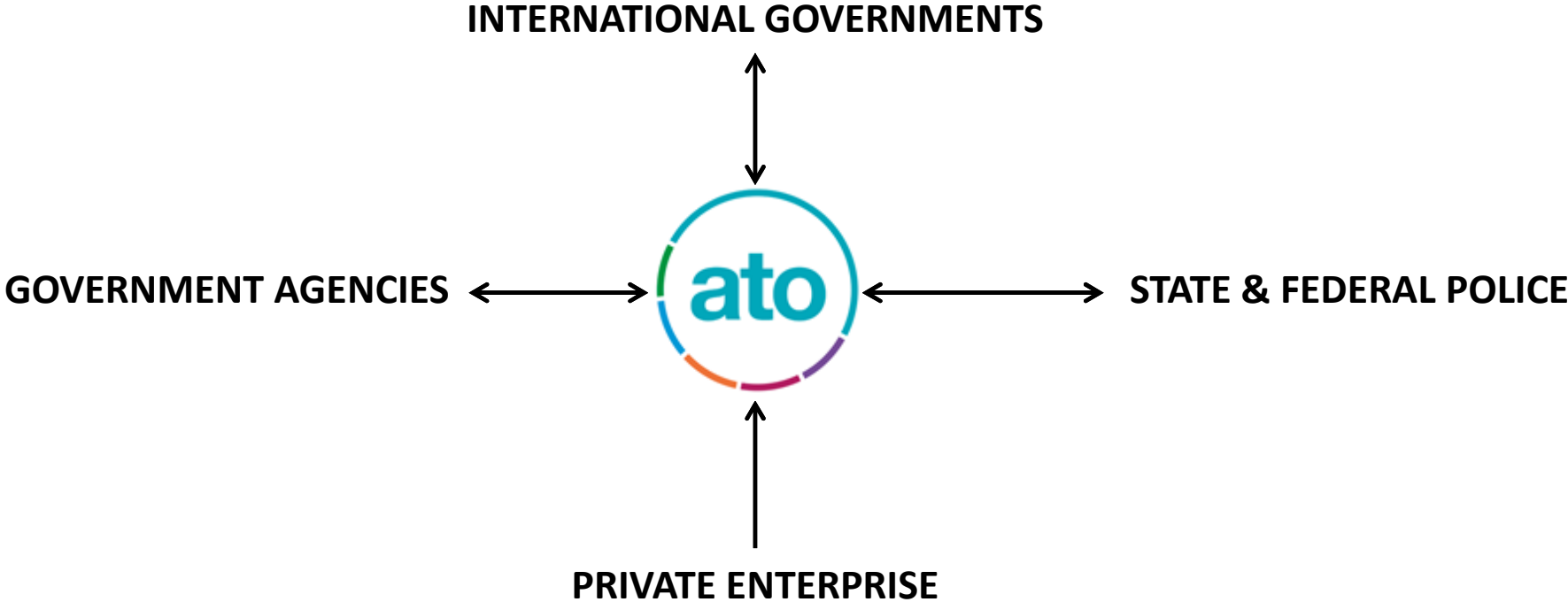
ATO Presentation to the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators'
Australian Vehicle Crime Conference

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ATO and Organised Crime

Working with Law Enforcement and Private Enterprise



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Tax Crime

TAX EVASION

Evading tax obligations
Not lodging
Avoiding the ATO

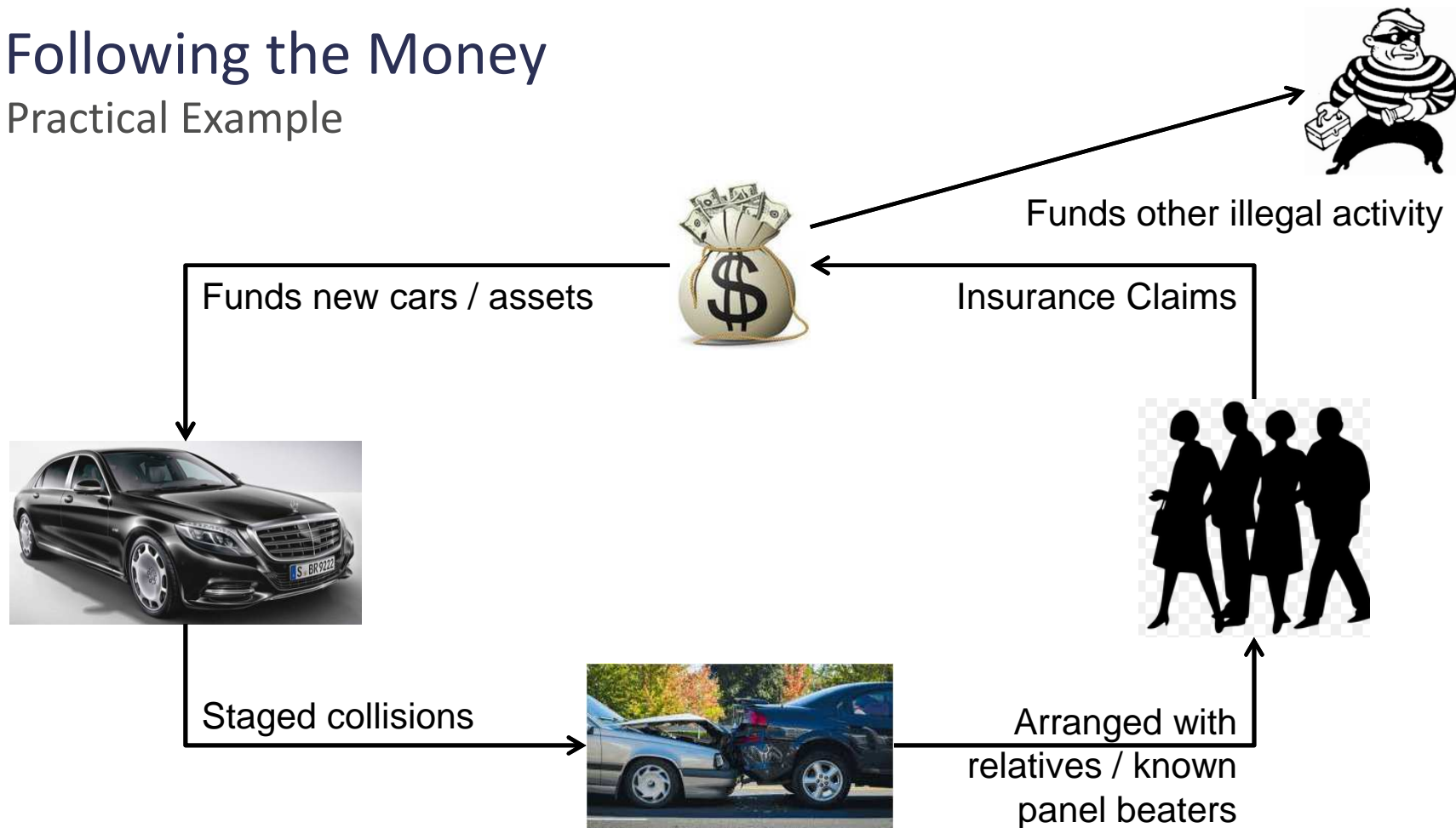


TAX FRAUD

Manipulating the system
Obtain refund not entitled to
Identity theft

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Practical Example



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56 year old former Bikie

Suspected of producing large volumes of methylamphetamine on the Gold Coast

Owned 5 properties, 10 cars, and 2 motorbikes (some later reported 'stolen')

17 bank accounts, 4 credit cards

Receiving Centrelink payments

Declaring income averaging \$35,000 each year

Between 2005 to 2010 inclusive, discovered:

- \$8.37 million of undeclared income from sale of narcotics
- **\$3.85 million of unpaid tax (plus penalties and interest)**
- Pled guilty in Supreme Court to drug offences and ordered to forfeit cash, properties and cars to the value of \$2.4 million
- Pecuniary Penalty Order to pay \$1.4 million

Working with the ATO

How can you report information to the ATO, and can you get information from the ATO?

Information from the ATO:

Generally no, unless a request from Law Enforcement

Strict Privacy and Secrecy provisions prevent us from disclosing most information

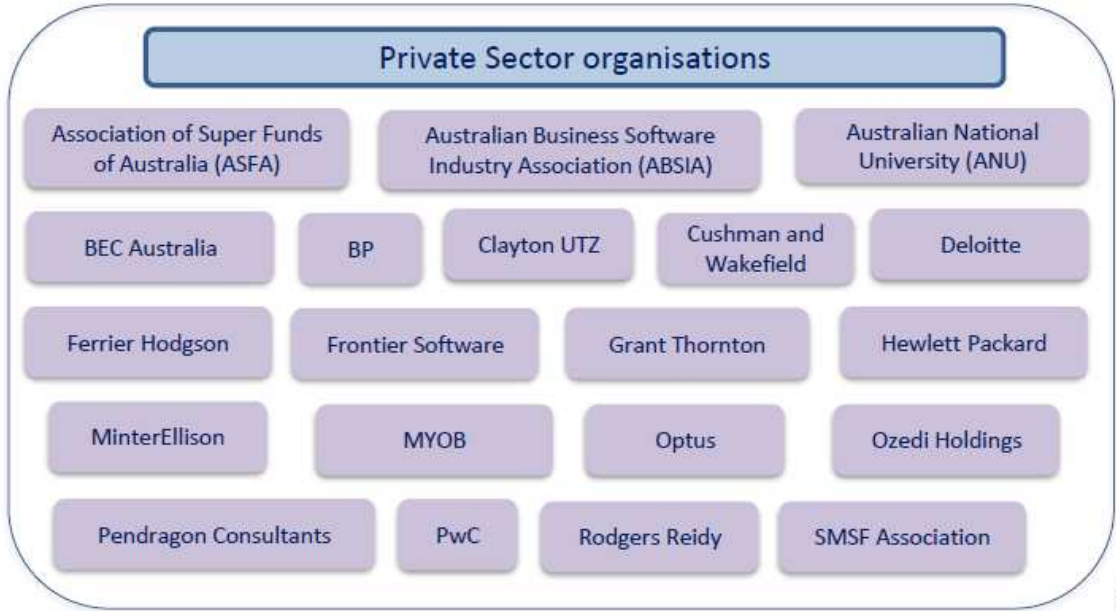
Report to the ATO:

Phone 1800 060 062

Website <https://www.ato.gov.au/General/Gen/Report-a-concern/>

Advantages of working with the ATO

Help us to help you



QUESTIONS?

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