

CONCLUSION

The DSO is an innovation in South African law enforcement which has had a profound impact on the way in which complicated cases are investigated and prosecuted. The legal infrastructure within which the DSO is situated is not without problems, however, especially in respect of ensuring a balance of the DSO's independence, accountability and impartiality. Where the DSO investigates, cases appear to be thoroughly and successfully investigated. DSO case selection, however, is a laborious process, which appears to be impacting on the amount of work done by the DSO. Like any new organisation, the DSO has also experienced internal challenges in creating a new kind of law enforcement organisation.