

Ministerial Direction

Minister for Police and Emergency Services
Simon Corbell, MLA

This Direction is issued under section 6 of the Policing Arrangement between the Commonwealth and ACT Governments and outlines the Government's priorities and expectations for the AFP and the Chief Police Officer. This Direction is to be read in conjunction with the 2007-2008 Purchase Agreement between the ACT Minister for Police and Emergency Services, the AFP Commissioner and the Chief Police Officer for the ACT.

The role of the Australian Federal Police

In accordance with the *Australian Federal Police Act 1979* (the Act), the Australian Federal Police (AFP) provides community policing services to the Australian Capital Territory (ACT). In accordance with the Act the Commonwealth and ACT Governments entered into an arrangement for the provision of policing services in June 2006. This arrangement details the goods and services to be purchased by the ACT from the AFP and the agreed price for those services. This arrangement is supported by annual Purchase Agreements which outline the range of deliverables and Key Performance Indicators (KPI). Consistent with this agreement I expect ACT Policing to pay due attention to all elements of the Purchase Agreement.

Special Areas of Focus

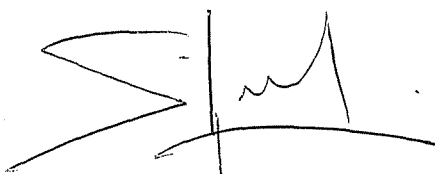
In performing its functions and recognising the additional resources provided in the 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08 budgets that will apply to the out years, the Government expects the AFP to give special emphasis to the following broad operational issues during financial year 2007-2008:

- increase the capability of ACT Policing to respond to incidents, particularly those pertaining to Tier Two response time measures for Priorities One, Two, Three, and Four as defined by the Purchase Agreement;
- increase the visibility of Police in the community;
- implement measures aimed at improving road safety within the Territory;
- implement measures to support the ACT Government Property Crime Reduction Strategy 2004-07;
- implement measures aimed at reducing the trafficking of illegal drugs in the community and the criminal consequences of illegal drug consumption; and

- work with other ACT criminal justice agencies to achieve better outcomes for victims of crime. Future, targeted strategies are to be informed by the results of a victim of crime survey as outlined in clause 18 of the 2007-08 Purchase Agreement. The survey is to be developed in conjunction with the Victims of Crime Coordinator.

Reporting

The Government expects the AFP to report quarterly to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services on progress against special areas of focus.

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