

Ministerial Direction

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This Direction is issued under Section 6 of the Policing Arrangement between the Commonwealth and Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Governments and outlines the Government's priorities and expectations for the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and the Chief Police Officer for the ACT (CPO). This Direction is to be read in conjunction with the 2015-2016 Purchase Agreement between the ACT Minister for Police and Emergency Services, the AFP Commissioner and the CPO.

The role of the Australian Federal Police

In accordance with the *Australian Federal Police Act 1979* (the Act), the AFP provides community policing services to the ACT. In accordance with the Act the Commonwealth and ACT Governments entered into an arrangement for the provision of policing services in June 2011. This arrangement details the goods and services to be purchased by the ACT from the AFP. This arrangement is supported by Annual Purchase Agreements which outline the range of deliverables, performance measures and the agreed price for those services. Consistent with this agreement I expect ACT Policing to pay due attention to all elements of the Purchase Agreement.

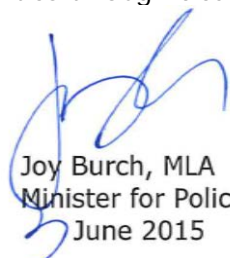
I note that the responsibilities and expectations of ACT Policing by government and the community are evolving. I expect that, in addition to the Special Areas of Focus, ACT Policing will continue to respond appropriately to changes in the threat environment and emerging crime types, including the threat of terrorism and serious and organised crime.

Special Areas of Focus

The Government expects ACT Policing will focus its activities on the following key strategic priorities during financial year 2015-2016:

- Continue to focus on prevention of domestic and family violence, by:
 - actively working with partner agencies in developing and implementing a risk assessment tool to identify and manage instances of domestic and family violence;
 - ensuring appropriate training for officers at all levels to develop effective responses to instances of domestic and family violence; and
 - realising the vision and objectives of the ACT Prevention of Violence against Women and Children Strategy 2011-2017;
- Improving road safety through particular emphasis on safety around school zones and combating anti-social and dangerous driving behaviours;
- Providing a leadership role with partner agencies in realising the vision and objectives of whole-of-government strategies, including, but not limited to, the strategies set out in the 2015-16 Annual Purchase Agreement.

In support of these areas of focus, I continue to have high expectations that ACT Policing will operate in a way that promotes collaboration and demonstrates accountability and responsiveness. In particular, I expect ACT Policing to be responsive to any requests for information from my Office and alerting me to any significant events related to ACT Policing's activities through clear, comprehensive and timely advice.



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