

CHAPTER 5



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Outcome 2—community policing focus

Outcome 2, reflecting the AFP's focus on community policing services, is:

In partnership with the community, create a safer and more secure Australian Capital Territory through the provision of quality police service

Since March 2000 the AFP has provided policing services to the ACT by way of a Policing Arrangement between the Commonwealth Minister for Justice and Customs, the ACT Deputy Chief Minister, the ACT Attorney-General, and the ACT Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Corrections.

The arrangement covers the terms and conditions under which policing services are provided to the ACT Government over a five-year period to 2005.

The main features are:

- an enhanced framework to ensure a flexible and effective response to emerging crime trends in the ACT;
- increased accountability of the ACT Chief Police Officer to the Minister responsible for policing in the ACT; and
- an annual Purchase Agreement which incorporates performance measures for policing services to be provided to the ACT community.

The Purchase Agreement continued to monitor value for money in providing police services to the ACT. The agreement contains a comprehensive statement of the services provided by the AFP, a single key outcome and four major outputs with 37 performance measures and targets. These measures and targets are publicly reported to the ACT Legislative Assembly each year and form the basis for ACT Policing Annual Reports.

With the five-year policing arrangement to expire in 2005, a joint study of policing in the Territory was planned by the AFP and the ACT Government. This study would contribute to the development of the next policing arrangement between the Australian Government and ACT Government.

A detailed report of AFP activities and outputs in relation to each outcome is in the *ACT Policing Annual Report 2003-04*, to be tabled in the ACT Legislative Assembly. Reports are available from the ACT Policing Media and Marketing Team by phoning (02) 6256 7750 or visiting the AFP web site.