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ACT POLICING

CHAPTER 5

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY POLICING

OUTCOME 2

Community policing focus

Outcome 2 – In partnership with the community, create a safer and more secure Australian Capital Territory through the provision of quality police service.

ACT Policing is a business unit of the AFP and was created for the purpose of providing policing services to the ACT under the authority of a five-year policing arrangement between the Commonwealth and ACT governments. The current policing arrangement was signed in March 2000 and was due to expire in March 2005. A joint ACT–Commonwealth review of ACT Policing Services coincided with the expiration of the arrangement. It was agreed to continue the 2000–05 arrangement until the government response to the review findings is finalised. The policing arrangement is supported by an annual purchase agreement negotiated between the ACT Minister for Police and the Chief Police Officer. An interim 2005–06 purchase agreement was negotiated during June 2005. The interim arrangement will be amended, if necessary, upon finalisation of the new arrangement.



Under the policing arrangement between the Australian and ACT governments, the Chief Police Officer for the ACT reports to both the ACT Minister for Police and Emergency Services and to the AFP Commissioner.

ACT Policing is directly accountable to the ACT Minister for Police and Emergency Services for achievement of the policing outcome and delivery of outputs set out in the purchase agreement. Service delivery under the 2004–05 purchase agreement was articulated in terms of one major outcome and a series of subordinate outputs and performance measures. These measures and targets are publicly reported to the ACT Legislative Assembly each year and form the basis for ACT Policing annual reports.

The major outcome of the purchase agreement for police services requires that ACT Policing works in partnership with the community to create a safer and more secure ACT through the provision of quality police services.

The Joint ACT–Commonwealth study into ACT Policing was finalised in June 2005 and a comprehensive report was submitted to the ACT Government for Cabinet consideration.

Copies of the ACT Policing annual reports are available from the ACT Policing Media and Marketing Team by phoning (02) 6256 7750 or visiting the AFP website <www.afp.gov.au>