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AFP corporate governance policy

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The Australian Federal Police (AFP) manages its corporate governance to assist the Commissioner to meet organisational accountability requirements set by the Commonwealth Government and Parliament on behalf of the Australian community.

The governments expectations and priorities for the AFP are set out in the [Ministerial Direction](#) and, as necessary, in additional ministerial instructions aligned with s. 8 of the [Australian Federal Police Act 1979](#) (Cth).

AFP corporate governance activity provides for:

- governance measures to control documented business risks
- a function-based [organisational structure](#) to command and control resources and business activity
- strong ethical and security demands of employee conduct
- systematic approaches to strategic and business planning, and managing fraud, security and other business risks, including the [AFP Fraud Control and Anti-Corruption Plan](#), developed in accordance with the [Commonwealth Fraud Control Guidelines](#)
- allocating resources to internal auditing, business reviews and professional conduct investigations

- an effective system of [key committees](#) with clearly articulated terms of reference and accountabilities
- senior executive responsibility for reporting to committees on business activity, decisions and outcomes
- a [statement of values](#), a [code of conduct](#) and a comprehensive collection of enforceable internal policies and procedures (the [Governance Instrument Framework](#)).

The AFP strives to ensure its governance measures are appropriate to its business risks and meet the expectations of its clients, partners, stakeholders, and government. Accordingly, AFP governance measures are subjected to regular, ongoing reviews.

AFP [strategic plans and business plans](#) are the fundamental references for function-based accountability; the [Strategic Leaders Group](#) is the primary governance body within the [key committees](#) framework.

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Commissioner
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