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Protection policy

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The AFP's mandate includes providing protection services to individuals and interests identified by the Australian Government as being 'at risk'.

Protection services provided by the AFP aim to ensure that individuals and interests identified to be at risk by the Commonwealth are kept safe from acts of terrorism, violent protest and issue-motivated violence, through the prevention of crime and protection of Commonwealth interests within Australia and overseas.

The AFP is committed to providing quality protection services in the following areas:

Close Personal Protection: Protection within Australia and overseas, of designated Australian and foreign dignitaries, internationally protected persons and visiting foreign dignitaries.

Uniform Protection: Provision of services to clients for the protection of designated Commonwealth establishments and diplomatic and consular missions both in Australia and offshore (except for those serviced by Aviation).

Witness Protection: Protection services delivered as part of the National Witness Protection Program, under the auspices of the *Witness Protection Act 1994* (Cth), for

witnesses and their families who have assisted law enforcement, including the safe assimilation of these persons back into the community.

The AFP will also continue to contribute to planning and providing protection services for specified major events, including Olympic and Commonwealth Games and Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meetings, and other significant events.

The AFP recognises the importance of collaboration and will continue to work cooperatively with Commonwealth, state and territory government agencies and police services to achieve its protection objectives.