

# RESEARCH COMMITTEE

## Terms of Reference

### Role

The AFP Research Committee will oversee and coordinate the AFP's research framework and ensure its alignment to the AFP's corporate objectives. Through its activities, the AFP Research Committee will facilitate whole-of-organisation decision making about research investment.

### Specific Responsibilities

The AFP Research Committee will:

- endorse, and monitor the AFP's Research Strategy;
- implement and monitor the AFP's Research Framework;
- endorse, monitor and publicise the AFP's Research Agenda;
- drive efficiencies in AFP research activity and investment through its oversight; and
- consider, assess, prioritise, make determinations and monitor all research proposals that involve any or all of the following:
  1. high political sensitivity, complexity, impact on public debate;
  2. significant monetary or in-kind contribution (\$100,000 or equivalent 1 FTE);
  3. results/outcomes that will significantly affect the way the AFP performs core business (Outcome 1 or 2);
  4. collaboration with a major research partner (e.g. CEPS, CSU, Lowy) or involvement of a major research funding body (e.g. the Australian Research Council, NDLERF); and/or
  5. AFP engagement with a Cooperative Research Centre.

### Membership

**Standing members** of the Research Committee are:

- National Manager Policy and Governance (Chair)
- National Manager Forensic and Data Centres
- National Manager High Tech Crime Operations
- National Manager Human Resources
- National Manager Intelligence
- National Manager International Deployment Group
- Chief Information Officer
- Coordinator Library

In addition, the SLG will nominate the attendance of a National Manager of an Operational Function for one year membership. This position is currently held by Chief Police Officer ACT.

**Attendance:**

Attendance is by substantive members or personnel formally acting in or performing the duties of the relevant membership position. Representatives may be delegated on a case by case basis with the approval of the Chair.

**Secretariat services:**

Secretariat support is provided by the Chair's portfolio.

**Meeting Frequency**

The Research Committee meets quarterly.

**Accountability**

The Committee reports to the SLG annually on progress of the Research Framework.

The Committee will be advised by the AFP Research Network.

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