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9 March 2022

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The Australian Federal Police, the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity and the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission are pleased to submit the controlled operations annual report 2020–21.

Pursuant to section 15HN, Part IAB, of the *Crimes Act 1914* (Cth), the report sets out the details required by subsections 15HM(2), (2A), (2B) and (2C) in relation to controlled operations for which the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity, the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission, and the Australian Federal Police were the authorising agencies between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021 inclusive.

A copy of this report is to be tabled in each house of parliament within 15 sitting days of your receiving it.

Yours sincerely

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INTRODUCTION

The controlled operations annual report 2020–21 is the 25th issued under Part IAB of the *Crimes Act 1914* (Cth) (the Act).

Controlled operations are investigations carried out within a legal framework that balances the need for operational flexibility with appropriate public accountability. Part IAB of the Act was designed to permit certain law enforcement agencies to undertake covert activity which would, in the absence of legislation, constitute an offence against the Commonwealth or that of a state or territory.

Controlled operations permit law enforcement agencies to use covert and coercive powers to uncover and interdict criminal activity and dismantle transnational organised crime syndicates. The offences investigated using this method cover a broad spectrum ranging from corruption, money laundering and importation of illicit goods and substances to terrorism and cybercrime.

The 2020-21 reporting period saw the AFP and FBI joint operation disrupt worldwide criminal networks through the development of the ANOM platform after the take down of the phantom secure network. To date AFP operation IRONSIDE has resulted in 298 offenders charged, 4834 kilograms of drugs, AUD48.4 million in cash and 139 firearms seized Australia wide. Internationally 800 suspects were arrested, 32 tonne+ of drugs, 250 firearms and USD48 million+ in currency and cryptocurrency seized.

The controlled operation regime has also been integral to the successful outcome of multiple terrorism-related and child exploitation related investigations the AFP has undertaken.

The Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) conducts special investigations and operations into relevant criminal activity, including large-scale and organised serious offences such as drug trafficking and money laundering. Controlled operations form a fundamental part of ACIC's operational methodologies, resulting in interventions such as arrests and seizures, and securing valuable evidence for prosecutions. The ACIC also works with its partner law enforcement agencies, using the unique intelligence derived from its controlled operations to support joint operations, and to generate compelling insights into criminal syndicates and their activities.

A note on nomenclature: on 1 July 2016, the Australian Crime Commission (ACC) became known as the ACIC. This annual report refers to controlled operations authorities that were issued before that date but remained active within the 2020–21 reporting year, as well as those that were issued on or after the 1 July 2016. The included reports therefore make reference to both the ACC and ACIC.

When appropriate, the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI) conducts controlled operations in support of its investigations into corrupt conduct by law enforcement officials.

The controlled operations in this report authorised by 'authorised officers' defined in the Act highlight the cooperation between national and international law enforcement agencies and their success in disrupting the activities of organised crime syndicates and illicit commodity flows. The seizure of illicit goods and proceeds of crime and the subsequent arrest of offenders demonstrate that Australia is committed to combating organised crime and will not be seen as an easy target for such activities.

GUIDE TO THIS REPORT

This year's report provides details of controlled operations in accordance with the reporting requirements of both the current and the previous legislation.

Part A describes the requirements of the current legislation.

Part B describes the requirements of the legislation in effect until 18 February 2010, with these requirements still applying to certain matters.

Part A. Current legislative requirements

Crimes Act 1914 (Cth)

On 19 February 2010, the *Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious and Organised Crime) Act 2010* (Cth) received royal assent. This Act provided amendments related to controlled operations Part IAB of the Act – Controlled operations.

Controlled operations can be undertaken with respect to any serious Commonwealth offence or serious state offence that has a federal aspect.

A **controlled operation** is defined by section 15DG of the Act as one that:

1. involves the participation of law enforcement officers; and
2. is carried out for the purpose of obtaining evidence that may lead to the prosecution of a person for a serious Commonwealth offence or a serious State offence that has a federal aspect; and
3. may involve a law enforcement officer or other person in conduct that would, apart from section 15HA, constitute a Commonwealth offence or an offence against a law of a State or Territory.

A **serious Commonwealth offence**, pursuant to section 15GE of the Act, means an offence against a law of the Commonwealth that is punishable on conviction by imprisonment for a period of three years or more, or a Commonwealth offence that involves a matter specified by subsection 15GE(2), including: theft, fraud, tax evasion, illegal gambling, extortion, bribery of a public official, people smuggling and slavery.

A **major controlled operation** is defined by subsection 15GD(2) of the Act as being a controlled operation that is likely to:

1. involve the infiltration of an organised criminal group by one or more undercover law enforcement officers for a period of more than 7 days; or
2. continue for more than 3 months; or
3. be directed against suspected criminal activity that includes a threat to life.

Authorisation of controlled operations

Section 15GH governs applications for authorities to conduct controlled operations.

An Australian law enforcement officer may apply to an authorising officer for an authority to conduct a controlled operation. An authorising officer for a controlled operation is pursuant to section 15GF of the Act.

Both formal and urgent applications must provide sufficient information to enable the authorising officer to decide whether or not to grant the application, state whether an earlier application has been made, and state the proposed period of effect of the authority (pursuant to subsection 15GH(4)). The proposed period of effect of the authority must not exceed 3 months in the case of a formal application, or 7 days in the case of an urgent application. Additionally, an authorising officer can require an applicant to produce additional information (per subsection 15GH(5)).

Determination of applications

Section 15GI governs the determination of applications, including what factors should be taken into consideration by the authorising officer. Pursuant to subsection 15GI(1) the authorising officer may either grant or refuse an application, and where they grant an application, the authorisation may be subject to conditions. Subsection 15GI(2) furthermore outlines criteria that the authorising officer must be satisfied are met in order to grant an authority, including: that a serious offence has been committed or is being or is likely to be committed, or that an integrity testing authority is in effect in relation to an offence that it is suspected has been, is being or is likely to be committed by a staff member of a target agency; that the severity of the criminal activity is such as to justify the conduct of the proposed controlled operation; that the controlled operation will not be conducted in such a way that a person could be induced to commit an offence that they would not otherwise have committed; the risks posed by the proposed controlled operation; and, the question of whether any civilian role in the controlled operation could be adequately performed by a law enforcement officer instead.

Controlled operation authorities

Section 15GK sets out requirements for the form a controlled operations authority must take, including that an authority must state: the name of the applicant, certain information concerning the illicit goods, the

identity of persons authorised to engage in the controlled conduct, and the nature of the criminal activity being targeted.

The person responsible for an individual controlled operation is then the principal law enforcement officer specified in the authority (per section 15GC).

Period of effect

An urgent controlled operation authority can remain in force only for a maximum of 7 days.

A formal controlled operation authority must specify the period of effect of the authority, this being a period of less than three months (per subsection 15GK(1)(h)). The authority will then expire at the end of the period of its effect (pursuant to section 15GN), unless it has been extended under either subdivision B or C of the Division. If a formal controlled operation authority needs to be extended, then a variation application needs to be made. The variation application to extend the period of effect of a formal controlled operation authority beyond 3 months must be presented to a nominated Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) member, who may extend the period of effect for up to 3 months at a time (pursuant to section 15GT). However, of note is that, per subsection 15GT(3) the total period of effect for a formal or major controlled operation authority cannot exceed 24 months.

Variations to the authority

Variation of a controlled operations authority can be made (pursuant to section 15GO) by an appropriate authorising officer. The appropriate authorising officer may, either at any time on their own initiative, or on application (under subsection 15GP(1)):

1. extend the period of effect of the authority (subject to subsections (3) and (4) of section 15GO); or
2. authorise additional persons to engage in controlled conduct for the purposes of the controlled operation and specify:
 - a. with respect to additional law enforcement participants – the nature of the controlled conduct that those participants may engage in; and
 - b. with respect to additional civilian participants – the particular controlled conduct (if any) that each such participant may engage in; or
3. provide that specified persons are no longer authorised to engage in controlled conduct for the purposes of the controlled operation; or
4. authorise participants in the controlled operation to engage in additional or alternative controlled conduct.

Cancellation of authority

An appropriate authorising officer may, by order in writing given to the principal law enforcement officer for a controlled operation, cancel the authority to conduct the controlled operation at any time and for any reason (pursuant to section 15GY).

Reporting requirements

Six-monthly reports to the Minister and Ombudsman

Section 15HM requires that, as soon as practicable after 30 June and 31 December each year, the chief officer of each authorising agency must submit a report to the Commonwealth Ombudsman (the Ombudsman). The report needs to set out the details required by subsection 15HM(2) in relation to controlled operations the authorising agency was responsible for during the previous six months. A copy of the 15HM report must be provided to the responsible Minister (the Minister) at the same time as it is provided to the Ombudsman.

Chief officers' annual report to the Minister and Ombudsman

Section 15HN requires that as soon as practicable after 30 June in each year, the chief officer of each authorising agency must submit a report to the Minister setting out the details required by subsections 15HM(2), (2A), (2B) and (2C) regarding the controlled operations that agency had authority over during the

previous 12 months. A copy of a report given to the Minister under section 15HN must also be given to the Ombudsman at the same time.

The AFP prepared the controlled operations annual report 2020–21 in consultation with the ACIC and ACLEI.

Material excluded from reporting

In accordance with subsection 15HN(2) of the Act, the Minister is required to exclude from the annual report information that, if made public, could reasonably be expected to:

1. endanger a person's safety; or
2. prejudice an investigation or prosecution; or
3. compromise any law enforcement agency's operational activities or methodologies; or
4. be contrary to the public interest for any other reason.

Part B. Historic legislative requirements

On 8 July 1996, the Commonwealth Parliament passed legislation to provide for the conduct of controlled operations by Australian law enforcement agencies.

The following legislative references are to sections of the Act in force until 18 February 2010.

Under the now repealed section 15T of the Act, the Minister was required to lay before each house of parliament, not later than the first sitting day of the House after 1 October each year, a report on controlled operations. Details to be provided in the report include: the date on which the application was made, the decision taken about the application, the reasons for that decision, and information on reports given to the Minister under section 15R during that financial year.

Material excluded from reporting

In accordance with the now repealed subsection 15T(3) of the Act, the annual report is not to include any information about any person (including the person's name) that has not already been published about that person. Additionally, if the Minister is of the view that it is likely that the inclusion of any information in a report provided by the Commissioner of the AFP, the Integrity Commissioner of ACLEI or the Chief Executive Officer of the ACIC may either endanger the safety of a person, or prejudice an investigation or prosecution, then the Minister must consequently exclude the information from the report under subsection 15T(4) of the Act. If information is excluded pursuant to subsection 15T(4) in the version of the report provided to parliament, the information is to be published in the first report after the Minister considers that the information will no longer endanger the safety of a person or prejudice the investigation or prosecution.

ACRONYMS

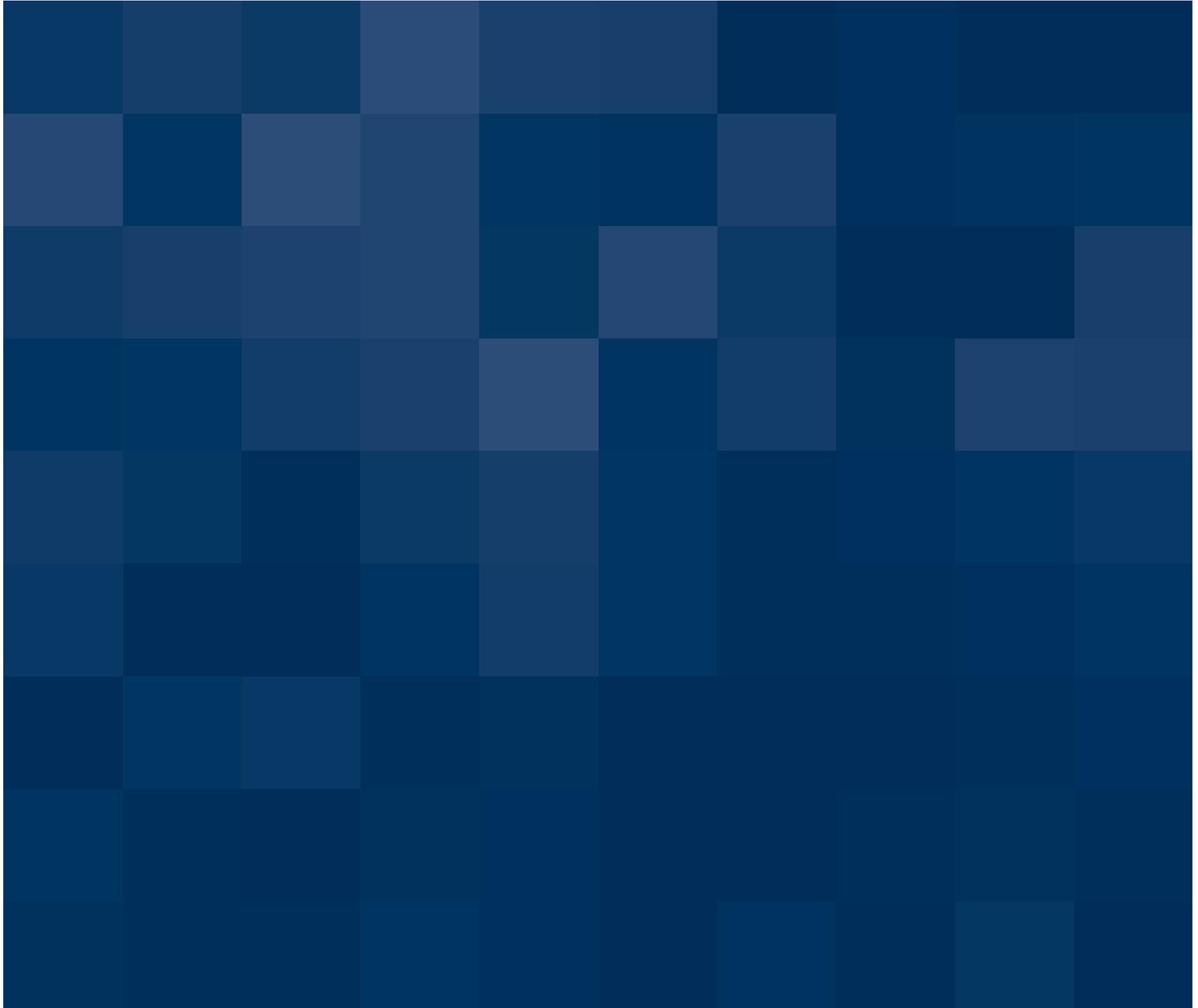
AAT	Administrative Appeals Tribunal
ACLEI	Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
ACC	Australian Crime Commission
ACCCE	Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation
ACIC	Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission
AFP	Australian Federal Police
CAM	Child abuse material
NMI	National Measurement Institute

ADDITIONAL MATTERS

The illicit goods detailed in this report have not been destroyed unless the contrary is indicated. Drug weights detailed in this report are gross weights unless the contrary is indicated.



SCHEDULE 1
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE
CURRENT REPORTING PERIOD



Information withheld under the *Crimes Act 1914* (Cth)

Subsections 15HN(2), 15HN(4) and, in the case of operations prior to March 2010, the repealed subsections 15T(3) and 15T(4) of the Act require that reporting of controlled operations exclude information that could, if made public, endanger a person's safety, prejudice an investigation or prosecution, compromise any law enforcement agency's modus operandi, be contrary to the public interest or identify any person involved in an operation. When it is no longer necessary to exclude this information, it is published in a subsequent annual report (see Schedule 2).

Excluded information

AFP operations fully excluded

07–08/50

08–09/17 08–09/26 08–09/38

09–10/06

19–20/58 19–20/91

20–21/04 20–21/12 20–21/16 20–21/27 20–21/55

20–21/58 20–21/70 20–21/72 20–21/75 20–21/96

20–21/107 20–21/117

AFP operations partly excluded

20–21/05 20–21/19 20–21/20 20–21/33 20–21/43

Previously excluded information published in 2020–21

AFP operations fully excluded – now reported in full

18–19/24

19–20/32 19–20/35 19–20/54 19–20/62 19–20/63

19–20/64 19–20/65 19–20/66 19–20/67 19–20/68

19–20/72 19–20/75 19–20/77 19–20/78 19–20/79

19–20/80 19–20/81 19–20/84 19–20/86 19–20/87

19–20/88 19–20/90 19–20/92

AFP operations partly excluded – now reported in full

Nil

AFP operations fully excluded – now reported in part

18–19/11 18–19/39

19–20/20 19–20/76

QUANTITATIVE SUMMARY

Subsection 15HM(1) of the Act stipulates that as soon as practicable after 31 December and 30 June in each financial year the chief officer of each authorising agency must submit a report to the Ombudsman setting out the details required by subsection 15HM(2). The following table sets out these details for 2020–2021.

Provision	Details required	Number
Subsection 15HM(2)(a)	Formal authorities that were:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ granted by an AFP authorising officer during the period ▪ varied by an AFP authorising officer during the period 	119 37
Subsection 15HM(2)(b)	Formal applications for formal authorities refused by an AFP authorising officer during the period	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(c)	Formal variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by an AFP authorising officer	0
	Urgent variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by an AFP authorising officer	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(d)	Urgent authorities that were:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ granted by an AFP authorising officer during the period ▪ varied by an AFP authorising officer during the period 	1 4
Subsection 15HM(2)(e)	Formal applications for urgent authorities refused by an AFP authorising officer	0
	Urgent applications for urgent authorities refused by an AFP authorising officer	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(f)	Formal variation applications for the variation of urgent authorities refused by an AFP authorising officer	0
	Urgent variation applications for the variation of urgent authorities refused by an AFP authorising officer	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(g)	Formal authorities that were varied by a nominated AAT member during the period	55
Subsection 15HM(2)(h)	Formal variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by a nominated AAT member	0
	Urgent variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by a nominated AAT member	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(t)	Authorities for controlled operations that:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ were cancelled by an AFP authorising officer during the period ▪ expired during the period 	42 94
Not applicable	Authorities for controlled operations that were:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ withdrawn ▪ did not progress to an authorising officer 	1 0

Some of the authorities issued during the 2020–21 reporting year were still ongoing at the end of the reporting period; these authorities are included in the first annual report after they have expired.

Major controlled operation number: 20–21/01

Date of application

23 June 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 6:45 am on 3 July 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

3 July 2020 to 2 January 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 30 September 2020

On 30 September 2020, Robert Cameron a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 2 January 2021.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications with the target in relation to setting up a company.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information in relation to the methodologies used by the targets for the importation of border controlled drugs. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 20-21/03

Date of application

3 July 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:58 pm on 3 July 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

3 July 2020 to 21 September 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of bribery, corruption, tax evasion, money laundering and importation of prohibited imports.

Cancellation

At 2:38 pm on 21 September 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

No conduct was engaged in.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/05

Date of application

17 July 2020

Authorising officer

David Berston, performing the duties of Commander Western and Central Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:00 am on 17 July 2020, David Berston, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

17 July 2020 to 30 July 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of money laundering.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and meetings in relation to the transfer of Australian currency. Received currency and provided currency to a third party.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(2)(a) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

A person of interest was identified. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/06

Date of application

20 July 2020

Authorising officer

Jayne Crossling, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:15 pm on 20 July 2020, Jayne Crossling, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

20 July 2020 to 17 October 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/08

Date of application

16 July 2020

Authorising officer

Raymond Imbriano, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:21 pm on 16 July 2020, Raymond Imbriano, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

16 July 2020 to 15 August 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	4 kg (net)
Current location	People's Republic of China law enforcement authorities
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: China
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/09

Date of application

28 July 2020

Authorising officer

Jayne Crossling, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:08 pm on 28 July 2020, Jayne Crossling, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

28 July 2020 to 11 August 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems, engaged in communications and arrangements in relation to the delivery of the consignment. Attempted a controlled delivery.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	1938 g (net)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Johannesburg, South Africa to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/10

Date of application

29 July 2020

Authorising officer

Jayne Crossling, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:39 pm on 29 July 2020, Jayne Crossling, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

29 July 2020 to 4 August 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs; and the attempted possession of a precursor.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications with the consignee and facilitated the delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	1,4-Butane oil
Weight/quantity	5.188 tonne (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: People's Republic of China to Melbourne, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drugs related offences

Major controlled operation number: 20-21/11

Date of application

30 July 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:32 am on 3 August 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

3 August 2020 to 2 February 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 28 October 2020

On 28 October 2020, Josephine Kelly a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 2 February 2021.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/13

Date of application

7 August 2020

Authorising officer

Jayne Crossling, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:16 pm on 7 August 2020, Jayne Crossling, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

7 August 2020 to 6 November 2020

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 18 August 2020

On 18 August 2020, Jayne Crossling, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 28 August 2020

On 28 August 2020, Jayne Crossling, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 1 September 2020

On 1 September 2020, Raymond Imbriano, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 14 September 2020

On 14 September 2020, Raymond Imbriano, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and arrangements in relation to the delivery of the consignment.

Posed as a delivery driver to conduct a controlled delivery.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Trifluoroacetyl-methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	175 L (gross)
Current location	Destroyed. AFP retained samples.
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Hong Kong to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Type	Gamma-butyrolactone (GBL)
Weight/quantity	4.1 tonne (gross)
Current location	Destroyed. AFP retained samples.
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: China to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Three persons were arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Major controlled operation number: 20-21/14

Date of application

17 August 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:51 pm on 19 August 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

19 August 2020 to 18 February 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 17 November 2020

On 17 November 2020, Gina Lazanas a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 18 February 2021.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation, attempt to import, conspiracy to import and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications with the targets in relation to the importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information regarding importation access available to the syndicate and methodologies used for the importation of border controlled drugs.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/15

Date of application

19 August 2020

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Western Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:20 pm on 19 August 2020, John Tanti, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

19 August 2020 to 1 September 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Delivery of a fully substituted consignment was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	105.5 g (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Malaysia to Perth, Western Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One person was arrested and charged with drug related offence.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/17

Date of application

24 August 2020

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Western Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:00 am on 24 August 2020, John Tanti, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

24 August 2020 to 30 August 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation of a marketable quantity of border controlled drugs and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

A delivery of the substituted mail article purporting to contain border controlled drugs was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	3,4-Methylenedioxy methamphetamine Lysergide Amphetamine
Weight/quantity	102.2 g (net) and 5 tablets 2.1 g (net) 3.2 g (gross) 92.8 g (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Netherlands to Perth, Western Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/18

Date of application:

25 August 2020

Authorising officer

Chris Craner, Assistant Commissioner Western and Central Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:00 am on 25 August 2020, Chris Craner, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

25 August 2020 to 30 August 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a marketable quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Delivery of a fully substituted consignment was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	114.6 g (net)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Malaysia to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/19

Date of application

25 August 2020

Authorising officer

Kirsty Schofield, Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:10 am on 26 August 2020, Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

26 August 2020 to 25 November 2020

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 3 September 2020

On 3 September 2020, Justine Gough, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(2) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	80 g (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(2) of the Act.
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to drug importation. Some aspects of this investigation are still ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/20

Date of application

28 August 2020

Authorising officer

Chris Craner, Assistant Commissioner Western and Central Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:12 pm on 28 August 2020, Chris Craner, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

28 August 2020 to 3 February 2021

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 8 September 2020

On 8 September 2020, John Tanti an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 10 September 2020

On 11 September 2020, John Tanti an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 27 October 2020

On 27 October 2020, John Tanti an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 26 November 2020

On 26 November 2020, Stephen Boyle a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 27 February 2021.

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs, trafficking of controlled drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

At 3:40 pm on 3 February 2021, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and meetings in relation to cash handovers. Cash handovers were conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(2)(a) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

Two targets were arrested and charged with money laundering offences. The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to money laundering offences.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/21

Date of application

5 September 2020

Authorising officer

Kirsty Schofield, Commander Investigations,
Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(b) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:32 pm on 5 September 2020, Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued an urgent authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

5 September 2020 to 11 September 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and aid and abet in the importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to change the status of the consignment.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

Some aspects of the investigation are ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 20-21/22

Date of application

8 September 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:24 pm on 9 September 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 September 2020 to 23 December 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 7 December 2020

On 7 December 2020, Brian Rayment a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation remain in effect until 7 March 2021.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of terrorism.

Cancellation

At 4:00 pm on 23 December 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in online communications and discussions in relation to terrorism related activities.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The target was arrested and charged with terrorism related offences.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/23

Date of application

8 September 2020

Authorising officer

Kirsty Schofield, Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:15 pm on 8 September 2020, Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

8 September 2020 to 7 October 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

A controlled delivery of the fully substituted consignment was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	4.8 kg (net)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United States of America to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

The AFP obtained valuable evidence. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 20-21/24

Date of application

8 September 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:50 pm on 9 September 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 September 2020 to 26 February 2021

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 15 September 2020

On 16 September 2020, Ian McCartney an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 25 November 2020

On 25 November 2020, Gina Lazanas a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 8 March 2021.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of terrorism.

Cancellation

At 1:37 pm on 26 February 2021, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in rapport building meetings and introductions.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/25

Date of application

8 September 2020

Authorising officer

Michael Chew, Deputy Chief Police Officer Response

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:42 pm on 8 September 2020, Michael Chew, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

8 September 2020 to 4 November 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the misuse of a carriage service to prepare to engage in sexual activity with, or procure for sexual activity, persons under 16 years.

Cancellation

At 9:00 am on 4 November 2020, Michael Chew, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Attempted to engage in communications with the target.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

No evidence was obtained in relation to the offences being investigated.

Major controlled operation number: 20-21/26

Date of application

9 September 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:42 pm on 9 September 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 September 2020 to 7 June 2021

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 23 September 2020

On 23 September 2020, Ian McCartney an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 3 March 2021

On 4 March 2021, Ian McCartney an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 8 December 2020

On 8 December 2020, L M Gallagher a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 7 March 2021.

Date of variation application: 5 March 2021

On 5 March 2021, Stephen Boyle a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 7 June 2021.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Major controlled operation number: 20-21/28

Date of application:

10 September 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:15 pm on 11 September 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

11 September 2020 to 4 March 2021

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 17 December 2020

On 23 December 2020, Ian McCartney an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 10 December 2020

On 10 December 2020, Gary Humphries a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 10 March 2021.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of money laundering.

Cancellation

At 2:57 pm on 4 March 2021 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/29

Date of application

14 September 2020

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Western Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:25 pm on 14 September 2020, John Tanti, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

14 September 2020 to 20 September 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a marketable quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to change the status of the consignment. A controlled delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	95 g (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Malaysia to Perth, Australia.
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was charged with drug related offence

Controlled operation number: 20-21/30

Date of application

16 September 2020

Authorising officer

Raymond Imbriano, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:54 pm on 16 September 2020, Raymond Imbriano, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

16 September 2020 to 15 November 2020

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 23 September 2020

On 23 September 2020, Raymond Imbriano, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Altered the positioning of the container to deter unknown persons from accessing the container.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	40 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Port of Santos, Brazil to Singapore, to Melbourne, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

The AFP has identified two targets and gathered valuable information in relation to the methodologies used for the concealment of border controlled drugs. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/31

Date of application

16 September 2020

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Western Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 7:49 pm on 16 September 2020, John Tanti, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

16 September 2020 to 23 September 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 8:50 am on 23 September 2020, John Tanti, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 20-21/32

Date of application

21 September 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:21 am on 21 September 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

21 September 2020 to 7 December 2020

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 13 October 2020

On 15 October 2020, Ian McCartney, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of money laundering.

Cancellation

At 3:52 pm on 7 December 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and meetings in relation to money laundering activities. Dealt with, possessed and engaged in transactions involving currency suspected to be proceeds of crime.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	AUD500,200
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	During the controlled operation the illicit goods travelled from Heffron Park, Maroubra, to Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. From Sydney the funds were electronically transferred to the United States of America to an unknown location.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to this syndicate and drug importation. Additional persons of interest have been identified. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/33

Date of application

21 September 2020

Authorising officer

Christopher Goldsmid, Commander Cyber
Crime Operations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:10 am on 21 September 2020, Christopher Goldsmid, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

21 September 2020 to 20 October 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of misuse of computer systems and money laundering.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in online communications and transactions in relation to the purchase of fraudulent documents.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(2)(a) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to the sale of fraudulent documents and identified further accounts.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/34

Date of application

21 September 2020

Authorising officer

Raymond Imbriano, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:34 pm on 21 September 2020, Raymond Imbriano, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

21 September 2020 to 4 October 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Facilitated the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Engaged in communications in relation to the delivery/collection of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine Cocaine
Weight/quantity	31.3 kg (net) 11.7 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: England to Melbourne, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to the importation of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/35

Date of application

21 September 2020

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Western Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:42 pm on 21 September 2020, John Tanti, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

21 September 2020 to 4 October 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	1796 g (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Germany to Melbourne, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Three targets were arrested with drug related offences. The AFP gathered valuable information in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Major controlled operation number: 20-21/37

Date of application

16 September 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 7:12 am on 25 September 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

25 September 2020 to 24 June 2021

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 16 December 2020

On 18 December 2020, Ian McCartney an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 23 April 2021

On 23 April 2021, Ian McCartney an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 23 December 2020

On 23 December 2020, Gary Humphries a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 24 March 2021.

Date of variation application: 24 March 2021

On 24 March 2021, Gary Humphries a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 24 June 2021.

Nature of criminal activities

The criminal activity against which the controlled operation was directed was conspiracy to import and trafficking of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs, money laundering and misuse of computer systems.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	Anom enabled mobile phone 10 mobile phones
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	The illicit goods were prepared for posting in Sydney. They travelled by Australia Post to Haymarket, Sydney Australia.
Nature and quantity	Anom enabled mobile phone 50 mobile phones
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	The illicit goods were prepared for posting in Sydney. They travelled by Australia Post to Westminster, Perth Australia.
Nature and quantity	Anom enabled mobile phone 50 mobile phones
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	The illicit goods were prepared for posting in Melbourne. They travelled by Australia Post to Greenvale, Victoria.
Nature and quantity	Anom enabled mobile phone 20 mobile phones
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	The illicit goods were prepared for posting in Sydney. They travelled by Australia Post to Burnside, Adelaide, Australia.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information in relation to the methodologies used by organised crime groups in relation to numerous criminal activities. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 20-21/38

Date of application

9 October 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:45 pm on 11 October 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

11 October 2020 to 10 April 2021

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 22 January 2021

On 31 January 2021, Ian McCartney an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 7 January 2021

On 8 January 2021, Michelle Evans-Bonner a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 10 April 2021.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the attempt to traffic a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used by the target in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs and identified other criminal activities of the target.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/39

Date of application

29 September 2020

Authorising officer

Mark McIntyre, Commander Counter Terrorism Investigations South

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:30 pm on 29 September 2020, Mark McIntyre, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

29 September 2020 to 27 November 2020

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 8 October 2020

On 9 October 2020 Mark McIntyre, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of sabotage or threat to national security.

Cancellation

At 9:23 am on 27 November 2020, Caroline Taylor, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and meetings with targets. Created false identification documents.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used by the targets and executed warrants on the targets. Disruption of activities planned by the targets was successful, removing risks and threats against national security.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/40

Date of application

25 September 2020

Authorising officer

David Berston, performing the duties of Commander Western and Central Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:56 pm on 25 September 2020, David Berston, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

25 September 2020 to 8 October 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Attempted delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	1 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation Canada to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the illicit goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	145.4 g (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Unknown
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	The following person/s had possession of the narcotic goods in the course of the operation: This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/41

Date of application

27 September 2020

Authorising officer

Raymond Imbriano, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:46 pm on 27 September 2020, Raymond Imbriano, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

27 September 2020 to 26 October 2020

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 1 October 2020

On 1 October 2020, Jayne Crossling, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communication in relation to the status, collection and delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	200 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Malaysia to Sydney then to Adelaide, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Three targets were arrested and charged with drug related offences. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/42

Date of application

28 September 2020

Authorising officer

Brett James, Commander Operations and Support Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:55 pm on 28 September 2020, Brett James, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

28 September 2020 to 27 October 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to the delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Manipulated computer systems to reflect the consignment had been processed as a normal inbound article.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	552 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed. Samples have been sent to the National Measurements Institute.
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Rio De Janiero, Brazil to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Major controlled operation number: 20-21/43

Date of application

5 October 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:20 pm on 6 October 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

6 October 2020 to 5 April 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 23 December 2020

On 23 December 2020, Stephanie Ann Forgie a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 10 April 2021.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs, trafficking of a commercial quantity of controlled drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to the importation and purchase of border controlled drugs. Engaged in monetary transactions for the purchase of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(2)(a) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(2)(a) of the Act.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information in relation to methodologies used for the importation of border controlled drugs. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/44

Date of application

7 October 2020

Authorising officer

David Berston, performing the duties of Commander Western and Central Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:35 pm on 7 October 2020, David Berston, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

7 October 2020 to 13 October 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of importation of a marketable quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications with the target in regards to the delivery of the mail article. A delivery of the mail article was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	143.4 g (net)
Current location	Australian Border Force
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Malaysia to Perth, Western Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

The AFP have gathered valuable information in relation to methodologies used by the targets. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/45

Date of application

9 October 2020

Authorising officer

Kirsty Schofield, Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:30 pm on 9 October 2020, Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 October 2020 to 8 November 2020

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 15 October 2020

On 15 October 2020, Kirsty Schofield, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to the collection of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	117 kg (gross)
Current location	United States of America law enforcement authorities.
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United States of America
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No person had possession of the narcotic good during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

The target was arrested and charged with drug related offences. The AFP has gathered valuable intelligence in relation to the methodologies utilised in the importation of border controlled drugs.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/46

Date of application

8 October 2020

Authorising officer

Andrew Donoghoe, Commander Investigations,
Northern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:48 pm on 8 October 2020, Andrew Donoghoe, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

8 October 2020 to 7 January 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Engaged in communications and discussion to facilitate the transportation of the consignment purporting to contain border control

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	144 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Johannesburg South Africa, via Doha, Qatar to Brisbane, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/47

Date of application

9 October 2020

Authorising officer

Jayne Crossling, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:55 am on 9 October 2020, Jayne Crossling, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 October 2020 to 22 October 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	1,060.10 g (net)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Malaysia to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

The target was arrested and charged with drug related offences. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/48

Date of application

9 October 2020

Authorising officer

Jayne Crossling, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:25 pm on 9 October 2020, Jayne Crossling, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 October 2020 to 20 October 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 2:39 pm on 20 October 2020, Jayne Crossling, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

A controlled delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	4.5 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Malaysia to Melbourne, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Nil arrests were made as a result of the controlled operation.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/49

Date of application

22 October 2020

Authorising officer

Jayne Crossling, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 8:41 am on 22 October 2020, Jayne Crossling, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

22 October 2020 to 21 November 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery/collect of a fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	6167.9 g (net)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Vancouver, Canada; Cincinnati and Los Angeles, United States of America to Melbourne, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drugs related offences. Some aspects of the investigation are ongoing. The AFP gathered information expected to lead to identification of additional targets and two further arrests.

Major controlled operation number: 20-21/50

Date of application

21 October 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:05 pm on 22 October 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

22 October 2020 to 21 April 2021

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 22 January 2021

On 31 January 2021, Ian McCartney an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 20 January 2021

On 20 January 2021, Michelle Evans-Bonner a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 21 April 2021.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of firearms and money laundering.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to the sale and purchase of firearms. Purchased a firearm.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	Firearm 1 x Ruger 10/22 Rifle
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	During the course of the operation the illicit goods travelled within Perth metropolitan area, Australia
Nature and quantity	AUD14,000
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	During the course of the operation the illicit goods travelled within Perth metropolitan area, Australia

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to firearms offences.

Major controlled operation number: 20-21/51

Date of application

27 October 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:05 pm on 29 October 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

29 October 2020 to 22 December 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of money laundering.

Cancellation

At 4:15 pm on 22 December 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

No conduct was engaged in,

Controlled operation number: 20-21/53

Date of application

5 November 2020

Authorising officer

Krissy Barrett, performing the duties of Assistant Commissioner, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:18 pm on 5 November 2020, Krissy Barrett, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

5 November 2020 to 4 December 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine Cannabis
Weight/quantity	15 g (gross) 800 g (gross)
Current location	AFP. Samples have been sent to the National Measurements Institute.
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Argentina to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation

Outcomes

The target was arrested and charged with drug related offences

Major controlled operation number: 20-21/54

Date of application

30 October 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:21 pm on 6 November 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

6 November 2020 to 5 January 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the trafficking of a commercial quantity of controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

No conduct was engaged in.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/56

Date of application

10 November 2020

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Western Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:40 pm on 10 November 2020, John Tanti, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

10 November 2020 to 17 November 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of importation and attempted possession of a marketable quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Facilitated the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drug.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	150 g (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Malaysia to Perth, Western Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/57

Date of application

12 November 2020

Narcotic goods

Nil

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Western Command

Outcomes

No communications were engaged in by the target.

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:44 am on 12 November 2020, John Tanti, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

12 November 2020 to 18 December 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of dealing in child abuse material.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Attempted to engage in online communications with the target.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Controlled operation number: 20-21/59

Date of application

16 November 2020

Authorising officer

Kirsty Schofield, Commander Investigations,
Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:42 pm on 16 November 2020, Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

16 November 2020 to 26 November 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the attempted importation and possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 12:30 pm on 26 November 2020, Brett James, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	24.7kg (gross)
Current location	United States of America Customs
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Canada to Cincinnati, United States of America
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons has possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was charged with drug related offences.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/60

Date of application

17 November 2020

Authorising officer

Todd Hunter, Commander Investigations,
Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:35 pm on 17 November 2020, Todd Hunter, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

17 November 2020 to 16 February 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of trafficking of prohibited firearms.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in meetings and discussions in relation to the availability and trafficking of firearms.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information in relation to the trafficking of firearms. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 20-21/61

Date of application

16 November 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:58 pm on 16 November 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

16 November 2020 to 15 February 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and conspiracy to import a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications with the target in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information in relation to the planned importation of border controlled drugs by the syndicate.

Major controlled operation number: 20-21/62

Date of application

20 November 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:18 pm on 25 November 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

25 November 2020 to 10 May 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 22 February 2021

On 22 February 2021, Dominique Kristen Grigg a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 24 May 2021.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 11:28 pm on 10 May 2021, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	200 kg (gross)
Current location	Unknown
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	During the controlled operation the illicit goods travelled from Pakistan to an unknown location
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons has possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

No conduct was engaged in.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/63

Date of application

26 November 2020

Authorising officer

Todd Hunter, Commander Investigations,
Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:10 pm on 26 November 2020, Todd Hunter, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

26 November 2020 to 5 May 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 24 February 2021

On 24 February 2021, Andrew Alexander Nikolic a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 25 May 2021.

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation, trafficking and possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs, controlled precursors and firearms.

Cancellation

At 4:04 pm on 5 May 2021, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and meetings in relation to the sale, purchase, trafficking and

importation of border controlled drugs, precursors and smuggled tobacco goods.

Took possession of a sample size of a border controlled drug.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	1 g (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	During the course of the operation the illicit goods travelled from Sunshine, Victoria to Melbourne Central, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	The following person/s had possession of the narcotic goods in the course of the operation: This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information in identifying multiple syndicates. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing

Controlled operation number: 20-21/64

Date of application

1 December 2020

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Western Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:00 pm on 1 December 2020, John Tanti, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

1 December 2020 to 31 December 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the trafficking commercial quantities of controlled drugs and possession of a prohibited drug.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and meetings in relation to the purchase of controlled drugs. Purchased and took possession of controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Nature and quantity	AUD8,000
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	During the course of the operation the illicit goods travelled within the Perth metropolitan area, Australia

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	28 g (gross) 0.02 g (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	During the controlled operation the illicit goods travelled within the Perth metropolitan area.
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	The following person/s had possession of the narcotic goods in the course of the operation: This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information in relation to the targets of the controlled operation

Controlled operation number: 20-21/65

Date of application

8 December 2020

Authorising officer

Kirsty Schofield, Commander Investigations,
Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:38 pm on 8 December 2020, Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

8 December 2020 to 11 December 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession, aid and abetting in the importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs; and the importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled precursors.

Cancellation

At 8:55 am on 11 December 2020, Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The consignment did not contain any border controlled drugs.

Major controlled operation number: 20-21/66

Date of application

14 December 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:37 pm on 22 December 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

22 December 2020 to 3 March 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation of tobacco products, the importation, conspiracy to import, an attempted possession and trafficking of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

At 10:03 am on 3 March 2021, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in meetings, communications and negotiations in relation to the importation of tobacco.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information in relation to the targets.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/67

Date of application

16 December 2020

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Western Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:50 pm on 16 December 2020, John Tanti, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

16 December 2020 to 29 December 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

A controlled delivery of the substituted consignment was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	2 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Malaysia to Perth, Western Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/68

Date of application

18 December 2020

Authorising officer

Jayne Crossling, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:09 am on 21 December 2020, Jayne Crossling, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

21 December 2020 to 18 February 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the manufacturing of commercial quantities of controlled drugs and pre-trafficking commercial quantities of controlled precursors.

Cancellation

At 5:30 pm on 18 February 2021, Todd Hunter, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/69

Date of application

23 December 2020

Authorising officer

Jayne Crossling, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:08 am on 23 December 2020, Jayne Crossling, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

23 December 2020 to 21 January 2021

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 5 January 2021

On 5 January 2021, Jayne Crossling an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications, arrangements and manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	69.9 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United Arab Emirates to Melbourne, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No person had possession of the narcotic good during the course of the operation.

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	42.5 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United Arab Emirates to Melbourne, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No person had possession of the narcotic good during the course of the operation.

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	60 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United Arab Emirates to Melbourne, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No person had possession of the narcotic good during the course of the operation.

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	30 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United Arab Emirates to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No person had possession of the narcotic good during the course of the operation.

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	14.2 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United Arab Emirates to Melbourne, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No person had possession of the narcotic good during the course of the operation.

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	20 L (gross)
Current location	Sydney Chemsal Chemical Storage
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Unknown location to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	During the course of the operation the following persons had possession of the illicit goods: This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Outcomes

Two targets were arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/71

Date of application

5 January 2021

Authorising officer

Jayne Crossling, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:38 pm on 5 January 2021, Jayne Crossling, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

5 January 2021 to 11 January 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications to facilitate the delivery of a fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	2,003 g (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Belgium to Melbourne, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drug related offences. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/73

Date of application

7 January 2021

Illicit goods

Nil

Authorising officer

Geoffrey Turner, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

Narcotic goods

Nil

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Outcomes

No conduct was engaged in.

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:22 pm on 7 January 2021, Geoffrey Turner, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

7 January 2021 to 6 February 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of extortion and money laundering.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Provided a fraudulent email account and attempted to engage in communications with the target.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Controlled operation number: 20-21/74

Date of application

8 January 2021

Authorising officer

Geoffrey Turner, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:40 pm on 8 January 2021, Geoffrey Turner, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

8 January 2021 to 3 February 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 12:56 pm on 3 February 2021, Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	8 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United States of America to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information in relation to methodologies used for parcel post locker deliveries.

Major controlled operation number: 20-21/76

Date of application

7 January 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 7:50 pm on 12 January 2021, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

12 January 2021 to 11 April 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of terrorism.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/77

Date of application:

11 January 2021

Authorising officer

David Berston, performing the duties of Commander, Western and Central Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:27 pm on 11 January 2021, David Berston, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

11 January 2021 to 18 January 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a marketable quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	47.7 g (net)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United States of America to Perth, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drug related offences

Controlled operation number: 20-21/78

Date of application

18 January 2021

Authorising officer

Kirsty Schofield, Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:20 pm on 18 January 2021, Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

18 January 2021 to 17 April 2021

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 25 January 2021

On 25 January 2021, Kirsty Schofield an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 11 February 2021

On 11 February 2021, Kirsty Schofield an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation, aid and abet in the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	600 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Naples via Italy to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/79

Date of application

18 January 2021

Authorising officer

David Berston, performing the duties of Commander Western and Central Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:18 pm on 18 January 2021, David Berston, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

18 January 2021 to 24 January 2021

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 20 January 2021

On 20 January 2021, David Berston an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems and engaged in communications and arrangements in relation to the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	5.6 l (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: France to Perth, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to drug importations and the use of virtual mailboxes to avoid law enforcement detection.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/80

Date of application

5 February 2021

Authorising officer

Benjamin McQuillan, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:49 pm on 5 February 2021, Benjamin McQuillan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

5 February 2021 to 16 March 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the attempted importation and possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 10:44 am on 16 March 2021, Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	8 kg (net)
Current location	US Customs and Border Protection
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: El Paso and Honolulu, United States of America
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

No targets were identified.

Major controlled operation number: 20-21/81

Date of application

5 February 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:55 am on 6 February 2021, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

6 February 2021 to 1 May 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of money laundering.

Cancellation

At 4:08 pm on 1 May 2021, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to organising a meeting for the hand over of illicit funds.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing

Controlled operation number: 20-21/82

Date of application

8 February 2021

Illicit goods

Nil

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Western Command

Narcotic goods

Nil

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Outcomes

No offences were identified.

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:05 am on 8 February 2021, John Tanti, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

8 February 2021 to 21 February 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Controlled operation number: 20-21/83

Date of application

10 February 2021

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Western Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:30 pm on 10 February 2021, John Tanti, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

10 February 2021 to 16 February 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	500 g (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Malaysia to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

No persons were arrested as a result of the controlled operation.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/84

Date of application

15 February 2021

Authorising officer

Martin Goode, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:59 pm on 15 February 2021, Martin Goode, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

15 February 2021 to 28 February 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and arrangements in relation to the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine Heroin Cocaine
Weight/quantity	11,041.7 g (net) 2800.8 g (net) 1590.1 g (net)
Current location	AFP. Samples have been sent to the National Measures Institute.
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: South Africa to Melbourne, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Three targets were arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Major controlled operation number: 20-21/85

Date of application

24 February 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:15 pm on 27 February 2021, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

27 February 2021 to 13 May 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of sexual servitude, human trafficking and money laundering.

Cancellation

At 3:34 pm on 13 May 2021, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications with the target on online platforms.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The controlled operation did not provide any opportunity for a successful prosecution.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/86

Date of application

10 March 2021

Authorising officer

Andrew Donoghoe, Commander Investigations,
Northern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 8:38 am on 10 March 2021, Andrew Donoghoe, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

10 March 2021 to 23 March 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems and engaged in communications to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	6.93 kg (gross)
Current location	Cincinnati, Ohio, United States of America
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Canada to the United States of America
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable evidence as a direct result of the controlled operation.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/87

Date of application

9 March 2021

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Western Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:18 pm on 9 March 2021, John Tanti, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 March 2021 to 15 March 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a marketable quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 5:15 pm on 15 March 2021, John Tanti, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery/collection of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	389 g (net)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Malawi, Republic of South Africa to United Arab Emirates to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Two targets were arrested and charged with drug related offences. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/88

Date of application

11 March 2021

Illicit goods

Nil

Authorising officer

Christopher Goldsmid, Commander Cyber
Crime Operations

Narcotic goods

Nil

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:47 pm on 11 March 2021, Christopher Goldsmid, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

11 March 2021 to 8 April 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of misuse of computer systems, fraud and money laundering.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Controlled operation number: 20-21/90

Date of application

22 March 2021

Authorising officer

Andrew Donoghoe, Commander Investigations,
Northern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:44 pm on 22 March 2021, Andrew Donoghoe, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

22 March 2021 to 7 April 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 2:55 pm on 7 April 2021, Andrew Donoghoe, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery/collection of the consignment. Engaged in communications in regards to the collection of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

One target was arrest in relation to drug related offences. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/91

Date of application

24 March 2021

Authorising officer

Kirsty Schofield, Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:03 pm on 24 March 2021, Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

24 March 2021 to 26 April 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the the importation of prohibited imports, fraud and money laundering.

Cancellation

At 2:45 pm on 26 April 2021, Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to the delivery and payment of consignment containing prohibited imports.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	Smuggled tobacco 10,000,000 Cigarettes
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	During the course of the operation the illicit goods travelled Mundrah, India to Sydney, Australia

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

Some aspects of the investigation are ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 20-21/92

Date of application

26 March 2021

Authorising officer

Nigel Ryan, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:17 pm on 30 March 2021, Nigel Ryan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

30 March 2021 to 3 June 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of child abuse material

Cancellation

At 11:00 am on 3 June 2021, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to soliciting and transmitting child abuse material (CAM).
Received child abuse material.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Nature and quantity	106 CAM media files
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Route unknown, transmitted online

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information in relation to the target/s and transmission of CAM. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing

Controlled operation number: 20-21/93

Date of application

31 March 2021

Authorising officer

Kirsty Schofield, Commander Investigations,
Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:24 pm on 1 April 2021, Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

1 April 2021 to 26 April 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 1:16 pm on 26 April 2021, Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems and engaged in communications and arrangements to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	54.4 kg (net)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Malaysia to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Two targets were arrested and charged with drug related offences. The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to drug importations.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/95

Date of application

31 March 2021

Illicit goods

Nil

Authorising officer

Michael Chew, Deputy Chief Police Officer Response

Narcotic goods

Nil

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:29 am on 31 March 2021, Michael Chew, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

31 March 2021 to 29 May 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of using a carriage service to groom a person under 16 years of age and using a carriage service for child abuse material.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communication in relation to grooming a person/s under 16 years of age and child abuse material.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Major controlled operation number: 20-21/97

Date of application

8 April 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:19 am on 9 April 2021, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 April 2021 to 12 May 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of money laundering.

Cancellation

At 1:20 pm on 12 May 2021, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and arrangements in relation to money laundering activities.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/98

Date of application

9 April 2021

Authorising officer

Geoffrey Turner, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:25 pm on 11 April 2021, Geoffrey Turner, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

11 April 2021 to 24 April 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the attempted importation and possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems to update the status of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	1 kg (net)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United States of America to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested for drug related offences.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/101

Date of application

20 April 2021

Authorising officer

Andrew Donoghoe, Commander Investigations, Northern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 6:50 am on 20 April 2021, Andrew Donoghoe, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

20 April 2021 to 26 April 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Heroin
Weight/quantity	1 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Kenya to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/102

Date of application

20 April 2021

Authorising officer

Kirsty Schofield, Commander Investigations,
Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:05 pm on 20 April 2021, Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

20 April 2021 to 3 May 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation, attempt to import, aid and abet the importation and attempted possessions of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/104

Date of application

23 April 2021

Authorising officer

David Berston, performing the duties of Commander Western and Central Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:00 am on 24 April 2021, David Berston, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

24 April 2021 to 7 May 2021

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 28 April 2021

On 28 April 2021, John Tanti an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the attempted importation and possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Facilitated the collection of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Heroin
Weight/quantity	22 kg (gross)
Current location	NNCC China
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Unknown location to China
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

The target was arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/105

Date of application

27 April 2021

Authorising officer

Caroline Taylor, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Northern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:25 pm on 27 April 2021, Caroline Taylor, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

27 April 2021 to 3 May 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	1576 g (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United states of America to Sydney then Brisbane, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing. The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/106

Date of application

30 April 2021

Illicit goods

Nil

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Western Command

Narcotic goods

Nil

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used by the syndicate in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Decision of authorising officer

At 8:06 pm on 30 April 2021, John Tanti, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

30 April 2021 to 13 May 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

Danielle McArthur

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Controlled operation number: 20-21/109

Date of application

13 May 2021

Illicit goods

Nil

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Narcotic goods

Nil

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Outcomes

The target was arrested and charged with terrorism related offences.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:10 pm on 14 May 2021, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

14 May 2021 to 28 June 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of terrorism.

Cancellation

At 1:26 pm on 28 June 2021, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in meetings and communications with the target in relation to purchasing illicit firearms.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Controlled operation number: 20-21/113

Date of application

24 May 2021

Authorising officer

Kirsty Schofield, Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 8:34 am on 24 May 2021, Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

24 May 2021 to 6 June 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the attempted importation and possession of marketable quantities of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Facilitated the delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	1 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United States of America via New Zealand to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Two targets were arrested and charged with drug related offences. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/114

Date of application

27 May 2021

Authorising officer

John Tanti, performing the duties of Assistant Commissioner, Western and Central Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 6:58 pm on 27 May 2021, John Tanti, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

27 May 2021 to 18 June 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 8:00 am on 18 June 2021, John Tanti, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	1900 g (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Belgium to Perth, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to the importation of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/116

Date of application

30 May 2021

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Western Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:20 pm on 30 May 2021, John Tanti, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

30 May 2021 to 28 June 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Movement and storage of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Heroin
Weight/quantity	76.8 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Malaysia to Sydney then Perth, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Five targets were arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Controlled operation number: 20-21/118

Date of application

16 June 2021

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Western Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:05 pm on 16 June 2021, John Tanti, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

16 June 2021 to 24 June 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 8:00 pm on 24 June 2021, John Tanti, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Gamma-butyrolactone
Weight/quantity	2250 ml (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Qingdao, China to Perth, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested in relation to drug related offences. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing. The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used to conceal border controlled drugs.



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Major controlled operation number: 18-19/11

Date of application

3 August 2018

Authorising officer

Neil Gaughan, Deputy Commissioner Operations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:05 pm on 9 August 2018, Neil Gaughan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 August 2018 to 8 August 2020

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 2 April 2019

On 5 April 2019, Neil Gaughan, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 24 October 2019

On 4 November 2019, Neil Gaughan, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 6 November 2019

On 6 November 2019, Neil Gaughan, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 23 April 2020

On 6 May 2020, Ian McCartney, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 8 November 2018

On 8 November 2018, Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 8 February 2019.

Date of variation application: 4 February 2019

On 4 February 2019, Adria Marissa Poljak, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 8 May 2019.

Date of variation application: 8 May 2019

On 8 May 2019, Peter William Taylor, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 8 August 2019.

Date of variation application: 5 August 2019

On 5 August 2019, Michael John McGowdrie, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the

major controlled operation should remain in effect until 8 November 2019.

Date of variation application: 7 November 2019

On 7 November 2019, Milton Griffen QC, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 8 February 2020.

Date of variation application: 31 January 2020

On 31 January 2020, Josephine Kelly, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 8 May 2020.

Date of variation application: 7 May 2020

On 7 May 2020, Bernard McCabe, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 8 August 2020.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of corruption and money laundering.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and meetings in relation to the soliciting, giving and receiving of corrupt benefits. Engaged in communications and arrangements in relation to the remittance of cash. Engaged in a financial transaction.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(2)(a) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 18-19/24

Date of application

14 September 2018

Authorising officer

Neil Gaughan, Deputy Commissioner Operations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:40 pm on 25 September 2018, Neil Gaughan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

25 September 2018 to 23 September 2020

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 7 December 2018

On 10 December 2018, Neil Gaughan, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 8 March 2019

On 8 March 2019, Neil Gaughan, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 10 December 2019

On 13 December 2019, Neil Gaughan, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 16 June 2020

On 17 June 2020 Ian McCartney, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 12 December 2018

On 12 December 2018 Gary Humphries, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 23 March 2019.

Date of variation application: 22 March 2019

On 22 March 2019, Gary Humphries, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 23 June 2019.

Date of variation application: 21 June 2019

On 21 June 2019, Gary Humphries, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 23 September 2019.

Date of variation application: 19 September 2019

On 19 September 2019, Adria Marissa Poljak, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 23 December 2019.

Date of variation application: 19 December 2019

On 19 December 2019, Gary Humphries, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 23 March 2020.

Date of variation application: 17 March 2020

On 17 March 2020, Gary Humphries, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 23 June 2020.

Date of variation application: 22 June 2020

On 22 June 2020, Gary Humphries, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 29 September 2020.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of conspiracy to import and trafficking of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs, money laundering and misuse of computer systems.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and meeting in relation to the establishment troubleshooting and maintenance of the encrypted communications platform.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP was successful in numerous referrals to other law enforcement agencies, resulting in 16 arrests and a large number of seizures conducted by other law enforcement agencies as a result of these referrals.

The AFP gathered valuable and otherwise unattainable information in relation to various criminal methodologies under this Major Controlled Operation.

Major controlled operation number: 18-19/39

Date of application

20 November 2018

Authorising officer

Scott Lee, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Operations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:15 pm on 20 November 2018, Scott Lee, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

20 November 2018 to 19 November 2020

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 14 February 2019

On 15 February 2019, Neil Gaughan, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 18 February 2019

On 19 February 2019, Alexander Ward, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 19 May 2019.

Date of variation application: 16 May 2019

On 16 May 2019, Brenton John Illingworth, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 19 August 2019.

Date of variation application: 12 August 2019

On 12 August 2019, Peter Britten-Jones, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 19 November 2019.

Date of variation application: 14 November 2019

On 14 November 2019, Brenton John Illingworth, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 19 February 2020.

Date of variation application: 17 February 2020

On 17 February 2020, Alexander Ward, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 19 May 2020.

Date of variation application: 15 May 2020

On 15 May 2020, Brenton John Illingworth, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 19 August 2020.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation, trafficking, conspiracy to import and attempted possession of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs; fraud, bribery or corruption and money laundering.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to the importation of prohibited imports. The sale, purchase and possession of prohibited imports.

Dealt in/with the proceeds and instruments of crime.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(2) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs and this syndicate. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 19-20/20

Date of application

16 October 2019

Authorising officer

Neil Gaughan, Deputy Commissioner Operations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:55 pm on 16 October 2019, Neil Gaughan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

16 October 2019 to 15 July 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 14 January 2020

On 14 January 2020, Stephanie Ann Forgie, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 15 April 2020.

Date of variation application: 9 April 2020

On 9 April 2020, Robert Cameron, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 15 July 2020.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation, trafficking, attempted possession and conspiracy to import commercial quantities of border controlled drugs; importation, pre-trafficking and conspiracy to import border controlled precursors; fraud and money laundering.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(2)(a) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(2)(a) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information in relation to the methodologies used by criminal syndicates across multiple crime types.

Major controlled operation number: 19-20/32

Date of application

19 December 2019

Authorising officer

Karl Kent, Deputy Commissioner Capability

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:15 am on 24 December 2019, Karl Kent, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

24 December 2019 to 23 September 2020

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 14 May 2020

On 15 May 2020, Karl Kent, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 22 July 2020

On 22 July 2020, Ian McCartney, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 12 March 2020

On 12 March 2020, Peter McDermott, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 23 June 2020.

Date of variation application: 11 June 2020

On 11 June 2020, Peter McDermott, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 23 September 2020.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation, conspiracy to import and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and meetings in relation to the importation, supply and purchase of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	AUD1,500,000
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	During the controlled operation the illicit goods travelled from Canberra, Australia to Strathfield Sydney, Australia

Narcotic goods w

Type	Cocaine
Weight/Quantity	8 g (gross)
Current Location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	During the controlled operation the illicit goods travelled from South America to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	The following person/s had possession of the narcotic goods in the course of the operation: This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Outcomes

Two persons were arrested and charged with drug related offences. The AFP gathered valuable information in relation to this syndicate and methodologies used by other criminal groups.

Major controlled operation number: 19-20/35

Date of application

9 January 2020

Authorising officer

Neil Gaughan, Deputy Commissioner Operations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:55 am on 10 January 2020, Neil Gaughan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

10 January 2020 to 9 July 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 7 April 2020

On 7 April 2020, Bernard Joseph McCabe, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 9 July 2020.

Date of variation application: 8 July 2020

On 8 July 2020, Brian Wade Rayment, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 9 October 2020.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of conspiracy to import a commercial quantity of a border controlled drug.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Attempted to engage in communications with the targets.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 19-20/54

Date of application

10 March 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:42 pm on 13 March 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

13 March 2020 to 12 September 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 12 June 2020

On 12 June 2020, Bernard McCabe, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 12 September 2020.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications within an encrypted communications network in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 19-20/62

Date of application

9 April 2020

Authorising officer

Paula Hudson, performing the duties of Commander ACCCE and Child Protection Operations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:24 pm on 9 April 2020, Paula Hudson, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 April 2020 to 9 October 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application:

On 8 July 2020, Alexander Ward, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 9 October 2020.

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation of a commercial quantity

of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information in relation to the methodologies used for the importation of border controlled drugs.

Major controlled operation number: 19-20/63

Date of application

9 April 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:48 pm on 10 April 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

10 April 2020 to 8 December 2020

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 22 April 2020

On 27 April 2020 Ian McCartney, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 7 July 2020

On 8 July 2020, Stephen Boyle, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 8 October 2020.

Date of variation application: 6 October 2020

On 6 October 2020, Stephen Boyle, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 8 January 2021.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation, attempted possession and conspiracy to traffic commercial quantities of border controlled drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

At 5:12 pm on 8 December 2020 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications, introductions and transactions in relation to the purchase of a mechanical pill press and rapport building.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	AUD27,000 Mechanical pill press Cutting agent (inert powder)
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	During the course of the operation the illicit goods travelled from Mandogalup, Western Australia to Murray Street, West Perth, Western Australia

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The investigation was finalised due to no reasonable prospects of a successful outcome.

Major controlled operation number: 19-20/64

Date of application

23 March 2020

Authorising officer

Karl Kent, Deputy Commissioner Specialist and Support Operations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:45 pm on 20 April 2020, Karl Kent, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

20 April 2020 to 19 July 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of money laundering.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 19-20/65

Date of application

22 April 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:45 pm on 22 April 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

22 April 2020 to 21 July 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 19-20/66

Date of application

14 May 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:30 pm on 18 May 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

18 May 2020 to 17 November 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 13 August 2020

On 13 August 2020, Stephanie Ann Forgie, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 17 November 2020.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 19-20/67

Date of application

28 April 2020

Authorising officer

Kirsty Schofield, Commander Investigations,
Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:05 pm on 28 April 2020, Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

28 April 2020 to 27 July 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 19-20/68

Date of application

26 April 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:23 pm on 28 April 2020 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

28 April 2020 to 20 July 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation, trafficking, attempted possession and conspiracy to import commercial quantities of border controlled drugs, as well as the importation, pre-trafficking and conspiracy to import border controlled precursors; fraud and money laundering.

Cancellation

At 3:14 pm on 20 July 2020 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Controlled operation number: 19-20/72

Date of application

6 May 2020

Authorising officer

Jayne Crossling, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 6:16 pm on 6 May 2020, Jayne Crossling, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

6 May 2020 to 28 August 2020

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 7 May 2020

On 7 May 2020, Jayne Crossling, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 11 May 2020

On 12 May 2020, Ian McCartney, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 5 August 2020.

On 5 August 2020, Robert Cameron, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 5 November 2020.

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 10:19 am on 28 August 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and arrangements with the targets in relation to the delivery and/or hand over of the fully substituted consignment/s purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	19.3 kg (gross) 25.8 kg (gross)
Current Location	9.8 kg Cocaine and 13.8 kg Methamphetamine are located with the AFP. Samples have been provided to the National Measurements Institute. 9.5 kg Cocaine and 12 kg Methamphetamine were located with the United States of America law enforcement authorities.
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, to El Paso, Texas, United States of America to Louisville, Kentucky, United States of America to Honolulu, Hawaii, United States of America to Botany, Australia to Melbourne, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No person had possession of the narcotic good during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used by the syndicate in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Major controlled operation number: 19-20/75

Date of application

14 May 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:40 pm on 23 May 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

23 May 2020 to 22 November 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application:

21 August 2020

On 21 August 2020, Dominique Kristen Grigg, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 22 November 2020.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of terrorism.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in online communications to build rapport with the target.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 19-20/76

Date of application

25 May 2020

Authorising officer

Todd Hunter, Commander Investigations,
Northern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:40 pm on 25 May 2020, Todd Hunter, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

25 May 2020 to 24 August 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 3:50 pm on 24 August 2020, Todd Hunter, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(2)(a) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

Three targets were arrested in relation to drug related offences.

Controlled operation number: 19-20/77

Date of application

3 June 2020

Narcotic goods

Nil

Authorising officer

Michael Chew, Deputy Chief Police Officer Response

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:10 pm on 3 June 2020, Michael Chew, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

3 June 2020 to 2 August 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of dealing in child abuse material.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Major controlled operation number: 19-20/78

Date of application

10 June 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:48 am on 11 June 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

11 June 2020 to 10 December 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 10 September 2020

On 10 September 2020, Gary Humphries, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 10 December 2020.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of terrorism.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in online rapport building communications with the target.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 19-20/79

Date of application

5 June 2020

Authorising officer

Michael Chew, Deputy Chief Police Officer Response

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:08 pm on 5 June 2020, Michael Chew, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

5 June 2020 to 28 July 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of dealing in child abuse material and misuse of a computer system or electronic communications.

Cancellation

At 2:41 pm on 28 July 2020, Michael Chew, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in online communications relating to messages of a sexual nature.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The target was arrested and charged with misuse of carriage service and child abuse offences. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 19-20/80

Date of application

9 June 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:18 pm on 14 June 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

14 June 2020 to 13 September 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of terrorism.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Attempted to engage in online communications.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of the investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 19-20/81

Date of application

10 June 2020

Illicit goods

Nil

Authorising officer

Raymond Imbriano, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Narcotic goods

Nil

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:51 pm on 10 June 2020, Raymond Imbriano, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

10 June 2020 to 9 July 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Major controlled operation number: 19-20/84

Date of application

16 June 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:57 pm on 17 June 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

17 June 2020 to 16 December 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 15 September 2020

On 15 September 2020, Stephanie Ann Forgie, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 16 December 2020.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable intelligence in relation to the methodologies used by the target for the importation of border controlled drugs. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 19-20/86

Date of application

18 June 2020

Authorising officer

Krissy Barrett, Commander Investigations,
Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:19 pm on 18 June 2020, Krissy Barrett, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

18 June 2020 to 7 September 2020

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 17 July 2020

On 17 July 2020 Krissy Barrett, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 3:03 pm on 7 September 2020, Raymond Imbriano, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methyl alpha-acetylphenylacetate
Weight/Quantity	200 kg (gross)
Current Location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: China via Singapore to Melbourne, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No person had possession of the narcotic good during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

This investigation was referred to Victoria Police.

Controlled operation number: 19-20/87

Date of application

22 June 2020

Authorising officer

Raymond Imbriano, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:38 am on 22 June 2020, Raymond Imbriano, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

22 June 2020 to 21 July 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and arrangements in regards to the delivery/collection of the consignment.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	4.072 kg (net)
Current Location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Selangor, Malaysia via Singapore, to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No person had possession of the narcotic good during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested in relation to drug related offences.

Major controlled operation number: 19-20/88

Date of application

18 June 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:52 pm on 23 June 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

23 June 2020 to 22 October 2020

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 16 September 2020

On 16 September 2020, Ian McCartney, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 21 September 2020

On 21 September 2020, Josephine Kelly, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 22 December 2020.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs; and trafficking of commercial quantities of controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 4:00 pm on 22 October 2020, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications, meetings and transactions in relation to the facilitation of the importation of border controlled drugs. Dealt with and possessed money in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	AUD5,000
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	An unknown location to Sydney Olympic Park, New South Wales

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	Unknown
Current Location	Turkish National Police
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Iran to Istanbul, Turkey
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No person had possession of the narcotic good during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drug and money laundering related offences.

Controlled operation number: 19-20/90

Date of application

25 June 2020

Authorising officer

Brett James, Commander Operations,
Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:56 pm on 25 June 2020, Brett James, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

25 June 2020 to 6 July 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 8:25 am on 6 July 2020, Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to update the status of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Facilitated the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	957.5 g (net)
Current Location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Netherlands to Melbourne, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No person had possession of the narcotic good during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 19-20/92

Date of application

29 June 2020

Authorising officer

Todd Hunter, performing the duties of Commander Investigations (Qld & NT)

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(b) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:50 pm on 29 June 2020, Todd Hunter, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued an urgent authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

29 June 2020 to 5 July 2020

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to the delivery/collection of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Facilitation of the collection of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	7462.8 g (net)
Current Location	AFP. Samples have been provided to the National Measurement Institute.
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United States of America, to Sydney and Brisbane, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No person had possession of the narcotic good during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Two targets were arrested and charged with drug related offences.

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SCHEDULE 3
AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
INTEGRITY – CURRENT REPORTING PERIOD



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Excluded information

ACLEI operations fully excluded

Nil

ACLEI operations partly excluded

COA 01 of 2020

COA 02 of 2020

Previously excluded information published in 2020–21

ACLEI operations fully excluded – now reported in full

Nil

ACLEI operations partly excluded – now reported in full

Nil

ACLEI operations fully excluded – now reported in part

Nil

QUANTITATIVE SUMMARY

Subsection 15HM(1) of the Act stipulates that as soon as practicable after 31 December and 30 June in each financial year the chief officer of each authorising agency must submit a report to the Ombudsman setting out the details required by subsection 15HM(2). The following table sets out these details for 2020-21.

Provision	Details required	Number
Subsection 15HM(2) (a)	Formal authorities that were:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ granted by an ACLEI authorising officer during the period ▪ varied by an ACLEI authorising officer during the period 	2 1
Subsection 15HM(2) (b)	Formal applications for formal authorities refused by an ACLEI authorising officer during the period	0
Subsection 15HM(2) (c)	Formal variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by an ACLEI authorising officer	0
	Urgent variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by an ACLEI authorising officer	0
Subsection 15HM(2) (d)	Urgent authorities that were:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ granted by an ACLEI authorising officer during the period ▪ varied by an ACLEI authorising officer during the period 	0 0
Subsection 15HM(2) (e)	Formal applications for urgent authorities refused by an ACLEI authorising officer	0
	Urgent applications for urgent authorities refused by an ACLEI authorising officer	0
Subsection 15HM(2) (f)	Formal variation applications for the variation of urgent authorities refused by an ACLEI authorising officer	0
	Urgent variation applications for the variation of urgent authorities refused by an ACLEI authorising officer	0
Subsection 15HM(2) (g)	Formal authorities that were varied by a nominated AAT member during the period	0
Subsection 15HM(2) (h)	Formal variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by a nominated AAT member	0
	Urgent variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by a nominated AAT member	0
Subsection 15HM(2) (t)	Authorities for controlled operations that:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ were cancelled by an ACLEI authorising officer during the period ▪ expired during the period 	2 0

Controlled operation number: COA 01 of 2020

Date of application

21 July 2020

Authorising officer

Jaala Hinchcliffe, Integrity Commissioner

Nature of application

This formal application was made pursuant to 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:37 pm on 21 July 2020, Jaala Hinchcliffe, an authorised officer within the meaning of 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

21 July 2020 to 15 September 2020

ACLEI variation of authority

Variation 1 was applied for on 4 August 2020 and granted on 6 August 2020 by ACLEI Integrity Commissioner Jaala Hinchcliffe.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the corrupt exchange of protected information for money.

Cancellation

At 3:53 pm on 15 September 2020, Jaala Hinchcliffe, Integrity Commissioner cancelled the controlled operation at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15NH(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15NH(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

Whilst the controlled operation did not identify specific law enforcement officers acting corruptly, it provided valuable intelligence on the target's organised criminal network. This information supports the premise that the network is being assisted by serving members of law enforcement agencies.

Controlled operation number: COA 02 of 2020

Date of application

25 September 2020

Authorising officer

Jaala Hinchcliffe, Integrity Commissioner

Nature of application

This formal application was made pursuant to 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:53 am on 25 September 2020, Jaala Hinchcliffe, an authorised officer within the meaning of 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

25 September 2020 to 9 October 2020

ACLEI variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the potential release of official information to an organised criminal network by unknown law enforcement officials, to assist with the importation of illicit undeclared tobacco products with the intention to defraud revenue.

Cancellation

At 2:48 pm on 9 October 2020, Jaala Hinchcliffe, Integrity Commissioner cancelled the controlled operation at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15NH(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15NH(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Approximately 600kg of tobacco molasses and approximately 3 million cigarettes were seized as evidence and secured by Australian Border Force.

During the controlled operation the illicit goods arrived into Melbourne, Australia on a cargo vessel.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15NH(2) and (4) of the Act.

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SCHEDULE 4
AUSTRALIAN CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE COMMISSION
CURRENT REPORTING PERIOD



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Excluded information

ACIC operations fully excluded

CO19087, CO19092, CO20022, CO20070, CO20090, CO21002, CO21006, CO21012,
CO21023, CO21026, CO21028, CO21030, CO21031 and CO21034

ACIC operations partly excluded – not to be reported

ACC SOC 002

ACC 2003-04/6, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 19

ACC 2004-05/1, 2, 3, and 6

ACC 2005-06/1 to 12

ACC 2006-07/1 to 4

ACC 2007-08/2 to 15

ACC 2008-09/1, 2, 4-7, 9-11, 13-17, 20-23

ACC 2009-10/1 to 4 and 7 to 13

These authorities remain the subject of partial exclusions based on now repealed subsections 15T(93) and 15T(4) and are not reported on in this annual report.

ACIC operations partly excluded

CO19019, CO19028, CO19060, CO19065, CO19079, CO19088, CO19103, CO19105,
CO20004, CO20008, CO20010, CO20011, CO20016, CO20020, CO20021, CO20024,
CO20025, CO20028, CO20029, CO20031, CO20033, CO20035, CO20036, CO20037,
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CO20094, CO21001, CO21003, CO21005, CO21007, CO21008, CO21009, CO21010,
CO21013, CO21014, CO21016, CO21017, CO21019, CO21020, CO21021, CO21022,
CO21024, CO21025, CO21032 and CO21033

ACIC operations reported in full

CO20077

Previously excluded information published in 2019–2020

ACIC operations fully excluded – now reported in full

Nil

ACIC operations partly excluded – now reported in full

Nil

ACIC operations fully excluded – now reported in part

CO19019, CO19028, CO19060, CO19065, CO19079, CO19088, CO19103, CO19105,
 CO20004, CO20008, CO20010, CO20011, CO20020, CO20025, CO20028, CO20029,
 CO20031, CO20033, CO20035, CO20036, CO20037, CO20038, CO20041, CO20042,
 CO20043, CO20044, CO20047, CO20048, CO20050 and CO20051

QUANTITATIVE SUMMARY

Subsection 15HM(1) of the Act stipulates that as soon as practicable after 31 December and 30 June in each financial year the chief officer of each authorising agency must submit a report to the Ombudsman setting out the details required by subsection 15HM(2). The following table sets out these details for 2020-2021.

Provision	Details required	Number
Subsection 15HM(2)(a)	Formal authorities that were:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ granted by an ACIC authorising officer for the period ▪ varied by an ACIC authorising officer for the period 	61 35
Subsection 15HM(2)(b)	Formal applications for formal authorities refused by an ACIC authorising officer during the period	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(c)	Formal variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by an ACIC authorising officer	0
	Urgent variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by an ACIC authorising officer	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(d)	Urgent authorities that were:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ granted by an ACIC authorising officer during the period ▪ varied by an ACIC authorising officer during the period 	4 0
Subsection 15HM(2)(e)	Formal applications for urgent authorities refused by an ACIC authorising officer	0
	Urgent applications for urgent authorities refused by an ACIC authorising officer	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(f)	Formal variation applications for the variation of urgent authorities that were refused by an ACIC authorising officer	0
	Urgent variation applications for the variation of urgent authorities that were refused by an ACIC authorising officer	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(g)	Formal authorities that were varied by a nominated AAT member during the period	64
Subsection 15HM(2)(h)	Formal variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by a nominated AAT member	0
	Urgent variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by a nominated AAT member:	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(t)	Number of authorities for controlled operations that	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ were cancelled by an ACIC authorising officer ▪ expired during the period 	30 54

Some of the authorities issued during the 2020-2021 reporting year were still ongoing at the end of the reporting period; these authorities are included in the first annual report after they have expired

Controlled operation number: CO19019/07/6

Date of application

28 March 2019

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:00 pm on 28 March 2019, Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

28 March 2019 to 27 March 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 5 April 2019 by ACIC authorising officer Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to add a civilian participant.

Variation 2 was granted on 10 October 19 by ACIC authorising officer Peter Morgan, performing the duties of Acting State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to add a civilian participant.

Variation 3 was granted on 20 January 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to add additional law enforcement participants and civilian participants.

Variation 4 was granted on 15 May 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to add additional law enforcement participants and civilian participants.

Variation 5 was granted on 9 November 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied by the authorising

officer's own initiative to add law enforcement participants and remove civilian participants.

Variation 6 was granted on 18 December 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Gregory Schott, performing the duties of Acting State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to remove a civilian participant.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 26 June 2019 by James William Constance, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 23 September 2019 by Adria Marissa Poljak, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 3) was applied for on 18 December 2019 and granted on 19 December 2019 by Brian Wade Rayment, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 4) was applied for and granted on 20 March 2020 by James William Constance, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 5) was applied for and granted on 25 June 2020 by Bernard McCabe, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 6) was applied for and granted on 23 September 2020 by Brian Wade Rayment, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 7) was applied for on 21 December 2020 and granted on 22 December 2020 by Josephine Jelly, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in the importation, trafficking and manufacture of illicit narcotics and money laundering. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO19028/05/1

Date of application

25 March 2019

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:00 pm on 25 March 2019, Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

25 March 2019 to 24 September 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 12 June 2019 by ACIC authorising officer Peter James Morgan, performing the duties of Acting State Manager Western Australia. The authority was varied to add a civilian participant.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 14 June 2019 by Michael John McGrowdie, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 13 September 2019 by Josephine Kelly, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 3) was applied for on 18 December 2019 and granted on 19 December 2019 by Brian Wade Rayment, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 4) was applied for and granted on 20 March 2020 by James William Constance, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 5) was applied for and granted on 25 June 2020 by Bernard McCabe, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of controlled substances and the laundering of the associated proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in the importation, trafficking and manufacture of illicit narcotics. The controlled operation identified previously unknown members of the syndicate. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO19060/07/3

Date of application

26 June 2019

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:05am on 26 June 2019, Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

26 June 2019 to 21 June 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 14 August 2019 by ACIC authorising officer Peter Morgan, performing the duties of Acting State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to add a civilian participant.

Variation 2 was granted on 9 November 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to add law enforcement participants and civilian participants.

Variation 3 was granted on 24 November 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Gregory Schott, performing the duties of Acting State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to add a law enforcement participant.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 25 September 2019 by Adria Marissa Poljak, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for on 18 December 2019 and granted on 19 December 2019 by Brian Wade Rayment, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 3) was applied for and granted on 20 March 2020 by James William Constance, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 4) was applied for and granted on 22 June 2020 by Bernard McCabe, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 5) was applied for and granted on 16 September 2020 by Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 6) was applied for and granted on 16 December 2020 by Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 7) was applied for and granted on 19 March 2021 by Josephine Jelly, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 21 June 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations. The authority was cancelled due to the controlled operation reaching the legislated maximum duration.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets and obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs and money laundering. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO19065/03/2

Date of application

22 July 2019

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:05 pm on 22 July 2019, Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

22 July 2019 to 21 July 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 30 July 2019 by authorising officer Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to add a law enforcement participant.

Variation 2 was granted on 25 June 2020 by authorising officer Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to add a law enforcement participant.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 14 October 2019 by Josephine Kelly, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 13 January 2020 by Brian Wade Rayment, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 3) was applied for and granted on 17 April 2020 by Bernard McCabe, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and possession of illicit narcotics and the associated laundering of the proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the target and their involvement in the importation, trafficking and manufacture of illicit narcotics. The controlled operation identified previously unknown members of the syndicate. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO19079/03/2

Date of application

16 August 2019

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls performing the duties of State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:05 am on 16 August 2019, Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

16 August 2019 to 15 August 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 18 February 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria. The authority was varied to add law enforcement participants and civilian participants as well as to include additional conduct.

Variation 2 was applied for and granted on 21 February 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria. The authority was varied to add law enforcement participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 11 November 2019 by Stephanie Ann Forgie, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 6 February 2020 by Robert Cameron, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 3) was applied for and granted on 13 May 2020 by Robert Cameron, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs and the laundering of associated proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the target and their involvement in the importation and trafficking of illicit goods and money laundering activities.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO19088/04/1

Date of application

24 September 2019

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:05 pm on 24 September 2019, Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

24 September 2019 to 23 December 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 26 October 2020 by authorising officer Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to add and remove law enforcement participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for on 18 December 2019 and granted on 19 December 2019 by Brian Wade Rayment, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 23 March 2020 by Bernard McCabe, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 3) was applied for and granted on 22 June 2020 by Bernard McCabe, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 4) was applied for and granted on 16 September 2020 by Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation

and trafficking of illicit narcotics and the laundering of the associated proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the target and their involvement in the importation of illicit narcotics.

Controlled operation number: CO19103/03/1

Date of application

18 October 2019

Authorising officer

Douglas Marshall Miller, State Manager
Western Australia

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:30 pm on 18 October 2019, Douglas Marshall Miller, State Manager Western Australia, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

18 October 2019 to 1 September 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 16 January 2020 by authorising officer Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to add a law enforcement participant and remove a civilian participant.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 17 January 2020 by Michelle Evans, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 14 April 2020 by Stephen Boyle, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 3) was applied for and granted on 9 July 2020 by Stephen Boyle, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the trafficking of illicit narcotics and the laundering of the associated proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 1 September 2020 by ACIC authorising Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia. The authority was cancelled as the targets did not have the ability to acquire border controlled drugs.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in the importation and trafficking of illicit narcotics and associated money laundering activities. The controlled operation identified previously unknown members of the syndicate.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO19105/03/0

Date of application

29 October 2019

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria.

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:00pm on 29 October 2019, Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

29 October 2019 to 2 October 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for on 21 January 2020 and granted on 22 January 2020 by Stephanie Ann Forgie, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 21 April 2020 by Brendan Illingworth, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 3) was applied for and granted on 27 July 2020 by Marten Kennedy, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 2 October 2020 by authorising officer Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria. The authority was cancelled as the intended outcomes of the controlled operation had been achieved.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in money laundering activities and the importation, trafficking and manufacture of illicit narcotics. Additionally, the controlled operation identified previously unknown members of the syndicate. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO20004/02/1

Date of application

22 January 2020

Authorising officer

Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:10 am on 22 January 2020, Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

22 January 2020 to 21 October 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 18 June 2020 by authorising officer Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia. The authority was varied to add a civilian participant and an additional target.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 21 April 2020 by Michelle Evans-Bonner, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 17 July 2020 by Michelle Evans-Bonner, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in money laundering activities.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO20008/03/1

Date of application

14 February 2020

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales.

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:45 pm on 14 February 2020, Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

22 January 2020 to 21 October 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 23 October 2020 by authorising officer Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied to add and remove law enforcement participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 12 May 2020 by Bernard McCabe, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 12 August 2020 by Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 3) was applied for and granted on 10 November 2020 by Brian Wade Rayment, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs, money laundering and abuse of public office.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs.

Controlled operation number: CO20010/04/5

Date of application

12 February 2020

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales.

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 8:25 am on 12 February 2020, Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

12 February 2020 to 4 March 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 29 April 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include additional controlled conduct for both law enforcement participants and civilian participants.

Variation 2 was granted on 10 June 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to add law enforcement participants.

Variation 3 was granted on 21 July 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include additional controlled conduct for law enforcement participants and civilian participants.

Variation 4 was granted on 9 November 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to add and remove law enforcement participants.

Variation 5 was granted on 12 December 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Gregory Schott, performing the duties of Acting State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include additional controlled conduct for both law enforcement participants and civilian participants and to add and remove law enforcement participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 11 May 2020 by Bernard McCabe, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 10 August 2020 by Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 3) was applied for and granted on 10 November 2020 by Brian Wade Rayment, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 4) was applied for on 8 February 2021 and granted on 9 February 2021 by Brian Wade Rayment, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 4 March 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy. The authority was cancelled due to an administrative issue being identified in relation to the authority.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs and money laundering. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO20011/01/3

Date of application

4 March 2020

Authorising officer

Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:30 am on 4 March 2020, Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

4 March to 3 September 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 20 May 2020 by authorising officer Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia. The authority was varied to include additional conduct for law enforcement participants and civilian participants.

Variation 2 was applied for and granted on 3 June 2020 by authorising officer Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria. The authority was varied to add and remove law enforcement participants.

Variation 3 was applied for and granted on 10 June 2020 by authorising officer Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria. The authority was varied to add and remove law enforcement participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 3 June 2020 by Stephanie Ann Forgie, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in money laundering activities. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO20016/01/2

Date of application

13 August 2020

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:20 pm on 13 August 2020, Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

13 August 2020 to 12 February 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 13 May 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to add law enforcement participants and civilian participants.

Variation 2 was granted on 26 October 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include additional controlled conduct for both law enforcement participants and civilian participants and add law enforcement participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 12 November 2020 by Bernard McCabe, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the trafficking of controlled drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO20020/01/2

Date of application

23 March 2020

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:55 pm on 23 March 2020, Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

23 March 2020 to 22 September 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 13 May 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied to add law enforcement participants and civilian participants.

Variation 2 was granted on 12 June 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to add law enforcement participants and a civilian participant.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 17 June 2020 by Bernard McCabe, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs and money laundering. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO20021/02/2

Date of application

2 July 2020

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:05 pm on 2 July 2020, Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

2 July 2020 to 31 March 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 9 September 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria. The authority was varied to add law enforcement participants.

Variation 2 was applied for and granted on 27 January 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria. The authority was varied to include additional conduct for law enforcement participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 29 September 2020 by Stephanie Ann Forgie, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 23 December 2021 by Stephanie Ann Forgie, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 31 March 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations. The authority was cancelled as the investigation was expanding beyond the nature of conduct that was outlined in the formal application. Accordingly, a new authority was sought.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely money laundering. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO20024/00/0

Date of application

13 August 2020

Authorising officer

Charles Byron Carver, performing the duties of State Manager Queensland

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:00 pm on 13 August 2020, Charles Byron Carver, performing the duties of State Manager Queensland, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

13 August 2020 to 12 November 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation, trafficking and supply of illicit drugs and the associated laundering of the proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in the importation, trafficking and manufacture of illicit drugs as well as identifying previously unknown targets.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO20025/00/0

Date of application

22 May 2020

Illicit goods

Nil

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales

Narcotic goods

Nil

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled conduct was undertaken.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:50 pm on 22 May 2020, Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

22 May 2020 to 21 August 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

No persons were identified during the course of the operation.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Controlled operation number: CO20028/03/4

Date of application

31 March 2020

Authorising officer

Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:30 am on 31 March 2020, Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

31 March 2020 to 19 March 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 4 June 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to add a law enforcement participant and a civilian participant.

Variation 2 was granted on 19 June 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to add a civilian participant.

Variation 3 was granted on 27 August 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include additional conduct for a civilian participant as well as add and remove a civilian participant.

Variation 4 was granted on 16 September 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to remove a civilian participant.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 26 June 2020 by Michelle Evans-Bonner, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 23 September 2020 by Stephen Boyle, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 3) was applied for and granted on 21 December 2020 by Michelle Evans-Bonner, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation, trafficking and possession of illicit drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 19 March 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy. The authority was cancelled as the covert strategy did not progress as anticipated and engagement with the target ceased.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in the importation and trafficking of illicit narcotics and money laundering. Additionally, the controlled operation identified previously unknown members of the syndicate.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO20029/02/1

Date of application

17 April 2020

Authorising officer

Charles Byron Carver, performing the duties of State Manager Queensland

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:15 pm on 17 April 2020, Charles Byron Carver, performing the duties of State Manager Queensland, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

17 April 2020 to 16 January 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 8 May 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Charles Byron Carver, performing the duties of State Manager Queensland. The authority was varied to include additional controlled conduct for law enforcement participants and civilian participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 8 July 2020 by Stephen Boyle, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 9 October 2020 by Dominique Kristen Grigg, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and possession of illicit drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs whilst also identifying previously unknown targets. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO20031/00/0

Date of application

24 April 2020

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:05 am on 24 April 2020, Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

24 April 2020 to 23 July 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation, trafficking and supply of controlled substances and the associated laundering of the proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the target and confirmed their involvement in illicit narcotic activities.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO20033/00/0

Date of application

17 April 2020

Authorising officer

Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 6:45 pm on 17 April 2020, Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

17 April 2020 to 16 July 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and possession of illicit narcotics and the associated laundering of the proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in illicit drug activities. The controlled operation did not progress as intended due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Controlled operation number: CO20035/01/1

Date of application

8 May 2020

Authorising officer

Charles Byron Carver, performing the duties of State Manager Queensland

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:10am on 8 May 2020, Charles Byron Carver, performing the duties of State Manager Queensland, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

8 May 2020 to 7 November 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 31 May 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy. The authority was varied to add law enforcement participants and a civilian participant as well as to remove a law enforcement participant.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 5 August 2020 by Gary Humphries, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit narcotics and the laundering of the proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation confirmed the true identity of the target and confirmed their involvement in corrupt activities. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO20036/00/0

Date of application

15 May 2020

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:30 am on 15 May 2020, Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

15 May 2020 to 14 August 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation, trafficking and supply of illicit drugs and the associated laundering of the proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

There were no valuable outcomes due to the limited controlled conduct undertaken. The investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO20037/00/0

Date of application

11 May 2020

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:20 pm on 11 May 2020, Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

11 May 2020 to 10 August 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled activity was conducted under this authority. The controlled operation did not progress as intended due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Controlled operation number: CO20038/00/0

Date of application

22 May 2020

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:00 pm on 22 May 2020, Darshana Sivakumaran performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

22 May 2020 to 21 August 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, including the involvement in money laundering activities. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets and the investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO20041/01/1

Date of application

8 May 2020

Authorising officer

Charles Byron Carver, performing the duties of State Manager Queensland

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:00 pm 8 May 2020, Charles Byron Carver, performing the duties of State Manager Queensland, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

8 May 2020 to 25 September 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 1 July 2020 by authorising officer Charles Byron Carver, performing the duties of State Manager. The authority was varied to add law enforcement participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for on 3 August 2020 and granted on 4 August 2020 by Stephen Boyle, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit narcotics and the laundering of the associated proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 25 September 2020 by authorising officer Carey Stent, performing the duties of Acting State Manager Queensland. The authority was cancelled as there was no further opportunity to engage with the targets.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in money laundering illicit narcotic activities. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO20042/01/0

Date of application

11 June 2020

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:00 pm on 11 June 2020, Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

11 June 2020 to 10 December 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 9 September 2020 by Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in money laundering activities, criminal activities and identifying previously unknown targets. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO20043/00/0

Date of application

1 June 2020

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:00 am on 1 June 2020 Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

1 June 2020 to 31 August 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled conduct was undertaken.

Controlled operation number: CO20044/01/1

Date of application

31 May 2020

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:41 pm on 31 May 2020, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

31 May 2020 to 10 November 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 20 August 2020 by authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy. The authority was varied to include an additional civilian participant.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 27 August 2020 by Gary Humphries, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into importation and trafficking of illicit narcotics.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 10 November 2020 by authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy. The authority was cancelled once determined that the authorised controlled conduct would not be able to proceed.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled activity was conducted under this authority.

Controlled operation number: CO20045/00/0

Date of application

11 August 2020

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:40 am on 12 August 2020, Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

12 August 2020 to 24 September 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 24 September 2020 by authorising officer Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria. The authority was cancelled at the conclusion of the ACIC project.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in money laundering activities. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO20047/00/0

Date of application

5 June 2020

Illicit goods

Nil

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria

Narcotic goods

Nil

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled activity was conducted under this authority.

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:54 am on 5 June 2020, Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

5 June 2020 to 4 September 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Controlled operation number: CO20048/00/0

Date of application

9 June 2020

Authorising officer

Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:40 am on 9 June 2020, Douglas Marshall Miller performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 June 2020 to 1 September 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 1 September 2020 by authorising officer Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia. The authority was cancelled once the authorised controlled conduct had been completed.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the target and their methodology for laundering the proceeds of crime. The controlled operation identified previously unknown members of the criminal organisation and resulted in the arrest of one person.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO20050/00/0

Date of application

29 June 2020

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:00 pm on 29 June 2020, Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

29 June 2020 to 28 September 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into trafficking of illicit narcotics and the laundering of the associated proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in money laundering activities

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO20051/03/1

Date of application

25 June 2020

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:00 am on 30 June 2020, Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

30 June 2020 to 29 June 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 29 March 2021 by authorising officer Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations. The authority was varied to add and remove law enforcement participants

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 28 September 2020 by Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 24 December 2020 by Stephanie Ann Forgie, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 3) was applied for and granted on 23 March 2021 by Robert Cameron, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs, tobacco offences and money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO20052/01/1

Date of application

16 July 2020

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:25pm on 17 July 2020, Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

17 July 2020 to 16 January 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was applied for on 21 October 2020 and granted on 22 October 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria. The authority was varied to include additional law enforcement participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 15 October 2020 by Brenton John Illingworth, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation of illicit drugs and associated money laundering offences.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs as well as associated money laundering offences. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO20055/02/0

Date of application

10 July 2020

Authorising officer

Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:05 on 13 July 2020, Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

13 July 2020 to 19 March 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 9 October 2020 by Stephen Boyle, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 6 January 2021 by Michelle Evans-Bonner, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation, trafficking and possession of illicit drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 19 March 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy. The authority was cancelled due to the covert strategy not progressing as engagement with the target ceased.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the target and their involvement in the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs. In addition, the controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to money laundering activities.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO20056/00/0

Date of application

7 July 2020

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:55 am on 7 July 2020, Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

7 July 2020 to 6 October 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs and associated money laundering offences.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in the importation, trafficking and manufacture of illicit drugs and identified previously unknown targets.

Controlled operation number: CO20058/01/0

Date of application

9 July 2020

Authorising officer

Charles Byron Carver, performing the duties of State Manager Queensland

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:00 pm on 9 July 2020, Charles Byron Carver, performing the duties of State Manager Queensland, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 July 2020 to 17 December 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 1 October 2020 by Bernard Joseph McCabe, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit narcotics and related money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 17 December 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Gregory Schott, performing the duties of Acting State Manager New South Wales. The authority was cancelled as the investigation ceased.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled activity was conducted under this authority.

Controlled operation number: CO20061/00/0

Date of application

22 July 2020

Authorising officer

Gregory Schott, performing the duties of Acting State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:15pm on 22 July 2020, Gregory Schott, performing the duties of Acting State Manager New South Wales, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

22 July 2020 to 21 October 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs and the laundering of the associated proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled activity was conducted under this authority.

Controlled operation number: CO20062/00/0

Date of application

27 August 2020

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:05 pm on 27 August 2020, Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

27 August 2020 to 26 November 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into dishonestly causing a loss to a Commonwealth entity, money laundering and tax evasion.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled activity was conducted under this authority.

Controlled operation number: CO20063/01/0

Date of application

30 July 2020

Authorising officer

Gregory Schott, performing the duties of Acting State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:25 pm on 30 July 2020, Gregory Schott, performing the duties of Acting State Manager New South Wales, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

30 July 2020 to 29 January 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 29 October 2020 by Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the target and their involvement in criminal activities. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO20064/00/0

Date of application

31 July 2020

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:44pm on 31 July 2020, Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

31 July 2020 to 30 October 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled activity was conducted under this authority. The controlled operation did not progress as intended due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Controlled operation number: CO20065/00/0

Date of application

14 August 2020

Authorising officer

Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:20pm on 14 August 2020, Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

14 August 2020 to 15 October 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit narcotics and the laundering of the associated proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 15 October 2020 by authorising officer Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia. The authority was cancelled as the authorised controlled conduct was no longer able to be undertaken.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely the importation, trafficking and manufacture of illicit narcotics and identified previously unknown targets.

Controlled operation number: CO20068/00/0

Date of application

27 August 2020

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:45 pm on 27 August 2020, Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

27 August 2020 to 26 November 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in money laundering activities.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO20069/00/0

Date of application

19 August 2020

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:25 am on 19 August 2020, Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

19 August 2020 to 18 November 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the target and their involvement in money laundering activities and identified previously unknown targets. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO20071/00/0

Date of application

21 August 2020

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:10 pm on 21 August 2020, Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

21 August 2020 to 20 November 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation, trafficking and supply of illicit drugs and related money laundering offences.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the target and their involvement in money activities.

Controlled operation number: CO20072/03/2

Date of application

25 August 2020

Authorising officer

Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:25 pm on 25 August 2020, Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

25 August 2020 to 16 June 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 16 November 2020 by authorising officer Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to add a civilian participant.

Variation 2 was granted on 20 November 2020 by authorising officer Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to add and remove law enforcement participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 23 November 2020 by Michelle Evans-Bonner, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 22 February 2021 by Stephen Boyle, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 3) was applied for and granted on 21 May 2021 by Stephen Boyle, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation, trafficking and possession of illicit drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 16 June 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations. The authority was cancelled as the proposed operational strategy was no longer viable.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Outcomes

The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets and obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs and money laundering. Additionally, the controlled operation resulted in the seizure of illicit goods and illicit drugs and the arrest of a target. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO20073/00/0

Date of application

25 August 2020

Authorising officer

Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:30 am on 25 August 2020, Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

25 August 2020 to 24 November 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and possession of illicit goods, namely tobacco, and the associated laundering of the proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in the importation of illicit tobacco products.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO20074/00/0

Date of application

21 August 2020

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

This urgent authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(b) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:20 pm on 21 August 2020, Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted an urgent authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

21 August 2020 to 27 August 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in money laundering and the importing of border controlled drugs. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO20075/01/1

Date of application

31 August 2020

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:00 am on 31 August 2020, Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

31 August 2020 to 28 February 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was applied for on 9 November 2020 and granted on 22 October 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied to add and remove law enforcement participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 30 November 2020 by Brian Wade Rayment, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets and obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs and associated money laundering offences. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO20076/00/0

Date of application

1 September 2020

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:15 pm on 1 September 2020, Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

1 September 2020 to 30 November 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in money laundering and identified previously unknown targets. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO20077/00/0

Date of application

2 September 2020

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

This urgent authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(b) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:12 pm on 2 September 2020, Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted an urgent authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

2 September 2020 to 8 September 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

No persons were identified during the course of the operation.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled activity was conducted under this authority.

Controlled operation number: CO20078/00/0

Date of application

7 September 2020

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:45 pm on 7 September 2020, Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

7 September 2020 to 16 October 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 16 October 2020 by authorising officer Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria. The authority was cancelled as it became apparent the target was involved in additional criminality that was not authorised under the authority. A fresh authority was sought and contained additional offences.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the target and their involvement in money laundering activities and the importation, trafficking and manufacture of illicit narcotics. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO20079/00/0

Date of application

14 September 2020

Illicit goods

Nil

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria

Narcotic goods

Nil

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled activity was conducted under this authority.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:55 pm on 14 September 2020, Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

14 September 2020 to 13 December 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Controlled operation number: CO20080/00/0

Date of application

10 September 2020

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:35 pm on 10 September 2020, Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

10 September 2020 to 9 December 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled activity was conducted under this authority.

Controlled operation number: CO20081/01/1

Date of application

18 September 2020

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:05 pm on 18 September 2020, Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

18 September 2020 to 23 February 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 10 December 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Gregory Schott, performing the duties of Acting State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to add law enforcement participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied and granted on 16 December 2020 by Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 23 February 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy. The authority was cancelled as no further controlled activity was proposed.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO20083/00/0

Date of application

1 October 2020

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:05 am on 2 October 2020, Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

2 October 2020 to 21 December 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the trafficking of illicit narcotics and related money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 21 December 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Gregory Schott, performing the duties of Acting State Manager New South Wales. The authority was cancelled as the controlled activity did not progress as expected.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in illicit narcotic activities. Further, the controlled operation identified previously unknown targets. The controlled operation did not progress as intended due to the introduction of Australian government travel and meeting restrictions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Controlled operation number: CO20084/01/1

Date of application

27 October 2020

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:35 pm on 27 October 2020, Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

27 October 2020 to 14 April 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 6 November 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to add law enforcement participants and a civilian participant.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied and granted on 25 January 2021 by Peter Britten-Jones, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 14 April 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations. The authority was cancelled as there was limited ability to facilitate further transactions involving crypto-currency.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in money laundering activities while identifying previously unknown targets.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO20085/02/0

Date of application

16 October 2020

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:50 am on 16 October 2020, Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

16 October 2020 to 27 April 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied and granted on 3 December 2020 by Bernard McCabe, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 5 March 2021 by Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation of border controlled drugs, illicit tobacco offences and money laundering activities.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 27 April 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations. The authority was cancelled as no further conduct was required due to the investigation reaching a resolution phase.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets and obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activity, namely the importation of illicit tobacco. Additionally, the controlled operation resulted in the seizure of illicit goods. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO20086/00/0

Date of application

22 October 2020

Illicit goods

Nil

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales

Narcotic goods

Nil

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the target and their involvement in criminal activities.

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:30 am 22 October 2020, Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

22 October 2020 to 21 January 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importing and trafficking of illicit drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Controlled operation number: CO20087/00/0

Date of application

29 October 2020

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:45 pm on 29 October 2020, Warren Dominic Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

29 October 2020 to 16 December 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 16 December 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Gregory Schott, performing the duties of Acting State Manager New South Wales. The authority was cancelled as the controlled conduct continued under the authority of a partner agency.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely, money laundering activities. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO20088/01/1

Date of application

10 November 2020

Authorising officer

Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:58 am on 10 November 2020, Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

10 November 2020 to 9 May 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was applied for on 4 February 2021 and granted on 8 February 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operation Strategy. The authority was varied to add law enforcement participants and remove a law enforcement participant.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied and granted on 9 February 2021 by Stephen Boyle, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets and obtained valuable information in relation to targets and their involvement in criminal activities.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO20089/01/0

Date of application

6 November 2020

Authorising officer

Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:02 pm on 9 November 2020, Douglas Marshall Miller, performing the duties of State Manager Western Australia, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 November 2020 to 26 April 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied and granted on 4 February 2021 by Stephen Boyle, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 26 April 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations. The authority was cancelled as controlled conduct was no longer required due to the operation moving into a resolution phase.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets and obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, specifically money laundering and the importation of illicit drugs. Additionally, the controlled operation resulted in the arrest of a target and the seizure of illicit goods. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO20093/00/0

Date of application

9 December 2020

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

This urgent authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(b) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:43 pm on 9 December 2020, Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted an urgent authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 December 2020 to 15 December 2020

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation of illicit narcotics.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, including the importation, trafficking and manufacture of illicit drugs. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO20094/01/0

Date of application

17 December 2020

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:23 pm on 17 December 2020, Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

17 December 2020 to 9 June 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 15 March 2021 by Peter Britten-Jones, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 9 June 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations. The authority was cancelled as the civilian participant was no longer able to engage in controlled conduct.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities.

Controlled operation number: CO21001/00/0

Date of application

20 January 2021

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:00 pm on 21 January 2021, Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

21 January 2021 to 20 April 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as an administrative issue was identified with this controlled operation authority and as a matter of risk mitigation and best practice, information obtained from this authority has been quarantined and restricted from further use.

Controlled operation number: CO21003/00/0

Date of application

19 January 2021

Illicit goods

Nil

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations

Narcotic goods

Nil

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled activity was conducted under this authority.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:10 pm on 19 January 2021, Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

19 January 2021 to 18 March 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Controlled operation number: CO21005/00/0

Date of application

27 January 2021

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:45 pm on 27 January 2021, Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

27 January 2021 to 26 April 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit tobacco and money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

No persons were identified during the course of the operation.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as an administrative issue was identified with this controlled operation authority and as a matter of risk mitigation and best practice, information obtained from this authority has been quarantined and restricted from further use.

Controlled operation number: CO21007/00/0

Date of application

29 January 2021

Authorising officer

Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:40 pm on 29 January 2021, Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

29 January 2021 to 28 April 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Outcomes

The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets and obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs. Additionally, the controlled operation resulted in an arrest of a target and the seizure of illicit drugs.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO21008/00/0

Date of application

16 February 2021

Authorising officer

Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:30 pm on 16 February 2021, Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

16 February 2021 to 10 May 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into migration, slavery, people trafficking and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 10 May 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations. The authority was cancelled as a result of information received during the course of the controlled operation which affected the viability of the investigative strategy.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely money laundering. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO21009/00/0

Date of application

31 March 2021

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:35 pm on 31 March 2021, Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

31 March 2021 to 11 June 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 11 June 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations. The authority was cancelled as the investigation into the targets was growing beyond the remit authorised in the formal application.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely money laundering. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO21010/00/0

Date of application

6 February 2021

Authorising officer

Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:50pm on 8 February 2021, Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

8 February 2021 to 25 February 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation, trafficking and possession of illicit drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 25 February 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy. The authority was cancelled due to an administrative error on the face of the record.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the target and their involvement in the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs. In addition, the controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to money laundering activities. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO21013/00/0

Date of application

19 February 2021

Authorising officer

Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:30 pm on 19 February 2021, Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

19 February 2021 to 9 April 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 9 April 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy. The authority was cancelled as any future activity would occur under a different ACIC project.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, particularly money laundering activities. Additionally, the controlled operation identified previously unknown targets.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO21014/00/0

Date of application

17 February 2021

Authorising officer

Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 8:10 am on 19 February 2021, Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

19 February 2021 to 18 May 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and possession of illicit tobacco products and money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets and obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely the importation of illicit tobacco. Additionally, the controlled operation resulted in the seizure of illicit goods.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO21016/00/0

Date of application

17 February 2021

Authorising officer

Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 6:05 am on 19 February 2021, Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

19 February 2021 to 19 March 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 19 March 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy. The authority was cancelled as the civilian participant was no longer available.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled activity was conducted under this authority.

Controlled operation number: CO21017/00/0

Date of application

25 February 2021

Authorising officer

Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 8:40 am on 25 February 2021, Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

25 February 2021 to 19 May 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and possession of illicit drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 19 May 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations. The authority was cancelled as no further communication with the targets was anticipated.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets and obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely money laundering.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO21019/00/0

Date of application

4 March 2021

Illicit goods

Nil

Authorising officer

Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy

Narcotic goods

Nil

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled activity was conducted under this authority.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:15 pm on 4 March 2021, Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

4 March 2021 to 3 June 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Controlled operation number: CO21020/00/0

Date of application

26 February 2021

Authorising officer

Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:15pm on 26 February 2021, Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

26 February 2021 to 12 May 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs and associated money laundering offences.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 12 May 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations. The authority was cancelled as the investigation no longer aligned with ACIC priorities.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities.

Controlled operation number: CO21021/00/0

Date of application

2 March 2021

Authorising officer

Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:45 pm on 2 March 2021, Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

2 March 2021 to 1 June 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets and obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely money laundering. Additionally, the controlled operation resulted in an arrest of a target and the seizure of illicit goods.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO21022/00/0

Date of application

4 March 2021

Authorising officer

Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:50 pm on 5 March 2021, Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

5 March 2021 to 9 April 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 9 April 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled activity was conducted under this authority.

Controlled operation number: CO21024/00/0

Date of application

19 March 2021

Illicit goods

Nil

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations

Narcotic goods

Nil

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled activity was conducted under this authority.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:04 pm on 19 March 2021, Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

19 March 2021 to 18 June 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Controlled operation number: CO21025/00/0

Date of application

24 March 2021

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:40 pm on 24 March 2021, Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

24 March 2021 to 23 June 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation of illicit drugs, money laundering, tax evasion and attempts to defraud the Commonwealth.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely illicit tobacco importation.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO21032/00/0

Date of application

31 May 2021

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This urgent authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(b) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:38 pm on 31 May 2021, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted an urgent authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

31 May 2021 to 6 June 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering and the evasion of customs duty payable in respect of imported tobacco and tobacco products.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely money laundering and the importation of illicit tobacco. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO21033/00/0

Date of application

2 June 2021

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:19 pm on 2 June 2021, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

2 June 2021 to 22 June 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into illicit tobacco activities and money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely the importation of illicit tobacco. Additionally, the controlled operation identified previously unknown targets. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

