

The Government has directed that officials appearing before Senate Legislation Committees should not answer questions directed to them on matters before the Commission of Inquiry being conducted by the Hon Terence Cole into certain Australian companies in relation to the Oil-for-Food Programme.

While examination of officials by the Committees might be appropriate in the future, the Government considers that Mr Cole should be able to proceed with his Inquiry and present his findings without parallel public questioning that would not assist consideration of complex issues.



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

CERTIFICATE OF NO IMPEDIMENT

[Name], (an Australian citizen and permanent resident of Australia)/(an Australian permanent resident) born on [date] at [place] in [country] has requested a Certificate of No Impediment in relation to [his/her] proposed marriage in [country] to [name], [a/an] [nationality] citizen born on [date] at [place] in [country].

This is to certify that there is no Australian law that prohibits an Australian citizen or person domiciled in Australia from marrying a citizen of [country] in [country] and that a marriage celebrated in [country] according to the law of [country] between an Australian citizen or person domiciled in Australia and a citizen of [country] would normally be recognized as valid in Australia.

[Name] has stated that the information contained in [his/her] application for a Certificate of No Impediment is true and correct. I am unable to verify whether this information is true and correct but, on the basis that it is, there is no legal reason why [name] cannot marry [name].

Marriage according to law in Australia is the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life, subject to dissolution by law.

Name
Consular Branch

Working Party Membership

1. The Working Party will comprise of 12 Working Party members and one independent chairperson representing the following communities of interest:

- **Australian Crime Commission (ACC)** - Mr Alastair McDougall, Legal Officer, Amphetamine and Other Synthetic Drugs Determination
- **Australian Customs Service (ACS)** - Mr Robert Rushby, A/g National Manager, Law Enforcement Strategy and Security
- **Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing, Therapeutic Goods Administration** - Mr Terrance O'Connor, Team Leader Treaties and Monitoring, Office of Chemical Safety
- **New South Wales Attorney General's Department and one other Attorney-General's Department** – Mr Lloyd Babb, Director, Criminal Law Review Division, nominee from other Attorney-General's Department to be confirmed
- **Jurisdictional Police Drug Squads** - Detective Inspector Paul Willingham, Investigations Coordinator, Chemical Operations (Drug Squad), State Crime Command, NSW Police
- **Jurisdictional Forensic Drug Laboratories** - Ms Cate Quinn, Forensic Services Department, Victoria Police
- **State and Territory Health regulators** - Mr Chris Healey, Principal Adviser, Drugs, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods, Queensland Health
- **Industry - Chemicals** - Ms Margaret Donnan, Director, Industry Development – Chemicals, PACIA
- **Industry - Pharmaceuticals** - Ms Deborah Monk, Medicines Australia
- **Industry – Botanicals** - Mr Jonathon Breach, Scientific Manager, Australian Self-Medication Industry (ASMI)
- **Pharmacology** – to be nominated by the Australian National Council on Drugs, and
- **Independent Chairperson** - Keith Evans, Director, Drug Programs and Population Strategies, South Australia Department of Human Services.

2. The ACS will provide Secretariat support to the Working Party with assistance from the ACC.

**National Strategy to Prevent the Diversion of Precursor Chemicals into Illicit Drug Manufacture
Outcomes and Projects**

Project	Objective	Budget (\$m)	Funds spend by 2005-06 (\$m)	2006-07	2006-07 & 07-08 (\$m)
Outcome 1: Enhanced intelligence and information sharing capacity among law enforcement and regulatory agencies					
National Clandestine Laboratory Database	A database that stores information about clandestine laboratories seized around Australia, which facilitates police operations and intelligence assessments about illicit drug manufacturing.	2.6	0.2	1.5	0.9
NICNAS Precursor Database Module and Industry Call Report.	<p>A database that tracks and monitors licit movements of precursor chemicals. This initiative will help law enforcement and regulatory agencies monitor the licit trade in precursor chemicals. This is important for assessing the need for additional regulation and controls.</p> <p>A report outlining the volumes of precursor chemicals legitimately imported into, or manufacture within, Australia between 1 January 2004 and 30 April 2005, and their legitimate uses. Understanding the extent of introduction of precursor is important for assessing the need for additional controls on particular chemicals.</p>	0.3	0.07	0.2	0.08

* Funds not yet committed

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Precursor chemicals information resource	An information resource containing comprehensive and accurate information about precursor chemicals for law enforcement agencies, forensic specialists, health authorities and illicit drugs policy-makers. This will ensure relevant workers have ready access to up-to-date information critical to understanding the precursor diversion problem.	0.02*	0.01	0.005	0.005
Outcome 2: Enhanced law enforcement, forensic and judicial responses through training					
Customs' precursor importation training program	To ensure Customs' officers are equipped to deal with instances of illicit precursor importation.	0.3	0.2	0.08	0
Clandestine drug investigators' national training initiative	To ensure the relevant expertise exists among forensic chemists to effectively conduct investigations of clandestine laboratories.	0.2	0.1	0.06	0.009
Customs' Serious Drug Offences training program	To ensure Customs' officers are fully informed about the new precursor-related offences under the Commonwealth's Serious Drug Offences Act.	0.1	0.1	0	0
Precursor chemicals online judicial education and training program	To ensure prosecutors and the judiciary is aware of the seriousness of precursor diversion and the dangers associated with illicit drug manufacturing.	0.04*	0.02	0.02	0

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Outcome 3: National regulatory approaches to control access to chemicals and equipment while recognising the legitimate needs of business and the public					
Pseudoephedrine rescheduling	Tighter restrictions on pseudoephedrine-containing medications with the aim of preventing the diversion of pseudoephedrine from the community pharmacy sector.	0	0	0	0
Clandestine laboratory decontamination and remediation	An assessment of the current practices and regulations around clandestine laboratory site decontamination and remediation, with a view to developing a uniform and consistent approach to clandestine laboratory site remediation in Australia	0.1	0.08	0.03	0
Evaluation of precursor chemicals controls	An evaluation of whole-of-supply chain controls on pseudoephedrine, with a view to informing the improvement of existing controls. Also includes the development of a framework for future examinations of other precursor chemicals or equipment used in illicit drug manufacture.	0.1*	0.03	0.08	0
Evaluation of tablet press controls	An assessment of the nature and extent of the legitimate tablet press market in Australia, with a view to informing the improvement of existing controls and the development of future controls.	0.1*	0.06	0.04	0
Project STOP	National roll-out of the Pharmacy Guild's online database for tracking pseudoephedrine purchases in the community pharmacy sector.	0.4	0.2	0.2	0

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Outcome 4: Key stakeholders are aware of the problem of precursor diversion.					
Awareness raising initiatives	Key stakeholders are informed about the problem of precursor diversion and what they can do to help prevent legitimate chemicals and equipment being used in illicit drug manufacture.	0.2 (0.1*)	0.09	0.08	0.04
National Chemical Diversion Congress	To sponsor a national congress of Australian and International delegates to discuss issues associated with precursor chemical diversion.	0.2	0.1	0.05	0.05
SUB-TOTAL		4.7			
Project administration, employee and other costs		0.7	0.5	0.1	0.01
TOTAL		5.4			

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