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Pursuant to your appointment of 22 November 2007, you, as part of the AFP National Security Operations Review Committee ('the Committee'), are to review and report on the AFP's national security operations and the effect of the interaction between AFP and our national security agency partners in relation to those operations.

The Committee is to specifically report on:

1. the current role and responsibilities of the AFP and other relevant national security agencies, including ASIO and State police, in conducting national security operations.
2. the status and terms of the current relationship and interaction between relevant national security agencies including observations about the effect that the current interaction has on the discharge of AFP functions in the conduct of national security operations.
3. the existing practices, policies, legal frameworks and operational environment applicable to the AFP when conducting national security operations.
4. any current or future impediments which adversely impact upon the AFP effectively fulfilling its role in the conduct of national security operations having particular regard to ASIO's operations.
5. the impact of current AFP procedures and those procedures of other relevant national security agencies, on the ability to sustain effective prosecution action in national security operations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is to make recommendations, among other things, upon the following:

1. whether attention should be directed to correct or improve any training, orders, instructions or publications you consider should be subject to attention;
2. for principles of best practice for cooperation and collaboration between the AFP and relevant national security agencies on national security operations, particularly to improve prospects of evidence gathering and investigative and intelligence procedures withstanding the scrutiny of judicial processes.
3. whether attention should be paid to correct or improve current legislative requirements so as to improve the AFP's ability to conduct successful national security operations.

WITNESSES

The Committee is to advise me in writing if it is unable to obtain information from any person who could give information relevant to the review, including the reasons for their non availability.

In the likely event that the Committee needs to obtain information from any person outside the AFP, you should notify my nominated contact, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

VARIATION

If during the review it becomes apparent that a line of inquiry should be commenced which falls outside the confines of these terms of reference the Committee is to advise me in writing requesting variation of these terms of reference with reasons for the request.

DOCUMENTATION

The following documents are to be attached to the Committee's report:

1. any supporting material including, but not limited to, documents, statements and transcripts which your review deems relevant;
2. these Terms of Reference.

CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

All material gathered and generated by the Committee is to be treated in accordance with the Commonwealth Protective Security Manual.

REPORT

Pursuant these Terms of Reference I direct that the report be submitted to me by no later than 26 February 2008 and if the review is not completed by that date an interim report setting out the reason for any delay is to be submitted on that date. In the event that an extension is granted to complete the report the Committee is to provide me with progress reports every seven days on the reasons for any further delay until the review is completed.


M. J. Keelty
Commissioner

11 December 2007