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Since being appointed Commissioner, I have been working with the Strategic Leaders' Group (SLG) on revising and improving the AFP's functional structure to better combat the threats of serious and organised crime.

The functional model has served us well in recent years in responding to Government priorities and emerging crime, however, it is clear that organised crime increasingly cuts across what we have traditionally called Border Operations and Economic and Special Operations. The SLG is of the strong view that drugs, fraud, money laundering and other elements of organised crime need to be looked at wholistically rather than in separate AFP streams of activity.

The Federal Audit of Police Capability (Beale Review) and the recent introduction of the Government's Organised Crime Framework also point towards taking a broader view in the fight against organised crime. This will incude working with our partners in more multi agency and multi jurisdictional task forces investigating a broad range of offences.

From the 1st of February 2010 the AFP's structure will be changed to reflect this wider focus, with the current Border & International and Economic & Special Operations being replaced by two new portfolios. These new portfolios will be called Serious & Organised Crime and Crime Operations.

Broadly, these two new porfolios will deal with longer term and shorter term (response) type activity across both of the former Border and ESO crime type responsibilities. The Deputy Commissioner Operations and the National Managers are currently finalising the definitions around what investigations will be managed in each area.

A copy of the revised structure is attached, including the previously advised creation of a new Deputy Commissioner Close Operations Support role and the subsequent amended portfolio responsibilities.

The focus of the SLG is on revitalising and maximising the AFP's operational performance and I am confident that these new arrangements will help the AFP to better respond to the emerging criminal environment as well as providing improved support and advice to Government and our partners.

I urge you to view the video link http://wesa4.na.afp.gov.au/cgi-bin/wmp-w2?wesa23 +newstruct> and familiarise yourselves with the new structure. I have also attached a hard copy of the revised structure and org chart.