

Inquiry into the future impact of serious and organised crime on Australian society

Terms of Reference

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Pursuant to the Committee's duties set out in paragraph 55(1)(d) of the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002*:

to examine trends and changes in criminal activities, practices and methods and report to both House of the Parliament any change which the Committee thinks desirable to the functions, structure, powers and procedures of the ACC;

The Committee will inquire into the future impact of serious and organised crime on Australian society.

With particular reference to:

- (a) Future trends in serious and organised crime activities, practices and methods and their impact on Australian society;
- (b) Strategies for countering future serious and organised crime;
- (c) The economic cost of countering future organised crime at a national and state and territory level; and
- (d) The adequacy of legislative and administrative arrangements, including the adequacy of cross-jurisdictional databases, to meet future needs.

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