### **Ministerial Direction**

# Minister for Police and Emergency Services Simon Corbell, MLA

This Direction is issued under Section 6 of the Policing Arrangement between the Commonwealth and ACT Governments and outlines the Government's priorities and expectations for the AFP and the Chief Police Officer. This Direction is to be read in conjunction with the 2009-2010 Purchase Agreement between the ACT Minister for Police and Emergency Services, the AFP Commissioner and the Chief Police Officer for the ACT.

#### The role of the Australian Federal Police

In accordance with the *Australian Federal Police Act 1979* (the Act), the Australian Federal Police (AFP) provides community policing services to the Australian Capital Territory (ACT). In accordance with the Act the Commonwealth and ACT Governments entered into an arrangement for the provision of policing services in June 2006. This arrangement details the goods and services to be purchased by the ACT from the AFP and the agreed price for those services. This arrangement is supported by annual Purchase Agreements which outline the range of deliverables and Key Performance Indicators (KPI). Consistent with this agreement I expect ACT Policing to pay due attention to all elements of the Purchase Agreement.

#### Special Areas of Focus

The Government expects the AFP to give special emphasis to the following broad operational issues during financial year 2009-2010:

- Optimise mobile technology in police vehicles and communications systems to increase police efficiency, visibility and exchange of information with the community.
- Work with other ACT agencies to combat alcohol related violence in public places.
- Continue to target traffic offences and drink driving with the aim of improving road safety within the Territory.
- Contribute to an improvement in public safety and perceptions of public safety and confidence in police through community engagement, particularly through the establishment of the Suburban Policing Consultative Committees and an enhanced internet presence.
- Work with other criminal justice agencies to achieve better outcomes for victims of crime.
- Work with other ACT agencies to develop an ACT Aboriginal Justice Agreement.

## Reporting

The Government expects the AFP to report quarterly to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services on progress against special areas of focus.

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