ACT Policing

Special Purposes Annual Report

2024–25

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ACT Policing

26 September 2025

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ACT Legislative Assembly
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Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services
ACT Legislative Assembly
London Circuit
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Dear Attorney-General and Minister,

I am pleased to submit ACT Policing's Special Purposes Annual Report for the financial year 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

Included in the Special Purposes Annual Report are reports in accordance with:

- Section 28 of the *Crimes (Controlled Operations) Act 2008*
- Section 38 of the *Crimes (Surveillance Devices) Act 2010*
- Section 258 of the *Confiscation of Criminal Assets Act 2003*
- Section 38 of the *Crimes (Assumed Identities) Act 2009*
- Section 21 of the *Crimes (Protection of Witness Identity) Act 2011*.

I hereby certify that the Special Purposes Annual Report is an honest and accurate account of matters required under the above-mentioned Acts, and that all controlled operations and all operations regarding surveillance devices undertaken in the ACT for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 have been included.

I understand a copy of this report will be tabled before the ACT Legislative Assembly as required by the above-mentioned Acts.

Yours sincerely,

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01 Controlled Operations

Overview of ACT Policing controlled operations records 2024–25

Number of standard authorities granted	1
Number of applications for standard authorities refused	0
Number of amendments to standard authorities granted	0
Number of applications for amendments to standard authorities refused	0
Number of urgent authorities granted	0
Number of applications for urgent authorities refused	0
Number of urgent amendments to authorities granted	0
Number of applications for urgent amendments to authorities refused	0
Number of Controlled Operations conducted in the ACT	1
Number of Controlled Operations conducted in the ACT and one or more other jurisdictions	0
Number of Controlled Operations conducted in one or more participating jurisdictions	0

These operations are subject to reporting in the AFP 2024–25 Annual Report.

Authorities issued by authorising officers of ACT Policing 2024–25

Major Controlled Operation Number: AFP24–25/001

Application authorised or refused	On 20 November 2024 Commander Sue Evans, Commander of Operations for ACT Policing, an authorised officer within the meaning of the *Crimes (Controlled Operations) Act 2008*, issued a certificate authorising a Controlled Operation to be undertaken.
Nature of the criminal activities or corrupt conduct against which the authorised operation was directed	Trafficking in a controlled drug other than cannabis, contrary to section 603(7) of the *Criminal Code 2002* (ACT), punishable by imprisonment for 10 years, 1,000 penalty units, or both. This is a relevant offence for the purpose of the *Crimes (Controlled Operations) Act 2008* in that it is an offence against an ACT law punishable by imprisonment of three years or more.
Amendment of Controlled Operation authority	Nil
Revocation or expiry date of Controlled Operation authority	The Controlled Operation expired on 27 November 2024.
Period the authority was in force	Seven days.
Nature of controlled conduct engaged in for the purposes of the authorised operations	Attempted to engage in online communications with the target in relation to controlled drugs.
Involvement of illicit goods	Nil
	Route through which illicit goods passed in the course of the operation. N/A
Involvement of other jurisdictions	Nil
Damage or injuries occurred	Nil
Outcome	No evidential material was obtained as a result of the Controlled Operation. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.
Arrests/prosecutions	The operation concluded with no arrests or evidence being obtained.

02 Surveillance Devices

Overview of ACT Policing surveillance device records 2024–25

Number of applications for surveillance device warrants	8
Number of surveillance device warrants issued	20
Number of surveillance device emergency authorisation applications	0
Number of surveillance device emergency authorisations issued	0

Breakdown of ACT Policing surveillance device records 2024–25

Number of surveillance device applications for data surveillance devices	6
Number of surveillance device warrants issued for data surveillance devices	16
Number of surveillance device emergency authorisation applications for data surveillance devices	0
Number of surveillance device emergency authorisations issued for data surveillance devices	0

Number of surveillance device applications for listening devices	7
Number of surveillance device warrants issued for listening devices	17
Number of surveillance device emergency authorisation applications for listening devices	0
Number of surveillance device emergency authorisations issued for listening devices	0

Number of surveillance device applications for optical surveillance devices	7
Number of surveillance device warrants issued for optical surveillance devices	17
Number of surveillance device emergency authorisation applications for optical surveillance devices	0
Number of surveillance device emergency authorisations issued for optical surveillance devices	0

Number of surveillance device applications for tracking devices	7
Number of surveillance device warrants issued for tracking devices	18
Number of surveillance device emergency authorisation applications for tracking devices	0
Number of surveillance device emergency authorisations issued for tracking devices	0
Number of surveillance device applications for retrieval warrants	0
Number of surveillance device retrieval warrants issued	0
Total number of surveillance device remote applications	0
Total number of surveillance device applications refused	0
Total number of emergency authorisation applications refused	0
Total number of surveillance device extension applications[1]	0
Total number of surveillance device extensions granted	0
Total number of surveillance device extension applications refused	0
Total number of arrests on the basis of surveillance device information	4
Total number of prosecutions commenced using surveillance device information[2]	1

[1] Investigations were ongoing and the device/s continued to be required.

[2] This figure does not include guilty verdicts delivered during this reporting period for prosecutions commenced in previous reporting periods. Additionally, prosecutions commenced during this reporting period may still be before court.

03 Confiscation of Criminal Assets

Overview of examination orders and examination notices 2024–25

Number of applications for examination orders	0
Number of people given examination notices	0
Number of investigations to which the notices related	0
Number of examinations conducted	0
Number of complaints made to the Australian Federal Police or Commonwealth Ombudsman in relation to examination notices	0
Number of complaints in relation to examination notices resolved	0
Number of legal proceedings (excluding criminal charges) begun in relation to examination notices	0
Number of legal proceedings (excluding criminal charges) in relation to examination notices finalised	0
Number of confiscation proceedings begun during the year in relation to matters for which an examination had been given to a person	0
Estimated value of property restrained post examination during the year in relation to matters for which an examination notice had been given to a person	0
Number of charges laid relating to examination notice offences during the year	0
Number of arrests made during the year in relation to matters for which an examination notice had been given to a person	0

Examination orders and examination notices 2024–25

Nil.

Examination notices issued in 2024–25, which arose from examination orders granted in 2023–24

Nil.

04 Assumed Identities

Overview of assumed identity authorisations 2024–25

Number of authorities granted	0[3]
Description of activities undertaken by authorised people	N/A
Number of applications for authorities refused	0

No fraud or other unlawful activity was identified by an audit under Section 40 of the *Crimes (Assumed Identities) Act 2009* during the financial year 2024–25.

[3] This does not include any authorisations that may have been granted under corresponding laws, including Commonwealth legislation.

05 Protection of Witness Identity

Overview of assumed witness identity protection certificates 2024–25

Number of witness identity protection certificates	0[4]
Reasons the chief officer was satisfied under section 11(1) of the *Crimes (Protection of Witness Identity) Act 2011*	N/A
Was leave given or an order made in a proceeding under section 18 of the *Crimes (Protection of Witness Identity) Act 2011*?	No
Was a witness identity protection certificate cancelled under section 15 of the *Crimes (Protection of Witness Identity) Act 2011*?	No
Was a person allowed to give information under section 19 of the *Crimes (Protection of Witness Identity) Act 2011*?	No

No fraud or other unlawful activity was identified by an audit under Section 40 of the *Crimes (Assumed Identities) Act 2009* during the financial year 2024–25.

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