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The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement (the committee) tabled its report into its *Examination of the Annual Report of the Australian Federal Police 2013-14* on 14 September 2015. The report makes two recommendations. The Australian Government's responses to the Committee's recommendations are provided below.

Recommendation 1

3.22: The Committee recommends that the Australian Federal Police include greater detail in the Annual Report with reference to all category 1, 2 and 3 complaints, including the period in which they are received, how long they take to investigate and resolve, how many are 'carried over' financial years and what proportion are substantiated.

The Government **agrees** to the Committee's recommendation.

Following the tabling of the Committee's report on 14 September 2015, and in response to Recommendation 1, the AFP included the additional data in its 2014-15 Annual Report.

The AFP will include this additional data in all future annual reports.

Recommendation 2

4.21: The Committee recommends that the government introduce legislation to re-establish the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement's oversight function with respect to the monitoring, reviewing or reporting on the performance by the Australian Federal Police of its functions under Part 5.3 of the Criminal Code.

The Government **does not agree** to the Committee's recommendation.

The oversight of AFP's functions under Part 5.3 of the Criminal Code was transferred to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security (PJCIS) in late 2014.

The Government supports the transparency and accountability afforded by appropriate Parliamentary oversight of the AFP's functions and activities. However, legislating for the Committee to have duplicative oversight of the AFP's functions under Part 5.3 of the Criminal Code in addition to the PJCIS would place an unnecessary administrative burden on the AFP.