

Chapter 1

Introduction

Committee's duty to examine reports

1.1 The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement (the committee) has a statutory duty to examine each annual report of the Australian Crime Commission (ACC) under the *Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement Act 2010* (the Act).

1.2 This is the fourth time that the committee has examined the annual report of the ACC since the widening of the committee's jurisdiction in 2010. Subsection 7(1) of the Act includes the following functions of the committee in relation to the ACC:

...(c) to examine each annual report on the ACC and report to the Parliament on any matter appearing in, or arising out of, any such annual report...¹

Report under consideration

1.3 The ACC's Annual Report 2012-13 (the annual report) was presented to the Minister for Justice, the Hon Michael Keenan MP, on 23 September 2013. It was tabled in the Senate on 12 November 2013 and in the House of Representatives on 13 November 2013.

Examination of the annual report

1.4 In examining the ACC annual report, the committee held a public hearing at Parliament House, Canberra on 5 March 2014. The witnesses who appeared before the committee are listed in Appendix 1.

Structure of the committee report

1.5 The committee's report comprises the following chapters:

- Chapter 2 examines ACC compliance with annual report requirements and trends in relation to serious and organised crime;
- Chapter 3 considers the methods that the ACC employs to measure its performance and provides recommendations on improvements in relation to the ACC's Key Performance Indicators (KPIs); and
- Chapter 4 details the services, activities and initiatives undertaken by the ACC under its programs.

Acknowledgements

1.6 The committee acknowledges the work of Mr John Lawler AM APM, previous ACC Chief Executive Officer (CEO), who retired on 16 October 2013. The

1 *Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement Act 2010*, ss. 7(1).

committee thanks Mr Lawler for his contributions and insights, informed by his extensive experience in law enforcement agencies, provided throughout his tenure.

1.7 The committee also acknowledges the cooperation of the ACC Acting CEO, Mr Paul Jevtovic APM, and ACC officials who assisted the committee in conducting this examination.

Note on references

1.8 References to the committee *Hansard* are to the proof *Hansard*. Page numbers may vary between the proof and the official *Hansard*.