

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 the annual report of the Australian Federal Police (AFP) under the *Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement Act 2010* (the Act).

1.2 Subsection 7(1) of the Act includes the following functions of the committee in relation to the AFP:

...(f) to examine each annual report of the AFP 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 AFP Annual Report 2012-13 (annual report) was presented to the Minister for Justice, the Hon Michael Keenan MP, on 1 October 2013. It was tabled in the Senate on 12 November 2013 and in the House of Representatives on 13 November 2013.

Examination of the report

1.4 In examining the annual report, the committee held a public hearing at Parliament House, Canberra on 26 February 2014. The witnesses who appeared before the committee are listed in Appendix 1.

Acknowledgements

1.5 The committee acknowledges the cooperation of the AFP Commissioner, Mr Tony Negus APM, and other AFP officers who assisted the committee in conducting its examination.

1.6 The committee takes this opportunity to thank Commissioner Negus, who will conclude his 32-year AFP career on 7 September 2014. The committee congratulates Commissioner Negus on his long and distinguished law enforcement career.

Note on references

1.7 References to the committee *Hansard* are to the proof *Hansard*: page numbers may vary between the proof and the official *Hansard*.

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