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Mr Mick Keelty APM  
Commissioner  
Australian Federal Police  
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Dear Mr Keelty

**AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE'S PERFORMANCE AUDIT  
OF AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE OVERSEAS OPERATIONS**

I am writing to advise you that the Auditor-General has decided to undertake a performance audit of Australian Federal Police Overseas Operations. The audit will be conducted under section 15 of the *Auditor-General Act 1997*.

The objective of the audit is to examine and report on the efficiency and effectiveness of AFP's administration and management of its overseas deployments. The audit will specifically examine two deployments and will focus on strategic and operational planning and logistics. The audit will examine one planned, long term-term overseas deployment (to the Solomon Islands), and one deployment in response to a specific event (Disaster Victim Identification assistance to Thailand following the Asian Tsunami).

The scope of the audit is consistent with the provisions of the *Auditor-General Act 1997* and will involve discussions with members and staff of the AFP, and a review of file records and reports from the AFP's management information systems. Fieldwork will be conducted in Canberra, Thailand and the Solomon Islands.

The audit team will consist of Mr David Crossley, (Executive Director responsible for the audit), Mr Greg Cristofani, (Audit Manager), and Mr Kraig Lowes (who will

assist in the audit fieldwork stages). The audit team expects to focus on the following three audit criteria:

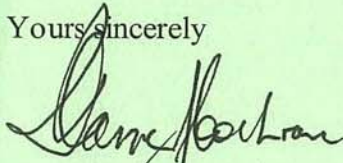
- the AFP adequately manages the risks associated with international deployments;
- the AFP's strategic and operational planning provides for efficient and effective international deployments; and
- the resources provided by Government for international deployment activities are applied efficiently and effectively for their intended purpose.

Regarding the timing of the audit, we aim to complete our inquiries to enable an exit interview to be held in March 2006. Prior to the exit interview, issues papers will be provided to facilitate discussion of initial findings. It is anticipated that the final report will be tabled in June 2006.

In the meantime, the ANAO would like to arrange an audit entry interview with you and any relevant officers/staff from your agency. Ideally, we would like to schedule this interview for early in the week beginning 7 November 2005.

Finally, I would like to express our appreciation regarding the assistance provided by your officers to date in providing background information to the audit team. I would also like to acknowledge the assistance to date of Mr David McIntosh in the provision of contact details of relevant staff. If you or your officers/staff wish to discuss any aspect of the audit, please contact David Crossley on 6203 7663, or Greg Cristofani on 6203 7440.

Yours sincerely



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