

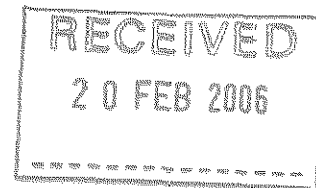


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PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON
THE AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

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SECRETARY:

Dear Mr Curtis

PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE AUSTRALIAN CRIME
COMMISSION INQUIRY INTO AMPHETAMINES AND OTHER SYNTHETIC
DRUGS

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the inquiry into
amphetamines and other synthetic drugs.

ACT Policing would like to provide a response to items a, c, d and e of the Terms of
Reference:

**a. Trends in the production and consumption of AOSD in Australia and
overseas:**

Trends in consumption of AOSD in the ACT as reported in the National Drug
Strategy Household Survey show an increase in the proportion of the population
aged 14 years and over reporting recent use of MDMA from 4.8% in 2001 to 6.0% in
2004. The reported use of amphetamine was slightly less, reducing from 4.5% in
2001 to 4.3% in 2004. The number of seizures of MDMA rose considerably in the
ACT from 40 in 2001 to 132 in 2005. The weight of seizures also increased
significantly from 39.20 grams in 2001 to 643.48 grams in 2005. The number of
amphetamines seized in the ACT remained fairly constant over the period with
around 200 seizures being lodged in 2004, although the weight of seizures
decreased from 947.91grams to 529.79 grams (due to a significant seizure of
approximately 375 grams in 2001).

c. The extent and nature of organised crime involvement in the ACT:

Intelligence within the ACT suggests there are a number of groups involved in the distribution of large quantities of AOSDs within the region. While these groups may not be connected with traditional organised crime groups, there is no doubt they are well established within the local community. They operate within defined 'networks' of suppliers, trusted associates and sub-dealers, and are also actively involved in (various) other types of criminal activities.

e. The adequacy of existing legislation and administrative arrangements between Commonwealth and State agencies in addressing the importation, manufacture and distribution of AOSD, precursor chemicals and equipment in their manufacture:

The ACT has recently passed legislation that will support ACT Policing in investigating the diversion into illicit purposes of precursor chemicals and equipment used in the manufacture of AOSDs.

ACT Policing and other relevant agencies have formed a working party to develop controlled operations legislation for the ACT. Once enacted, this legislation will assist ACT police in improving interagency and cross border investigations into AOSDs and well as other illicit substances.

There are formal and informal agreements with other agencies and jurisdictions to enable cross border investigations.

Should you require any further information, please contact Ms Andrea Coss, Drug and Alcohol Policy Coordinator on 6256 7337.

Yours sincerely



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