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Inquiry into Amphetamines and Other Synthetic Drugs (AOSD)

On 4 December 2005, the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Crime Commission initiated an inquiry into Amphetamines and Other Synthetic Drugs (AOSD) pursuant to Section 55(1)(d) of the Act. Terms of Reference for the inquiry are below.

The Committee invites submissions to the inquiry, addressing some or all of the terms of reference. The deadline for receipt of submissions is **17 February 2006**, however extensions of time can be negotiated with the Secretariat prior to the deadline. The Committee prefers submissions to be sent electronically, and postal and email addresses are set out above.

All submissions become Committee documents upon receipt and may be published, including on the internet. Persons lodging submissions, however, must not make them public without the approval of the Committee.

Terms of Reference

Pursuant to the Committee's duties set out in paragraph 55(1)(d) of the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002*:

to examine trends and changes in criminal activities, practices and methods and report to both House of the Parliament any change which the Committee thinks desirable to the functions, structure powers and procedures of the ACC;

The Committee will inquire into the manufacture, importation and use of Amphetamines and Other Synthetic Drugs (AOSD) in Australia.

In particular:

- a. Trends in the production and consumption of AOSD in Australia and overseas.
- b. Strategies to reduce the AOSD market in Australia.
- c. The extent and nature of organised crime involvement.
- d. The nature of Australian law enforcement response.
- e. The adequacy of existing legislation and administrative arrangements between Commonwealth and State agencies in addressing the importation, manufacture, and distribution of AOSDs, precursor chemicals and equipment used in their manufacture.
- f. An assessment of the adequacy of the response by Australian law enforcement agencies, including the ACC.