



WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2026

COMMUNIQUÉ**POLICE MINISTERS COUNCIL**

The Police Ministers Council (PMC) was held virtually on Wednesday 15 April 2026. The meeting was chaired by the Hon Tony Burke MP, Minister for Home Affairs, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Minister for Cyber Security, Minister for the Arts. All jurisdictions were represented by Ministers, Police Commissioners and Senior Officials.

THREAT ENVIRONMENT UPDATE – CONVERGENCE OF CRIME

Participants:

- (a) **noted** verbal threat environment update from the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission on serious and organised crime.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE CHRISTCHURCH ATTACK

Participants:

- (a) **noted** key insights and lessons learned from the Christchurch attack on community engagement and social cohesion by New Zealand.

UPDATE ON REFORMS POST BONDI INCIDENT***National Firearms Agreement***

Participants:

- (a) **noted** the update on national firearm reforms from the Commonwealth.

National Database on Hate Crimes and Incidents Update

Participants:

- (a) **noted** police agencies are exploring possibilities to enhance the collection of hate crime data to support the acceleration of the national hate crimes and incidents database.

YOUTH OFFENDING

Participants:

- (a) **noted** that each jurisdiction has unique youth offending and youth crime trends and take various approaches to addressing youth offending and keep the community safe.

DOMESTIC, FAMILY AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

The Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commissioner briefed the Police Ministers Council on key priorities for collaboration on data in the development and implementation of the Second Action Plan under the *National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022–2032*.

Participants:

- (a) **noted** the development of the Second Action Plan to support the *National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022–2032* (the National Plan) will take place in 2026.
- (b) **noted** the recommendations of the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission with regards to opportunities for collaboration between jurisdictions on data to inform assessment of effort under the National Plan.
- (c) **agreed** to continued briefings by the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commissioner on progress towards the achievement of the objectives of the National Plan.

Participants:

- (a) **noted** the need for continued collaboration and information exchange across jurisdictions on responses to gender and family violence.
- (b) **noted** recent legislative changes implementing the criminalisation of coercive control and development of national approaches in New Zealand, and New South Wales.

ILLICIT TOBACCO

Participants:

- (a) **agreed** the hardening of legislation, joint law enforcement operations and increased border seizures are having an impact on the illicit tobacco and e-cigarette market - squeezing supply, disrupting business models and driving up illicit prices.
- (b) **agreed** critical national priorities to further disrupt the illicit market will be tabled with cross-portfolio Ministers for joint commitment.

COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATION

Participants:

- (a) **noted** the update on Commonwealth law enforcement reforms and legislation.

OTHER BUSINESS

Participants:

- (a) **noted** the update provided by South Australia regarding the support of Police Commissioners in relation to the reintroduction of driver licence registration for organ donation.
- (b) **noted** the South Australian Health Minister has undertaken to raise the issue at the Health Ministers meeting in May 2026.

**INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON THE AUSTRALIAN CRIME
COMMISSION**

Participants, in their capacity as members of the Inter-governmental Committee on the Australian Crime Commission (IGC-ACC):

- (a) **noted** the update on implementation of the Independent *Review of the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission and associated Commonwealth law enforcement arrangements*.