

POLICE MINISTERS COUNCIL 9 JUNE 2023

COMMUNIQUÉ

The Police Ministers Council was held on 9 June 2023 in Brisbane. The meeting was chaired by the Hon Mark Dreyfus KC MP, Commonwealth Attorney-General. All jurisdictions, except New Zealand, were represented.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Participants:

(a) **endorsed** the Terms of Reference for the Police Ministers Council.

NATIONAL FIREARMS REGISTER

Participants:

- (a) **reaffirmed** the shared commitment to improving the way firearms information is shared across Australian jurisdictions to keep police and the community safe following the tragic deaths of two police officers and a member of the public on 12 December 2022 in Wieambilla,
- (b) **noted** the outcomes of public consultation on a National Firearms Register, and
- (c) **agreed** to present options to implement a National Firearms Register to National Cabinet in mid-2023.

CYBERCRIME

Participants:

(a) **acknowledged** the significant impact that cybercrime has on the community, Australian businesses and government services and discussed opportunities for further initiatives and collaboration to prevent and respond to cybercrime in all its forms.

CLOSING THE GAP (INCLUDING DEATHS IN CUSTODY)

Participants:

- (a) noted the significant role that must be played by the Police Ministers Council in achieving the Justice Policy Targets and Outcomes (10 and 11) under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap. Participants agreed to provide a report at the next Police Ministers Council on actions being undertaken by policing agencies in each jurisdiction to embed the National Agreement on Closing the Gap, and to achieve the Justice Policy Targets and Outcomes, and
- (b) **noted** the Australian Government's commitment to national real-time reporting of deaths in custody, and agreed to contribute to progressing this commitment.



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THE EMERGENCE OF CRIMINAL STREET GANGS

Participants:

- (a) **acknowledged** the public safety threat posed by criminal street gangs in some jurisdictions,
- (b) **agreed** that supressing street gangs are a priority area of concern to maintain public safety and confidence, and
- (c) **agreed** to consider additional ways in which law enforcement can collaborate to better coordinate enforcement efforts and information sharing on criminal street gangs.

INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON THE AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

Participants:

(a) **noted** the update on the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission's National Criminal Intelligence System.