



The Police Ministers Council was held in Melbourne on 13 September 2024. The meeting was chaired by the Hon Mark Dreyfus KC MP, Commonwealth Attorney-General. All jurisdictions were represented in person except Queensland. As the Australian Capital Territory had entered caretaker mode, the Chief Police Officer and Director-General of the Justice and Community Safety Directorate participated as observers.

## **GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**

Participants:

- (a) **noted** the measure agreed at National Cabinet to pilot new focussed deterrence models and Domestic Violence Threat Assessment Centres.
- (b) **noted** National Cabinet agreed to extend and increase nationally-consistent, two-way information sharing between the family law courts and state and territory courts, child protection, policing and firearms agencies.
- (c) **noted** work underway through the Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Working Group to support this Council to strengthen police responses to family, domestic and sexual violence and improve the intersection between federal and state and territory systems.
- (d) **noted** work being progressed to develop a model to enhance civil protections and remedies for forced marriage.

## **CLOSING THE GAP**

Participants:

- (a) **noted** developments since the last Police Ministers Council meeting and initiatives being progressed in relation to Closing the Gap in the criminal justice system.
- (b) **agreed** that police portfolio officials will continue to work with Attorneys-General officials as required to support work relating to the Justice Policy Partnership's recommendations to the Standing Council of Attorneys-General on bail and remand reform.
- (c) **discussed** further opportunities to be engaged in Closing the Gap initiatives.
- (d) **noted** related work underway in relation to Target 13 of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

## ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND COUNTER-TERRORISM FINANCING REFORMS

Participants:

- (a) **noted** the Australian Government introduced the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2024 into the Australian Parliament on 11 September 2024, which responds to the evolving illicit financing threat environment and hardens Australia's defences against serious and organised crime.
- (b) **agreed** to support preparations for Australia's Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Mutual Evaluation in 2026-27, which will be coordinated and led by the Attorney-General's Department.

## INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON THE AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

Participants, in their capacity as the Inter-Governmental Committee on the Australian Crime Commission:

- (a) **noted** the report on the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission.

## NATIONAL FIREARMS REGISTER

Participants:

- (a) **welcomed** the execution of Federation Funding Agreement schedules, which will deliver Australian Government funding to states and territories to implement the National Firearms Register.
- (b) **noted** updates on the development of the National Firearms Register.
- (c) **committed** to prioritise delivery of the National Firearms Register within the 4-year implementation period to enable police and community safety benefits to be realised as quickly as possible.

## POLICING RESPONSES TO THREATS TO PARLIAMENTARIANS

Participants:

- (a) **noted** the update on national policing responses to threats to parliamentarians.