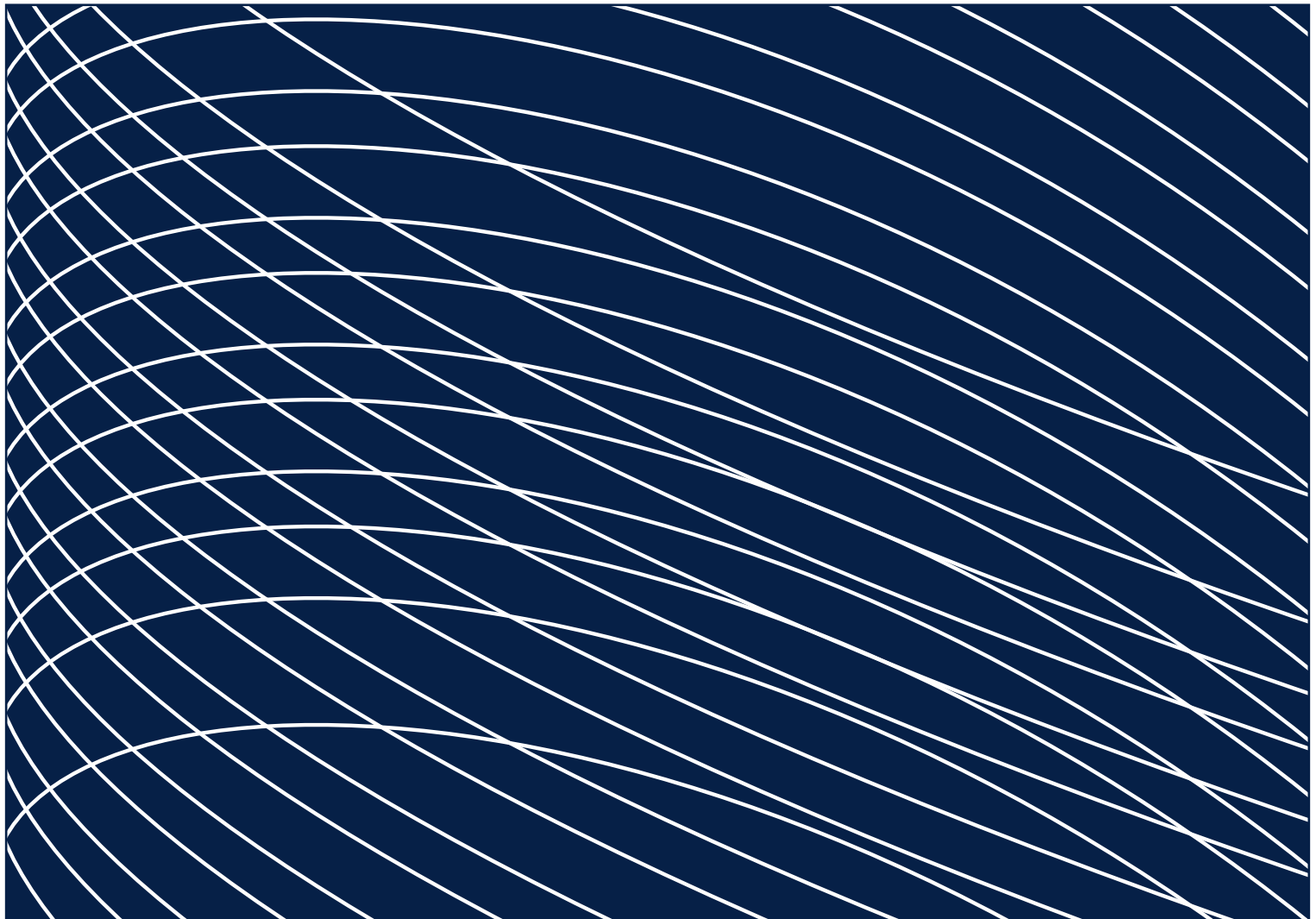


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Part IAB of the *Crimes Act 1914* (Cth)



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28 February 2023

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The Australian Federal Police, the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity and the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission are pleased to submit the *Controlled Operations Annual Report 2021–22*.

Pursuant to section 15HN, Part IAB, of the *Crimes Act 1914* (Cth), the report sets out the details required by subsections 15HM(2), (2A), (2B) and (2C) in relation to controlled operations for which the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity, the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission, and the Australian Federal Police were the authorising agencies between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022 inclusive.

A copy of this report is to be tabled in each House of Parliament within 15 sitting days of your receiving it.

Yours sincerely

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INTRODUCTION

The *Controlled Operations Annual Report 2021–22* is the 26th issued under Part IAB of the *Crimes Act 1914* (Cth) (the Act).

Controlled operations are investigations carried out within a legal framework that balances the need for operational flexibility with appropriate public accountability. Part IAB of the Act was designed to permit certain law enforcement agencies to undertake covert activity which would, in the absence of legislation, constitute an offence against the Commonwealth or that of a state or territory.

Controlled operations permit law enforcement agencies to use covert and coercive powers to uncover and interdict criminal activity and dismantle transnational organised crime syndicates. The offences investigated using this method cover a broad spectrum ranging from corruption, money laundering and importation of illicit goods and substances to terrorism and cybercrime.

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) utilise the controlled operation regime to disrupt onshore and worldwide criminal activity. The regime has been integral to the successful outcome of multiple child exploitation, drug and terrorism related investigations the AFP has undertaken, as well as, investigations and subsequent disruptions to serious organised criminal activity such as cybercrime, large scale drug trafficking and money laundering.

The Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) conducts special investigations and operations into relevant criminal activity, including large-scale and organised serious offences such as drug trafficking and money laundering. Controlled operations form a fundamental part of ACIC's operational methodologies, resulting in interventions such as arrests and seizures. The ACIC also works with its partner law enforcement agencies, using the unique intelligence derived from its controlled operations to support joint operations, and to generate compelling insights into criminal syndicates and their activities.

A note on nomenclature: on 1 July 2016, the Australian Crime Commission (ACC) became known as the ACIC. This annual report refers to controlled operations authorities that were issued before that date but remained active within the 2021–22 reporting year, as well as those that were issued on or after the 1 July 2016. The included reports therefore make reference to both the ACC and ACIC.

When appropriate, the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI) conducts controlled operations in support of its investigations into corrupt conduct by law enforcement officials.

The controlled operations in this report authorised by 'authorised officers' defined in the Act highlight the cooperation between national and international law enforcement agencies and their success in disrupting the activities of organised crime syndicates and illicit commodity flows. The seizure of illicit goods and proceeds of crime and the subsequent arrest of offenders demonstrate that Australia is committed to combating organised crime and will not be seen as an easy target for such activities.

GUIDE TO THIS REPORT

This year's report provides details of controlled operations in accordance with the reporting requirements of both the current and the previous legislation.

Part A describes the requirements of the current legislation.

Part B describes the requirements of the legislation in effect until 18 February 2010, with these requirements still applying to certain matters.

Part A. Current legislative requirements

Crimes Act 1914 (Cth)

On 19 February 2010, the *Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious and Organised Crime) Act 2010* (Cth) received royal assent. This Act provided amendments related to controlled operations Part IAB of the Act – Controlled operations.

Controlled operations can be undertaken with respect to any serious Commonwealth offence or serious state offence that has a federal aspect.

A **controlled operation** is defined by section 15GD of the Act as one that:

1. involves the participation of law enforcement officers; and
2. is carried out for the purpose of obtaining evidence that may lead to the prosecution of a person for a serious Commonwealth offence or a serious State offence that has a federal aspect; and
3. may involve a law enforcement officer or other person in conduct that would, apart from section 15HA, constitute a Commonwealth offence or an offence against a law of a State or Territory.

A **serious Commonwealth offence**, pursuant to section 15GE of the Act, means an offence against a law of the Commonwealth that is punishable on conviction by imprisonment for a period of three years or more, and a Commonwealth offence that involves a matter specified by subsection 15GE(2), including: theft, fraud, tax evasion, illegal gambling, extortion, bribery of a public official, people smuggling and slavery.

A **major controlled operation** is defined by subsection 15GD(2) of the Act as being a controlled operation that is likely to:

1. involve the infiltration of an organised criminal group by one or more undercover law enforcement officers for a period of more than 7 days; or
2. continue for more than 3 months; or
3. be directed against suspected criminal activity that includes a threat to life.

Authorisation of controlled operations

Section 15GH governs applications for authorities to conduct controlled operations.

An Australian law enforcement officer may apply to an authorising officer for an authority to conduct a controlled operation. An authorising officer for a controlled operation is pursuant to section 15GF of the Act.

Both formal and urgent applications must provide sufficient information to enable the authorising officer to decide whether or not to grant the application, state whether an earlier application has been made, and state the proposed period of effect of the authority (pursuant to subsection 15GH(4)). The proposed period of effect of the authority must not exceed 3 months in the case of a formal application, or 7 days in the case of an urgent application. Additionally, an authorising officer can require an applicant to produce additional information (per subsection 15GH(5)).

Determination of applications

Section 15GI governs the determination of applications, including what factors should be taken into consideration by the authorising officer. Pursuant to subsection 15GI(1) the authorising officer may either grant or refuse an application, and where they grant an application, the authorisation may be subject to conditions. Subsection 15GI(2) furthermore outlines criteria that the authorising officer must be satisfied are met in order to grant an authority, including: that a serious offence has been committed or is being or is likely to be committed, or that an integrity testing authority is in effect in relation to an offence that it is suspected has been, is being or is likely to be committed by a staff member of a target agency; that the severity of the criminal activity is such as to justify the conduct of the proposed controlled operation; that the controlled operation will not be conducted in such a way that a person could be induced to commit an offence that they would not otherwise have committed; the risks posed by the proposed controlled operation; and, the question of whether any civilian role in the controlled operation could be adequately performed by a law enforcement officer instead.

Controlled operation authorities

Section 15GK sets out requirements for the form a controlled operations authority must take, including that an authority must state: the name of the applicant, certain information concerning the illicit goods, the identity of persons authorised to engage in the controlled conduct, and the nature of the criminal activity being targeted.

The person responsible for an individual controlled operation is then the principal law enforcement officer specified in the authority (per section 15GC).

Period of effect

An urgent controlled operation authority can remain in force only for a maximum of 7 days.

A formal controlled operation authority must specify the period of effect of the authority, this being a period of less than three months (per subsection 15GK(1)(h)). The authority will then expire at the end of the period of its effect (pursuant to section 15GN), unless it has been extended under either subdivision B or C of the Division. If a formal controlled operation authority needs to be extended, then a variation application needs to be made. The variation application to extend the period of effect of a formal controlled operation authority beyond 3 months must be presented to a nominated Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) member, who may extend the period of effect for up to 3 months at a time (pursuant to section 15GT). However, of note is that, per subsection 15GT(3) the total period of effect for a formal or major controlled operation authority cannot exceed 24 months.

Variations to the authority

Variation of a controlled operations authority can be made (pursuant to section 15GO) by an appropriate authorising officer. The appropriate authorising officer may, either at any time on their own initiative, or on application (under subsection 15GP(1)):

1. extend the period of effect of the authority (subject to subsections (3) and (4) of section 15GO); or
2. authorise additional persons to engage in controlled conduct for the purposes of the controlled operation and specify:
 - a. with respect to additional law enforcement participants – the nature of the controlled conduct that those participants may engage in; and
 - b. with respect to additional civilian participants – the particular controlled conduct (if any) that each such participant may engage in; or
3. provide that specified persons are no longer authorised to engage in controlled conduct for the purposes of the controlled operation; or
4. authorise participants in the controlled operation to engage in additional or alternative controlled conduct.

Cancellation of authority

An appropriate authorising officer may, by order in writing given to the principal law enforcement officer for a controlled operation, cancel the authority to conduct the controlled operation at any time and for any reason (pursuant to section 15GY).

Reporting requirements

Six-monthly reports to the Minister and Ombudsman

Section 15HM requires that, as soon as practicable after 30 June and 31 December each year, the chief officer of each authorising agency must submit a report to the Commonwealth Ombudsman (the Ombudsman). The report needs to set out the details required by subsection 15HM(2) in relation to controlled operations the authorising agency was responsible for during the previous six months. A copy of the 15HM report must be provided to the responsible Minister (the Minister) at the same time as it is provided to the Ombudsman.

Chief officers' annual report to the Minister and Ombudsman

Section 15HN requires that as soon as practicable after 30 June in each year, the chief officer of each authorising agency must submit a report to the Minister setting out the details required by subsections 15HM(2), (2A), (2B) and (2C) regarding the controlled operations that agency had authority over during the previous 12 months. A copy of a report given to the Minister under section 15HN must also be given to the Ombudsman at the same time.

The AFP prepared the *Controlled Operations Annual Report 2021–22* in consultation with the ACIC and ACLEI.

Material excluded from reporting

In accordance with subsection 15HN(2) of the Act, the Minister is required to exclude from the annual report information that, if made public, could reasonably be expected to:

1. endanger a person's safety; or
2. prejudice an investigation or prosecution; or
3. compromise any law enforcement agency's operational activities or methodologies; or
4. be contrary to the public interest for any other reason.

Part B. Historic legislative requirements

On 8 July 1996, the Commonwealth Parliament passed legislation to provide for the conduct of controlled operations by Australian law enforcement agencies.

The following legislative references are to sections of the Act in force until 18 February 2010.

Under the now repealed section 15T of the Act, the Minister was required to lay before each House of Parliament, not later than the first sitting day of the House after 1 October each year, a report on controlled operations. Details to be provided in the report include: the date on which the application was made, the decision taken about the application, the reasons for that decision, and information on reports given to the Minister under section 15R during that financial year.

Material excluded from reporting

In accordance with the now repealed subsection 15T(3) of the Act, the annual report is not to include any information about any person (including the person's name) that has not already been published about that person. Additionally, if the Minister is of the view that it is likely that the inclusion of any information in a report provided by the Commissioner of the AFP, the Integrity Commissioner of ACLEI or the Chief Executive Officer of the ACIC may either endanger the safety of a person, or prejudice an investigation or prosecution, then the Minister must consequently exclude the information from the report under subsection 15T(4) of the Act. If information is excluded pursuant to subsection 15T(4) in the version of the report provided to parliament, the information is to be published in the first report after the Minister considers that the information will no longer endanger the safety of a person or prejudice the investigation or prosecution.

ACRONYMS

AAT	Administrative Appeals Tribunal
ACLEI	Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
ACC	Australian Crime Commission
ACIC	Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission
AFP	Australian Federal Police
NMI	National Measurement Institute

ADDITIONAL MATTERS

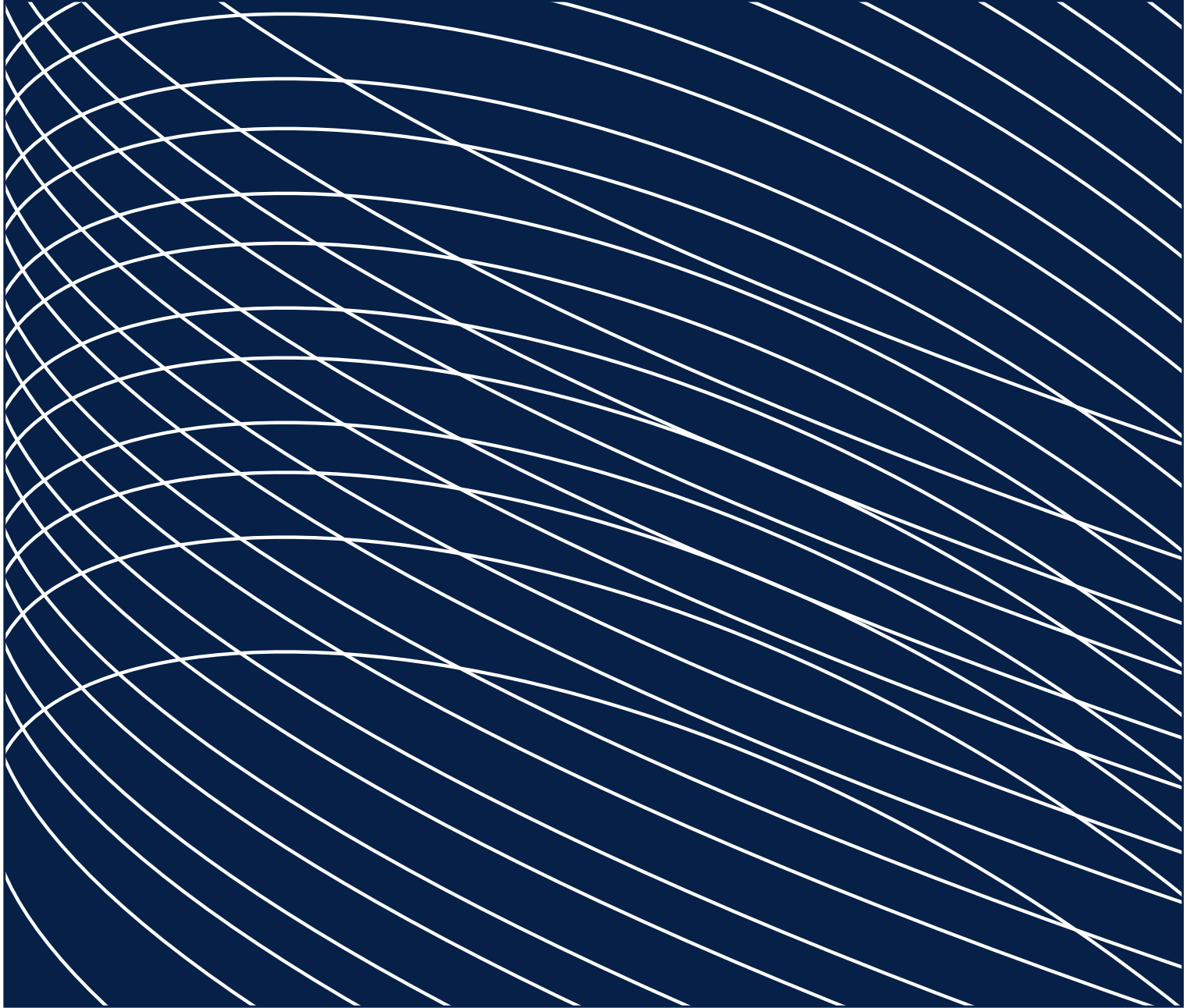
The illicit goods detailed in this report have not been destroyed unless the contrary is indicated. Drug weights detailed in this report are gross weights unless the contrary is indicated.



AFP

AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

SCHEDULE 1
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE
current reporting period



Information withheld under the *Crimes Act 1914* (Cth)

Subsections 15HN(2), 15HN(4) and, in the case of operations prior to March 2010, the repealed subsections 15T(3) and 15T(4) of the Act require that reporting of controlled operations exclude information that could, if made public, endanger a person’s safety, prejudice an investigation or prosecution, compromise any law enforcement agency’s modus operandi, be contrary to the public interest or identify any person involved in an operation. When it is no longer necessary to exclude this information, it is published in a subsequent annual report (see Schedule 2).

Excluded information

AFP operations fully excluded

07–08/50				
08–09/17	08–09/26	08–09/38		
09–10/06				
19–20/17	19–20/28			
21–22/21	21–22/26	21–22/39	21–22/50	21–22/51
21–22/62	21–22/67	21–22/68	21–22/78	

AFP operations partly excluded

21–22/09	21–22/82
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Previously excluded information published in 2021–22

AFP operations fully excluded – now reported in full

20–21/02	20–21/89	20–21/94	20–21/99	20–21/103
20–21/108	20–21/110	20–21/112	20–21/119	20–21/120
20–21/121				

AFP operations partly excluded – now reported in full

Nil

AFP operations fully excluded – now reported in part

20–21/100

QUANTITATIVE SUMMARY

Subsection 15HM(1) of the Act stipulates that as soon as practicable after 31 December and 30 June in each financial year the chief officer of each authorising agency must submit a report to the Ombudsman setting out the details required by subsection 15HM(2). The following table sets out these details for 2021–22.

Provision	Details required	Number
Subsection 15HM(2)(a)	Formal authorities that were:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ granted by an AFP authorising officer during the period ▪ varied by an AFP authorising officer during the period 	103 38
Subsection 15HM(2)(b)	Formal applications for formal authorities refused by an AFP authorising officer during the period	1
Subsection 15HM(2)(c)	Formal variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by an AFP authorising officer	0
	Urgent variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by an AFP authorising officer	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(d)	Urgent authorities that were:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ granted by an AFP authorising officer during the period ▪ varied by an AFP authorising officer during the period 	3 4
Subsection 15HM(2)(e)	Formal applications for urgent authorities refused by an AFP authorising officer	0
	Urgent applications for urgent authorities refused by an AFP authorising officer	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(f)	Formal variation applications for the variation of urgent authorities refused by an AFP authorising officer	0
	Urgent variation applications for the variation of urgent authorities refused by an AFP authorising officer	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(g)	Formal authorities that were varied by a nominated AAT member during the period	37
Subsection 15HM(2)(h)	Formal variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by a nominated AAT member	0
	Urgent variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by a nominated AAT member	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(t)	Authorities for controlled operations that:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ were cancelled by an AFP authorising officer during the period ▪ expired during the period 	36 59
Not applicable	Authorities for controlled operations that were:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ withdrawn ▪ did not progress to an authorising officer 	0 0

Some of the authorities issued during the 2021–22 reporting year were still ongoing at the end of the reporting period; these authorities are included in the first annual report after they have expired.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/01

Date of application

1 July 2021

Authorising officer

Raegan Stewart, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:16 am on 1 July 2021 Raegan Stewart, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

1 July 2021 to 30 December 2021

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 4 August 2021

On 4 August 2021 Raegan Stewart, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 29 September 2021

On 29 September 2021 Robert Cameron, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 30 December 2021.

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Liquid Cocaine
Weight/Quantity	9.6 kg (gross)
Current Location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Stockholm, Sweden to Melbourne, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Three targets were arrested and charged with drug-related offences.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/02

Date of application

2 July 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:16 pm on 6 July 2021 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

6 July 2021 to 5 January 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 5 October 2021

On 5 October 2021 Stephen Boyle, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 5 January 2022.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation, trafficking and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications to plan and facilitate the importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs. Met in person for monetary transaction in relation to the purchase of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	400 kg (gross)
Current Location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	During the controlled operation the narcotic goods travelled from Iran to Indonesia, to Australian waters
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	The following person/s had possession of the narcotic goods in the course of the operation: Crew members of the vessel <i>Lziwani</i> , identified as a fishing crew of Pakistani nationals.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to drug importations.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/03

Date of application

7 July 2021

Authorising officer

Richard Chin, Commander Transnational Operations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:30 pm on 7 July 2021 Richard Chin, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

7 July 2021 to 7 August 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation of a commercial quantity of border drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs by the target. Some aspects of the investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/04

Date of application

7 July 2021

Authorising officer

Raegan Stewart, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:08 pm on 7 July 2021 Raegan Stewart, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

7 July 2021 to 6 August 2021

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 21 July 2021

On 21 July 2021 Raegan Stewart, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the collection of the consignment.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Gammabutyrolactone (GBL) 1,4 - Butanediol
Weight/Quantity	600 kg (net) 50 kg (net)
Current Location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: China to Melbourne, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Two persons were arrested and charged with drug-related offences.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/05

Date of application

7 July 2021

Authorising officer

Kirsty Schofield, Commander Investigations,
Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:30 pm on 7 July 2021 Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

7 July 2021 to 29 July 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the attempted importation and possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 8:58 am on 29 July 2021 Craig Bellis, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Not yet identified person(s).

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	20 kg (net)
Current Location	United States law enforcement authorities
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United States of America
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

No targets were identified as a result of the controlled operation.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/06

Date of application

8 July 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:40 pm on 9 July 2021 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 July 2021 to 8 October 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of terrorism, money laundering and trafficking controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Nil arrests or seizures were made. Some aspects of the investigation are ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/07

Date of application

21 July 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:42 pm on 21 July 2021 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

21 July 2021 to 3 September 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of terrorism.

Cancellation

At 7:02 am on 3 September 2021 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications with the target in relation to details of a planned protest.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information in relation to the targets activities.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/08

Date of application

22 July 2021

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Western Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 6:40 pm on 22 July 2021 John Tanti, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

22 July 2021 to 3 August 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Attempted to engage in communications to facilitate the delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Gammabutyrolactone (GBL)
Weight/Quantity	3,418.3 g (net)
Current Location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Huizhou, China to Welshpool, Western Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drug-related offences.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/09

Date of application

23 July 2021

Authorising officer

Craig Bellis, performing the duties of
Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:38 pm on 23 July 2021 Craig Bellis, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

23 July 2021 to 2 September 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 12:09 pm on 2 September 2021 Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems to facilitate the importation and delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	235.848 kg (net)
Current Location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(2) of the Act.
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Five additional targets were identified during the course of the controlled operations. Some aspects of the investigation are ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/10

Date of application

29 July 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:53 pm on 2 August 2021 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

2 August 2021 to 1 November 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of money laundering and misuse of computer systems.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of the investigation are ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/11

Date of application

3 August 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:40 pm on 4 August 2021 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

4 August 2021 to 4 February 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 25 October 2021

On 25 October 2021 William Frost, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 4 February 2022.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of money laundering.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/12

Date of application

6 August 2021

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Western Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 8:00 am on 6 August 2021 John Tanti, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

6 August 2021 to 13 August 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a marketable quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Heroin
Weight/Quantity	329.1 g (net)
Current Location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: South Africa to Perth, Western Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested for drug-related offences.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/13

Date of application

6 August 2021

Authorising officer

Kirsty Schofield, Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:35 pm on 6 August 2021 Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

6 August 2021 to 20 August 2021

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 10 August 2021

On 10 August 2021 Kirsty Schofield, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the attempted importation and possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 4:18 pm on 20 August 2021 Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	5.5 kg (gross)
Current Location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: California, United States of America to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about methodologies used in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/14

Date of application

6 August 2021

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Western Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:20 pm on 6 August 2021 John Tanti, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

6 August 2021 to 12 August 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 4:35 pm on 12 August 2021 John Tanti, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems and engaged in communications with the target/s in relation to the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	4.9 kg (gross)
Current Location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United States of America to Perth, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Two persons were arrested with drug-related offences. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/15

Date of application

3 August 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:54 pm on 11 August 2021 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

11 August 2021 to 10 November 2021

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 28 September 2021

On 30 September 2021 Ian McCartney, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of terrorism.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications with the target in relation to terrorism-related activities.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about methodologies used to commit terrorism-related offences.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/16

Date of application

23 August 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 8:05 am on 25 August 2021 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

25 August 2021 to 24 November 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the conspiracy and attempt to import a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Attempted to engage in communications with the target.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/17

Date of application

10 January 2022

Authorising officer

Raegan Stewart, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:47 am on 11 January 2022 Raegan Stewart, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

11 January 2022 to 13 May 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 8 April 2022

On 8 April 2022 Peter Britten-Jones, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the controlled operation should remain in effect until 7 July 2022.

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation, trafficking and possession of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs, border controlled plants, controlled precursors and illicit tobacco products, and money laundering.

Cancellation

At 3:30 pm on 13 May 2022 Justine Gough, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in meetings, discussions, negotiations and arrangements in regards to the purchase and possession of border controlled drugs and tobacco. Possessed, conveyed, sold and engaged in monetary transactions in relation to the sale of illicit goods.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	Tobacco 340,000 sticks AUD93,000
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Tobacco – Docklands, Melbourne to Sunshine, Melbourne Currency – Sunshine, Melbourne to CBD, Melbourne

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/18

Date of application

20 August 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:50 pm on 22 August 2021 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

22 August 2021 to 26 October 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 10:37 am on 26 October 2021 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	84 kg (gross)
Current Location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Thailand to Brisbane, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information in relation to the methodologies used for the importation of border controlled drugs. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/19

Date of application

20 August 2021

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Western Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:00 pm on 20 August 2021 John Tanti, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

20 August 2021 to 2 September 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a marketable quantity of a border controlled drug.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Attempted to engage in communications to facilitate the delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	406.2 g (net)
Current Location	AFP. Samples have been sent to the National Measurement Institute.
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to Welshpool, Western Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the illicit goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The target was arrested in relation to drug-related offences.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/20

Date of application

20 August 2021

Authorising officer

Kirsty Schofield, Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:20 pm on 20 August 2021 Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

20 August 2021 to 30 August 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the attempted importation and possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 9:54 am on 30 August 2021 Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	1.5 kg (gross)
Current Location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: California, United States of America to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the illicit goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs. Some aspects of the investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/22

Date of application

1 September 2021

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Western Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:25 pm on 1 September 2021 John Tanti, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

1 September 2021 to 14 September 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation of a marketable quantity of border controlled drugs and prohibited imports.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	325.5 g (gross)
Current Location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Los Angeles, United States of America to Perth, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and one target was charged with drug-related offences.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/23

Date of application

3 September 2021

Authorising officer

Todd Hunter, performing the duties of Assistant Commissioner, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:50 pm on 3 September 2021 Todd Hunter, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

3 September 2021 to 2 December 2021

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 16 September 2021

On 16 September 2021 Todd Hunter, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the collection of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	35 kg (gross)
Current Location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Mexico to Melbourne, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information regarding methodologies used in relation to drug importation.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/24

Date of application

10 September 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 8:45 am on 12 September 2021 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

12 September 2021 to 11 December 2021

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 7 October 2021

On 10 October 2021 Ian McCartney, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of money laundering, trafficking a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs and possession of a prohibited drug.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications with the target in relation to the trafficking of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information regarding methodologies used in relation to drug importation. Some aspects of the investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/25

Date of application

15 September 2021

Authorising officer

Andrew Donoghoe, Commander Investigations, Northern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:53 pm on 15 September 2021 Andrew Donoghoe, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

15 September 2021 to 24 September 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the attempted importation and possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 7:25 am on 24 September 2021 Andrew Donoghoe, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery/ collection of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	10.8 kg (gross)
Current Location	United States of America law enforcement authorities
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United States of America
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Two persons were arrested and charged with drug-related offences.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/28

Date of application

21 September 2021

Authorising officer

Andrew Donoghoe, Commander Investigations,
Northern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:59 pm on 21 September 2021 Andrew Donoghoe, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

21 September 2021 to 24 September 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 8:16 am on 24 September 2021 Andrew Donoghoe, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications with the target in relation to the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	10.2 kg (gross)
Current Location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Ciudad De Mexico, Mexico to Brisbane, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drug-related offences.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/29

Date of application

23 September 2021

Authorising officer

Andrew Donoghoe, Commander Investigations,
Northern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:47 pm on 23 September 2021 Andrew Donoghoe, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

23 September 2021 to 29 September 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Facilitated the attempted delivery and collection of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Gamma Aminobutyric Acid
Weight/Quantity	30,492.8 g (net)
Current Location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: China to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drug-related offences.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/30

Date of application

27 September 2021

Authorising officer

Kirsty Schofield, Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:59 pm on 27 September 2021 Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

27 September 2021 to 7 October 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the attempted importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 4:59 pm on 7 October 2021 Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	15.3 kg (net)
Current Location	United States of America Customs and Border Protection
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United States of America
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/31

Date of application

24 September 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 8:55 am on 29 September 2021 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

29 September 2021 to 28 December 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of terrorism and urging violence.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in rapport building communications with the targets.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP investigation did not identify any threat by the targets. The targets were referred back to partner agencies for monitoring.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/33

Date of application

30 September 2021

Authorising officer

Simone Butcher, performing the duties of Commander Operations, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:00 pm on 30 September 2021 Simone Butcher, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

30 September 2021 to 6 October 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of a border controlled drug.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	2,944.1 g (net)
Current Location	AFP. Samples have been sent to the National Measurement Institute.
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Spain to Melbourne, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Two targets were arrested and charged with drug-related offences.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/34

Date of application

1 October 2021

Authorising officer

Andrew Donoghoe, Commander Investigations,
Northern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:20 pm on 1 October 2021 Andrew Donoghoe, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

1 October 2021 to 14 October 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a marketable quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems and engaged in communications to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Facilitated the attempted delivery and collection of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/Quantity	1.5 kg (gross)
Current Location	AFP. Samples have been sent to the National Measurement Institute.
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Lisbon, Portugal to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Three targets were arrested and charged with drug-related offences.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/35

Date of application

3 October 2021

Authorising officer

Raegan Stewart, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:49 pm on 3 October 2021 Raegan Stewart, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

3 October 2021 to 16 October 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Heroin
Weight/Quantity	326.7 kg (net)
Current Location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Malaysia to Melbourne, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drug-related offences.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/36

Date of application

5 October 2021

Authorising officer

Kirsty Schofield, Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 6:57 pm on 5 October 2021 Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

5 October 2021 to 28 October 2021

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 8 October 2021

On 8 October 2021 Kirsty Schofield, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 18 October 2021

On 18 October 2021 Matthew Ciantar, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the attempted importation and possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 2:27 pm on 28 October 2021 Matthew Ciantar, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems and engaged in communications to facilitate the collection/delivery of the consignment. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	100 kg (gross)
Current Location	Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Canada
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Canada
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drug-related offences. The AFP gathered valuable information in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/38

Date of application

8 October 2021

Authorising officer

Christopher Goldsmid, Commander
Cyber Crime Operations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:11 pm on 8 October 2021 Christopher Goldsmid, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

8 October 2021 to 7 December 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of money laundering, misuse of computer systems and forgery.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Undertook discussions, negotiations and preparatory logistic arrangements regarding the movement of criminal funds.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information in relation to the cybercrime-related offending.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/40

Date of application

4 October 2021

Authorising officer

Simone Butcher, performing the duties of Commander Operations, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:40 am on 5 October 2021 Simone Butcher, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

5 October 2021 to 8 December 2021

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 13 October 2021

On 14 October 2021 Raegan Stewart, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 10 November 2021

On 10 November 2021 Raegan Stewart, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 12 November 2021

On 15 November 2021 Raegan Stewart, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation, attempted possession and trafficking of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 1:36 pm on 8 December 2021 Raegan Stewart, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to the collection of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Facilitated the movement of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	139.5 kg (net)
Current Location	Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Canada
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Toronto, Canada
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Three targets were arrested and charged with drug-related offences. The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/41

Date of application

8 October 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:29 pm on 12 October 2021 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

12 October 2021 to 11 January 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of terrorism.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications with the target in relation to terrorist activity.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

No evidence was obtained. The AFP has gathered valuable information in relation to the target's activities.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/42

Date of application

11 October 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:20 pm on 12 October 2021 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

12 October 2021 to 11 January 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/43

Date of application

12 October 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:56 pm on 14 October 2021 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

14 October 2021 to 16 December 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

At 9:50 am on 16 December 2021 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications with the target regarding money laundering and drug-related activity.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information in relation to money laundering offences. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/45

Date of application

14 October 2021

Authorising officer

Andrew Donoghoe, Commander Investigations,
Northern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:22 pm on 14 October 2021 Andrew Donoghoe, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

14 October 2021 to 23 February 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 12 January 2022

On 12 January 2022 Peter McDermott, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the controlled operation remain in effect until 13 April 2022.

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

At 9:35 pm on 23 February 2022 Scott Lee, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications with the target in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

No importation eventuated. The investigation has been finalised.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/46

Date of application

15 October 2021

Authorising officer

Graeme Marshall, performing the duties of Commander Western Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:36 pm on 15 October 2021 Graeme Marshall, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

15 October 2021 to 3 November 2021

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 27 October 2021

On 27 October 2021 John Tanti, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	4.082 kg (gross)
Current Location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Canada to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested for drug-related offences.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/47

Date of application

22 October 2021

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Western Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:08 pm on 22 October 2021 John Tanti, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

22 October 2021 to 21 November 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	29.7 kg (gross)
Current Location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Pakistan to Perth, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/48

Date of application

22 October 2021

Authorising officer

Matthew Ciantar, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:02 pm on 22 October 2021 Matthew Ciantar, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

22 October 2021 to 15 December 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of possession of a commercial quantity of a precursor.

Cancellation

At 12:56 pm on 15 December 2021 Andrea Humphrys, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems and engaged in communications to facilitate the delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methylamine
Weight/Quantity	1,000 kg (gross)
Current Location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: China to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

One target was charged with participating in a criminal group.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/49

Date of application

22 October 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:55 pm on 27 October 2021 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

27 October 2021 to 26 January 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/52

Date of application

12 November 2021

Authorising officer

Andrew Donoghoe, Commander Investigations,
Northern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:33 pm on 12 November 2021 Andrew Donoghoe, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

12 November 2021 to 18 November 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a marketable quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 10:20 am on 18 November 2021 Andrew Donoghoe, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery/collection of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Ketamine
Weight/Quantity	979.9 g (net)
Current Location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Ireland to Brisbane, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drug-related offences.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/53

Date of application

15 November 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

On 22 November 2021 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, refused a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

Not applicable

AFP variation of authority

Not applicable

AAT variation of authority

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

Not applicable

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Not applicable

Nature of conduct engaged in

Not applicable

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Not applicable

Details of any personal injuries

Not applicable

Illicit goods

Not applicable

Narcotic goods

Not applicable

Outcomes

Not applicable

Controlled operation number: 21–22/55

Date of application

18 November 2021

Authorising officer

Hall O’Meagher, performing the duties of Commander, Investigations ACT

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:25 pm on 18 November 2021 Hall O’Meagher, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

18 November 2021 to 30 November 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a marketable quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 12:10 pm on 30 November 2021 Hall O’Meagher, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/Quantity	1 kg (gross)
Current Location	AFP. Samples have been sent to the National Measurement Institute.
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Nigeria to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drug-related offences. The AFP gathered information about the methodologies utilised by the criminal syndicate.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/56

Date of application

29 November 2021

Authorising officer

Nicholas Moger, performing the duties of Commander Operations, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:20 pm on 29 November 2021 Nicholas Moger, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

29 November 2021 to 28 December 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the attempted importation and possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in regards to the delivery of the consignment. Attempted delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	5,017.6 g (gross)
Current Location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Los Angeles, United States to Honolulu, United States
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information regarding this particular syndicate. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/57

Date of application

6 December 2021

Authorising officer

Helen Schneider, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Northern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:43 am on 6 December 2021 Helen Schneider, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

6 December 2021 to 15 December 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the attempted importation and possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 2:12 pm on 15 December 2021 Helen Schneider, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Not yet identified person or persons.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and discussions to facilitate the delivery of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Amphetamine
Weight/Quantity	3.92 kg (gross)
Current Location	Pakistan Anti-Narcotics Police Force
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Pakistan
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic good during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Nil arrests made. The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/58

Date of application

14 December 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:30 pm on 15 December 2021 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

15 December 2021 to 7 January 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of terrorism.

Cancellation

At 1:00 pm on 7 January 2022 Mike Pannett, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Nil arrests were made as a result of this controlled operation. The target was arrested prior to any opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/59

Date of application

17 December 2021

Authorising officer

Andrea Humphrys, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:02 pm on 17 December 2021 Andrea Humphrys, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

17 December 2021 to 16 March 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of using a carriage service to prepare or plan to cause harm to, engage in sexual activity with, or procure for sexual activity with persons under 16 years.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Attempts were made to communicate with the target, however no response was received from the target.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The controlled operation did not result in any arrests.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/61

Date of application

17 December 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:12 pm on 17 December 2021 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

17 December 2021 to 16 June 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 16 March 2022

On 16 March 2022 Peter Britten-Jones, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 16 June 2022.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of money laundering, fraud and tax evasion.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to brokering the sale of illicit goods and associated money laundering. Met in person for monetary transaction in exchange for illicit goods.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	Tobacco 1,940,000 sticks AUD794,089
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Tobacco – A secure location to Footscray, Victoria and to Box Hill, Victoria Currency – Footscray, Victoria, and from Springvale, Victoria to AFP custody location

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Two targets were arrested and charged with fraud and money laundering related offences. A third target is expected to be arrested in due course and charged with similar offences. The AFP has also gathered valuable information about current methodology used in relation to money laundering.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/63

Date of application

23 December 2021

Authorising officer

Neil Gaughan, Chief Police Officer for the ACT

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 8:40 am on 24 December 2021 Neil Gaughan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

24 December 2021 to 6 May 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 18 March 2022

On 18 March 2022 Damien O'Donovan, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 23 June 2022.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of murder.

Cancellation

At 12:50 pm on 6 May 2022 Neil Gaughan, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/65

Date of application

7 January 2022

Authorising officer

Narelle Mitchell, performing the duties of Commander Operations and Support, Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:27 pm on 7 January 2022 Narelle Mitchell, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

7 January 2022 to 3 March 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the attempted importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 12:33 pm on 3 March 2022 Simone O'Mahony, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications regarding the delivery of the consignment. Delivery of the consignment occurred as per normal freight forwarding procedures.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	57 kg (gross)
Current Location	Thailand law enforcement authorities
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Thailand
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Three persons were arrested for drug-related offences. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/66

Date of application

24 January 2022

Authorising officer

Andrew Donoghoe, Commander Investigations, Northern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:55 am on 24 January 2022 Andrew Donoghoe, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

24 January 2022 to 30 January 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

A person or persons as yet unknown who have been responsible for or will be involved in the illegal activity that is subject to this authority.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	1.439 kg (gross)
Current Location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United Kingdom to Brisbane, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

No evidence was obtained from the controlled conduct engaged in.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/70

Date of application

18 February 2022

Authorising officer

Scott Lee, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:40 pm on 23 February 2022 Scott Lee, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

23 February 2022 to 22 May 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of terrorism.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/71

Date of application

24 February 2022

Authorising officer

Matthew Ciantar, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:35 pm on 24 February 2022 Matthew Ciantar, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

24 February 2022 to 22 May 2022

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 21 March 2022

On 21 March 2022 Andrea Humphrys, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Fentanyl Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	25 kg (gross) 30 kg (gross)
Current Location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Canada to Melbourne, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to drug importations. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/72

Date of application

21 February 2022

Authorising officer

Raegan Stewart, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(b) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:56 pm on 21 February 2022 Raegan Stewart, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued an urgent authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

21 February 2022 to 27 February 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs, money laundering and directing the activities of a criminal organisation.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to the collection of the consignment. Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine Heroin
Weight/Quantity	42,148.9 g (net) 8,861.5 g (net)
Current Location	AFP. Samples have been sent to the National Measurement Institute.
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Bangkok, Thailand to Melbourne, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

High value evidence was captured. One arrest has been made and two people have been charged with drug-related offences.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/73

Date of application

2 March 2022

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Western Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:45 pm on 2 March 2022 John Tanti, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

2 March 2022 to 31 March 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of a border controlled drug.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/Quantity	784.704 g (net)
Current Location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Brazil to Perth, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drug-related offences.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/74

Date of application

7 March 2022

Authorising officer

Matthew Ciantar, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:45 pm on 7 March 2022 Matthew Ciantar, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

7 March 2022 to 6 April 2022

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 23 March 2022

On 23 March 2022 Craig Bellis, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to the delivery of the consignment. Manipulation of computer systems to display delays with delivery of the consignment.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	13 kg (gross)
Current Location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Canada to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to drug importations. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/75

Date of application

8 March 2022

Authorising officer

Raymond Imbriano, Commander Investigations,
Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:18 am on 8 March 2022 Raymond Imbriano, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

8 March 2022 to 14 March 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of fraud.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in regards to booking an appointment for a fraudulent certificate.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

No evidence of criminal activity was identified.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/76

Date of application

9 March 2022

Authorising officer

Matthew Ciantar, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:00 pm on 9 March 2022 Matthew Ciantar, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 March 2022 to 1 April 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the attempted importation and possession of a commercial quantity of a border controlled drug.

Cancellation

At 2:16 pm on 1 April 2022 Craig Bellis, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications with the target in relation to the delivery and final payment for the consignment.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/Quantity	5,180.8 g (net)
Current Location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Surrey, British Columbia, Canada via sea cargo to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to drug importations. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/79

Date of application

21 March 2022

Authorising officer

Andrea Humphrys, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 7:23 am on 21 March 2022 Andrea Humphrys, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

21 March 2022 to 20 April 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the attempted importation and possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications with the target in relation to the delivery and final payment for the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/Quantity	6.980 kg (net)
Current Location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Greece to Qatar to Melbourne, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information regarding this particular syndicate. Four arrests were made. Three targets were charged with drug-related offences.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/80

Date of application

1 April 2022

Authorising officer

Krissy Barrett, Assistant Commissioner,
Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:38 pm on 31 March 2022 Krissy Barrett, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

31 March 2022 to 7 April 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications with the target in relation to the collection and final payment for the consignment.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	40 kg (net)
Current Location	United States of America law enforcement authorities
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United States of America
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Three targets were arrested and charged with drug-related offences.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/81

Date of application

5 April 2022

Authorising officer

Caroline Taylor, performing the duties of
Commander Investigations, Northern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:34 pm on 5 April 2022 Caroline Taylor, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

5 April 2022 to 8 April 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 7:22 am on 8 April 2022 Caroline Taylor, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	991.4 g (net)
Current Location	Australian Border Force
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Spain to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to drug importations. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/82

Date of application

1 April 2022

Authorising officer

Craig Bellis, performing the duties of
Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to
section 15GH(2)(b) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:15 pm on 1 April 2022 Craig Bellis,
an authorising officer within the meaning
of section 15GF of the Act, issued an urgent
authority authorising a controlled operation to
be undertaken.

Period of effect

1 April 2022 to 7 April 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the
criminal activity of the importation and trafficking of
a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the
provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to obtaining
a sample of border controlled drugs for the purpose
of testing. Met in person to obtain a sample of
border controlled drugs for the purpose of testing.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the
controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the
controlled operation.

Outcomes

The sample provided by the target was tested and
found not to contain any type of illicit drug.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/83

Date of application

13 April 2022

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Western Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:05 pm on 13 April 2022 John Tanti, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

13 April 2022 to 19 April 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and possession of a commercial quantity of a border controlled drug.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment. Engaged in communications in relation to the delivery of the consignment. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	3.3 kg (gross)
Current Location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Pakistan to Melbourne Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to drug importations.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/85

Date of application

11 April 2022

Authorising officer

Simone Butcher, Commander Investigations,
Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 8:30 am on 12 April 2022 Simone Butcher, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

12 April 2022 to 11 May 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the release of the consignment for delivery.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Heroin
Weight/Quantity	23,619.5 g (net)
Current Location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Thailand to Auckland, New Zealand to Melbourne, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

AFP gathered valuable information leading to the identification of three targets. Three targets were arrested, with two of these targets being charged with drug-related offences. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/86

Date of application

20 April 2022

Authorising officer

Craig Bellis, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:00 pm on 20 April 2022 Craig Bellis, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

20 April 2022 to 16 May 2022

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 26 April 2022

On 26 April 2022 Brett James, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 9:45 am on 16 May 2022 Russel Smith, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the release of the consignment for delivery. Engaged in communications in relation to the pending delivery and confirmed delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	200 kg (gross)
Current Location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Mexico to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to large scale drug importations. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/89

Date of application

7 May 2022

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(b) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:21 am on 7 May 2022 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued an urgent authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

7 May 2022 to 14 May 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of firearms.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to the purchase of various firearms.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/91

Date of application:

16 May 2022

Authorising officer:

Helen Schneider, performing the duties of Commander Investigation, Northern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 8:12 pm on 16 May 2022 Helen Schneider, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

16 May 2022 to 29 May 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the attempted importation of a marketable quantity of a border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems and a controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Ketamine
Weight/Quantity	75.5 g (net)
Current Location	Canadian law enforcement authorities
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Canada
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/94

Date of application

19 May 2022

Authorising officer

Raegan Stewart, Commander Investigations,
Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 8:47 am on 20 May 2022 Raegan Stewart, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

20 May 2022 to 1 June 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation of border controlled drugs, trafficking of controlled drugs, and money laundering.

Cancellation

At 1:26 pm on 1 June 2022 Raegan Stewart, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/95

Date of application

20 May 2022

Authorising officer

Raegan Stewart, Commander Investigations,
Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:13 pm on 20 May 2022 Raegan Stewart, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

20 May 2022 to 2 June 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a marketable quantity of a border controlled drug.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	95.6 g (net)
Current Location	AFP. Samples have been sent to the National Measurement Institute.
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to Melbourne, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Two targets were arrested and charged with drug-related offences. Some aspects on this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/97

Date of application

2 June 2022

Authorising officer

Helen Schneider, performing the duties of Commander Investigation, Northern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:02 pm on 2 June 2022 Helen Schneider, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

2 June 2022 to 15 June 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

A person or persons as yet unknown who have been responsible for or will be involved in the illegal activity that is subject to this authority.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	5 kg (net)
Current Location	AFP. Samples have been sent to the National Measurement Institute.
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Vietnam and Singapore to Brisbane, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

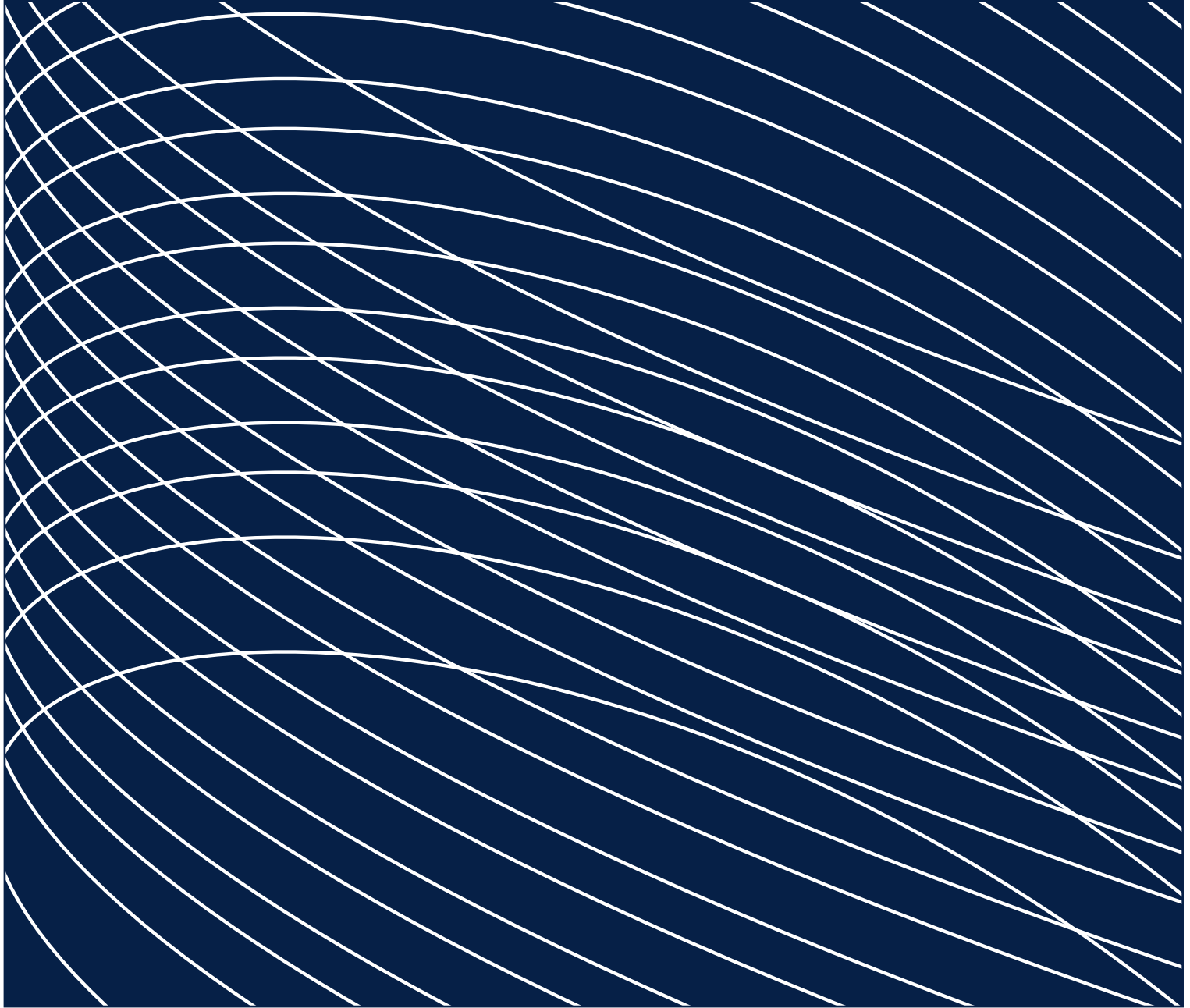
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Major controlled operation number: 20–21/02

Date of application

2 July 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:30 pm on 3 July 2020 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

3 July 2020 to 15 December 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 1 October 2020

On 1 October 2020 Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 28 December 2020.

Date of variation application: 16 December 2020

On 16 December 2020 Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 15 March 2021.

Date of variation application: 11 March 2021

On 11 March 2021 Brian Wade Rayment, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 15 June 2021.

Date of variation application: 11 June 2021

On 11 June 2021 Michael John McGrowdie, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 15 September 2021.

Date of variation application: 14 September 2021

On 14 September 2021 Bernard Joseph McCabe, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 15 December 2021.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the conspiracy to import and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications with the target in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs. Engaged in monetary transactions for services involving the importation of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	AUD25,000
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	The illicit goods travelled from an unknown location to Sydney, Australia

Narcotic goods

Type	Heroin
Weight/Quantity	214 kg (net)
Current Location	Thai Customs, Thailand
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: The narcotic goods did not leave Thailand
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Two targets were arrested and charged with drug-related offences.

Major controlled operation number: 20–21/89

Date of application

17 March 2021

Authorising officer

Neil Gaughan, Chief Police Officer for the ACT

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:06 pm on 17 March 2021 Neil Gaughan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

17 March 2021 to 24 August 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 10 June 2021

On 10 June 2021 Damien O'Donovan, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 16 September 2021.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of fraud, money laundering and trafficking of controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 3:55 pm on 24 August 2021 Neil Gaughan, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Major controlled operation number: 20–21/94

Date of application

23 April 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:51 pm on 23 April 2021 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

23 April 2021 to 22 July 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of terrorism.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct. Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 20–21/99

Date of application

15 April 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:35 pm on 15 April 2021 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

15 April 2021 to 14 October 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 13 July 2021

On 13 July 2021 Theodore Tavoularis, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 14 October 2021.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of terrorism.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Attempted to engage in communications with the target.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Rapport building conversation did not lead to any opportunity for controlled conduct. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 20–21/100

Date of application

19 April 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:30 pm on 19 April 2021, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

19 April 2021 to 8 April 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 14 July 2021

On 14 July 2021, Adria Marissa Poljak, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 18 October 2021.

Date of variation application: 12 October 2021

On 12 October 2021, Michael John McGrowdie, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 18 January 2022.

Date of variation application: 12 January 2022

On 12 January 2022, Michael John McGrowdie, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 18 April 2022.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of money laundering.

Cancellation

At 7:50 am on 8 April 2022, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and meetings in relation to money laundering activities and cash handovers. Engaged in monetary transactions.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(2) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information in regards to money laundering activities and methodologies of the syndicate.

Controlled operation number: 20–21/103

Date of application

23 April 2021

Authorising officer

Simone Butcher, performing the duties of Commander Operations, Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:00 pm on 23 April 2021 Simone Butcher, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

23 April 2021 to 22 July 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Major controlled operation number: 20–21/108

Date of application

6 May 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:11 pm on 12 May 2021 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

12 May 2021 to 11 August 2021

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 14 July 2021

On 14 July 2021 Michael Pannett, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of terrorism.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Controlled operation number: 20–21/110

Date of application

12 May 2021

Authorising officer

Todd Hunter, Commander Investigations,
Southern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:20 pm on 12 May 2021 Todd Hunter, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

12 May 2021 to 11 August 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of smuggling of tobacco, conspiracy to import and importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs, trafficking commercial quantities of controlled drugs, conspiracy to import and importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled precursors, pre-trafficking commercial quantities of controlled precursors and money laundering.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with dealing in the proceeds of crime offences. The AFP gathered valuable information in relation to the methods used for the importation of border controlled drugs.

Major controlled operation number: 20–21/112

Date of application

23 May 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:03 pm on 23 May 2021 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

23 May 2021 to 13 July 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 4:30 pm on 13 July 2021 Michael Pannett, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to money laundering and the importation of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The operation was unable to achieve an outcome.

Major controlled operation number: 20–21/119

Date of application

17 June 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:26 pm on 19 June 2021 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

19 June 2021 to 18 September 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and trafficking of firearms and terrorism.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Controlled operation number: 20–21/120

Date of application

28 June 2021

Authorising officer

Andrew Donoghoe, Commander Investigations,
Northern Command

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:28 pm on 28 June 2021 Andrew Donoghoe, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

28 June 2021 to 4 July 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/Quantity	2 kg (net)
Current Location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Argentina to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested in relation to drug-related offences. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing. The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used to conceal border controlled drugs.

Controlled operation number: 20–21/121

Date of application

30 June 2021

Authorising officer

Michael Chew, Deputy Chief Police Officer Response

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:45 pm on 30 June 2021 Michael Chew, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

30 June 2021 to 13 July 2021

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of a controlled drug.

Cancellation

At 9:00 am on 13 July 2021 Michael Chew, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Gammabutyrolactone (GBL)
Weight/Quantity	1,132 g (net)
Current Location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Great Britain to Sydney, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested in relation to drug-related offences.

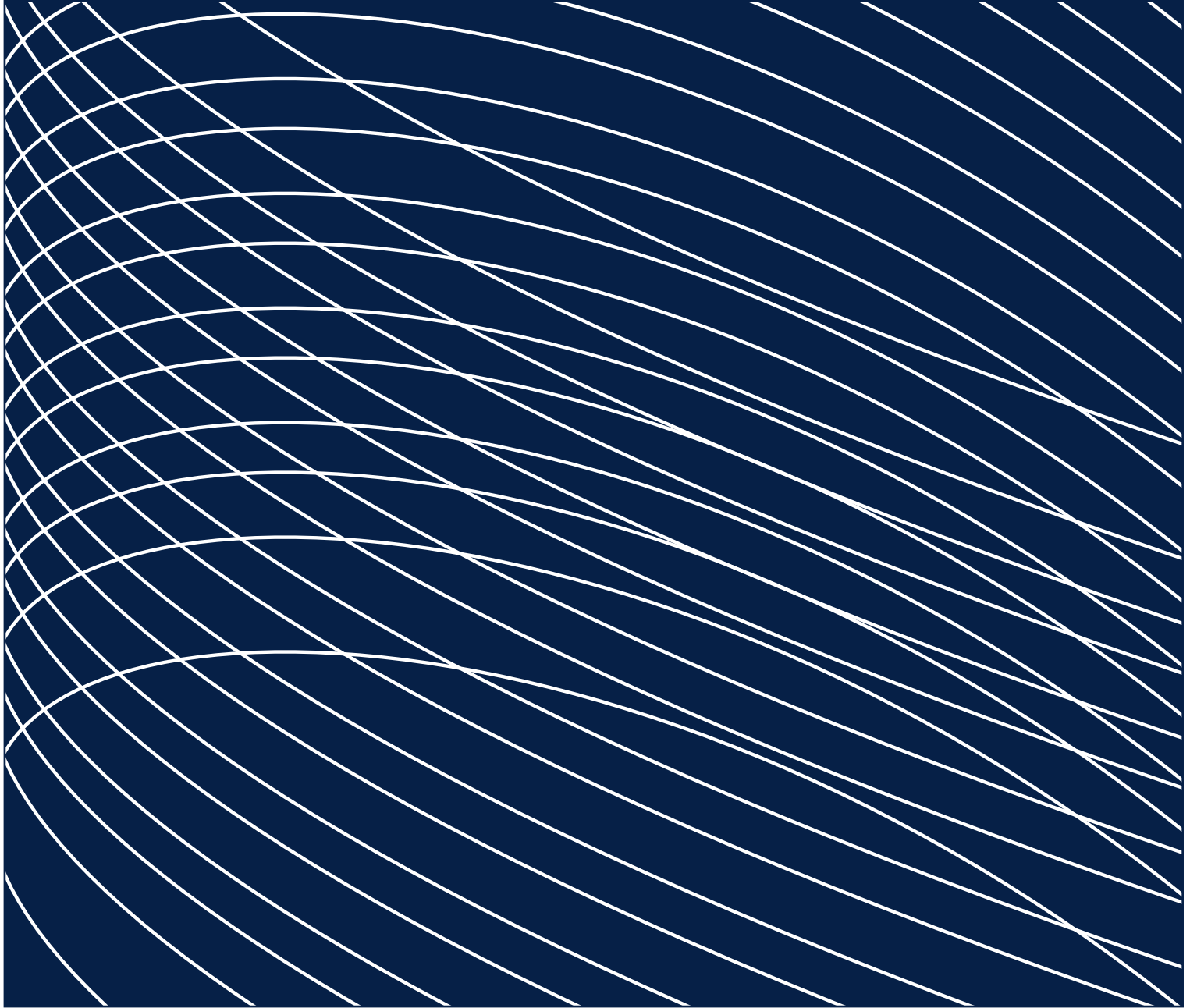
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SCHEDULE 3
AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION FOR
LAW ENFORCEMENT INTEGRITY
current reporting period



Information withheld under the *Crimes Act 1914* (Cth)

Subsections 15HN(2), 15HN(4) and, in the case of operations prior to March 2010, the repealed subsections 15T(3) and 15T(4) of the Act require that reporting of controlled operations exclude information that could, if made public, endanger a person's safety, prejudice an investigation or prosecution, compromise any law enforcement agency's modus operandi, be contrary to the public interest or identify any person involved in an operation. When it is no longer necessary to exclude this information, it is published in a subsequent annual report.

Excluded information

ACLEI operations fully excluded

Nil

ACLEI operations partly excluded

COA 03 of 2022

Note: COA 03 of 2022 was mislabelled on internal documents to continue from the previous reporting period. This COA refers to the first (and only) COA for FY21–22 and should have been allocated COA reference 01 of 2022.

Previously excluded information published in 2021–22

ACLEI operations fully excluded – now reported in full

Nil

ACLEI operations partly excluded – now reported in full

Nil

ACLEI operations fully excluded – now reported in part

Nil

QUANTITATIVE SUMMARY

Subsection 15HM(1) of the Act stipulates that as soon as practicable after 31 December and 30 June in each financial year the chief officer of each authorising agency must submit a report to the Ombudsman setting out the details required by subsection 15HM(2). The following table sets out these details for 2021–22.

Provision	Details required	Number
Subsection 15HM(2)(a)	Formal authorities that were:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ granted by an ACLEI authorising officer during the period ▪ varied by an ACLEI authorising officer during the period 	1 0
Subsection 15HM(2)(b)	Formal applications for formal authorities refused by an ACLEI authorising officer during the period	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(c)	Formal variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by an ACLEI authorising officer	0
	Urgent variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by an ACLEI authorising officer	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(d)	Urgent authorities that were:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ granted by an ACLEI authorising officer during the period ▪ varied by an ACLEI authorising officer during the period 	0 0
Subsection 15HM(2)(e)	Formal applications for urgent authorities refused by an ACLEI authorising officer	0
	Urgent applications for urgent authorities refused by an ACLEI authorising officer	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(f)	Formal variation applications for the variation of urgent authorities refused by an ACLEI authorising officer	0
	Urgent variation applications for the variation of urgent authorities refused by an ACLEI authorising officer	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(g)	Formal authorities that were varied by a nominated AAT member during the period	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(h)	Formal variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by a nominated AAT member	0
	Urgent variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by a nominated AAT member	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(t)	Authorities for controlled operations that:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ were cancelled by an ACLEI authorising officer during the period ▪ expired during the period 	1 0

Controlled operation number: COA 03 of 2022

Date of application

26 April 2022

Authorising officer

Jaala Hinchcliffe, Integrity Commissioner

Nature of application

This formal application was made pursuant to section 15GH of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:10 am on 26 April 2022 Jaala Hinchcliffe, an authorised officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

26 April 2022 to 9 June 2022

ACLEI variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the corrupt exchange of protected information for money.

Cancellation

At 11:22 am on 9 June 2022, Jaala Hinchcliffe cancelled the controlled operation at the request of the principle law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

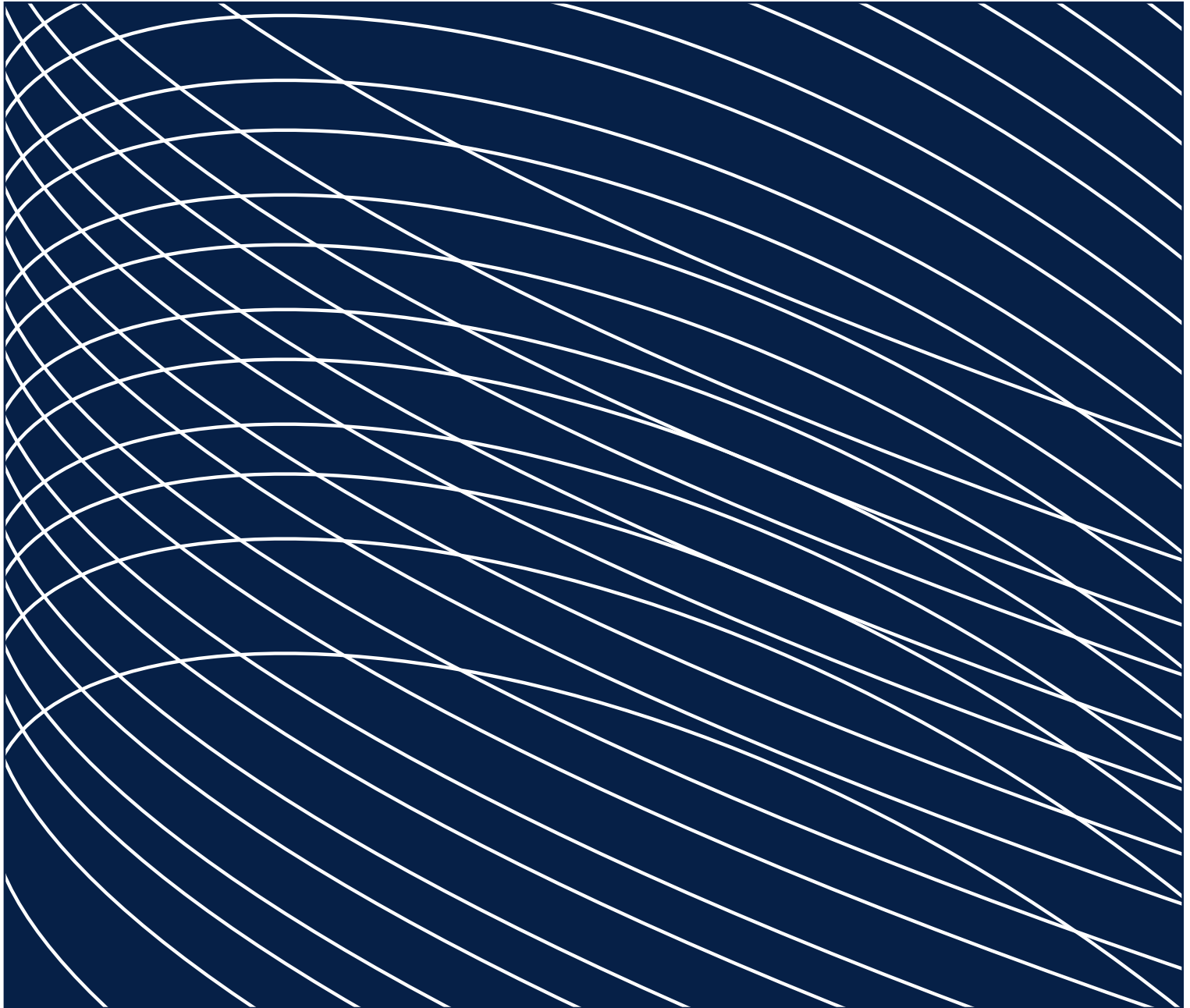
Outcomes

The controlled operation assisted in confirming the existence of a corrupt relationship between the target(s), and supported further operational activity including the overt resolution of the investigation and the commencement of associated prosecutions.



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SCHEDULE 4
**AUSTRALIAN CRIMINAL
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Excluded information

ACIC operations fully excluded

CO21035, CO21043, CO21044, CO21048, CO21051, CO21063,
CO22001, CO22002, CO22005, CO22009 and CO22014

ACIC operations partly excluded – not to be reported

ACC SOC 002
ACC 2003–04/6, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 19
ACC 2004–05/1, 2, 3, and 6
ACC 2005–06/1 to 12
ACC 2006–07/1 to 4
ACC 2007–08/2 to 15
ACC 2008–09/1, 2, 4–7, 9–11, 13–17, 20–23
ACC 2009–10/1 to 4 and 7 to 13

These authorities remain the subject of partial exclusions based on now repealed subsections 15T(93) and 15T(4) and are not reported on in this annual report.

ACIC operations partly excluded

CO20022/04/2, CO20090/02/2, CO21012/01/3, CO21023/01/0, CO21026/00/0, CO21028/00/0,
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CO22006/00/1 and CO22007/00/0

Previously excluded information published in 2021–22

ACIC operations fully excluded – now reported in full

Nil

ACIC operations partly excluded – now reported in full

Nil

ACIC operations fully excluded – now reported in part

CO19087, CO19092, CO20022, CO20070, CO20090, CO21002,
CO21006, CO21012, CO21023, CO21026, CO21028, CO21030,
CO21031 and CO21034

QUANTITATIVE SUMMARY

Subsection 15HM(1) of the Act stipulates that as soon as practicable after 31 December and 30 June in each financial year the chief officer of each authorising agency must submit a report to the Ombudsman setting out the details required by subsection 15HM(2). The following table sets out these details for 2021–22.

Provision	Details required	Number
Subsection 15HM(2)(a)	Formal authorities that were:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ granted by an ACIC authorising officer during the period ▪ varied by an ACIC authorising officer during the period 	38 16
Subsection 15HM(2)(b)	Formal applications for formal authorities refused by an ACIC authorising officer during the period	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(c)	Formal variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by an ACIC authorising officer	0
	Urgent variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by an ACIC authorising officer	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(d)	Urgent authorities that were:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ granted by an ACIC authorising officer during the period ▪ varied by an ACIC authorising officer during the period 	1 0
Subsection 15HM(2)(e)	Formal applications for urgent authorities refused by an ACIC authorising officer	0
	Urgent applications for urgent authorities refused by an ACIC authorising officer	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(f)	Formal variation applications for the variation of urgent authorities refused by an ACIC authorising officer	0
	Urgent variation applications for the variation of urgent authorities refused by an ACIC authorising officer	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(g)	Formal authorities that were varied by a nominated AAT member during the period	18
Subsection 15HM(2)(h)	Formal variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by a nominated AAT member	0
	Urgent variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by a nominated AAT member	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(t)	Authorities for controlled operations that:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ were cancelled by an ACIC authorising officer during the period ▪ expired during the period 	23 15

Some of the authorities issued during the 2021–22 reporting year were still ongoing at the end of the reporting period; these authorities are included in the first annual report after they have expired.

Controlled operation number: CO21034/00/0

Date of application

15 June 2021

Authorising officer

Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:40 pm, on 15 June 2021, Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

15 June 2021 to 5 July 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into serious drug offences and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 5 July 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations.

The authority was cancelled under section 15GY(1) of the Act by an ACIC authorising officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Nil

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled activity was conducted under this authority.

Controlled operation number: CO21023/01/0

Date of application

24 March 2021

Authorising officer

Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:00 pm, on 24 March 2021, Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

24 March 2021 to 5 July 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 21 June 2021 by Dr Michelle Evans-Bonner, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into serious drug offences and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 5 July 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations.

The authority was cancelled due to the need for a change in operational strategy.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely the importation, trafficking and manufacture of illicit drugs.

Controlled operation number: CO20090/02/2

Date of application

10 November 2020

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:20 pm, on 10 November 2020, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

10 November 2020 to 6 July 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 19 November 2020 by authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy. The authority was varied to include additional conduct for law enforcement participants.

Variation 2 was applied for and granted on 12 March 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy. The authority was varied to include additional law enforcement participants, additional civilian participants and additional controlled conduct for law enforcement participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 5 February 2021 by William Frost, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 5 May 2021 by William Frost, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 6 July 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Thomas Hester, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy.

The authority was cancelled under section 15GY(1) of the Act by an ACIC authorising officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely money laundering. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets.

Controlled operation number: CO21012/01/3

Date of application

16 February 2021

Authorising officer

Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:30 am, on 18 February 2021, Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

18 February 2021 to 6 July 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 26 February 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy. The authority was varied to include additional law enforcement participants and additional civilian participants.

Variation 2 was granted on 13 May 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy. The authority was varied to include additional controlled conduct for law enforcement participants.

Variation 3 was granted on 1 July 2021, by ACIC authorising officer Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include an additional civilian participant.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 17 May 2021 by Dr Michelle Evans-Bonner, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 6 July 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Thomas Hester, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy.

The authority was cancelled under section 15GY(1) of the Act by an ACIC authorising officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely money laundering. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets and the investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO21031/00/0

Date of application

21 June 2021

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:17 pm, on 21 June 2021, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

21 June 2021 to 7 July 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs, and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 7 July 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations.

The authority was cancelled under section 15GY(1) of the Act by an ACIC authorising officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Nil

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled activity was conducted under this authority.

Controlled operation number: CO21026/00/0

Date of application

3 April 2021

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:05 pm, on 13 April 2021, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

13 April 2021 to 7 July 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation, trafficking and supply of illicit drugs, and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 7 July 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations.

The authority was cancelled under section 15GY(1) of the Act by an ACIC authorising officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Nil

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled activity was conducted under this authority.

Controlled operation number: CO20022/04/2

Date of application

22 April 2020

Authorising officer

Charles Byron Carver, performing the duties of State Manager Queensland

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:10 pm, on 22 April 2020, Charles Byron Carver, performing the duties of State Manager Queensland, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

22 April 2020 to 7 July 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 8 May 2020 by ACIC authorising officer Charles Byron Carver, performing the duties of State Manager Queensland. The authority was varied to include additional law enforcement participants.

Variation 2 was applied for and granted on 23 September 2020 by authorising officer Carey Stent, performing the duties of Acting State Manager Queensland. The authority was varied to include additional participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 8 July 2020 by Stephen Boyle, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 16 October 2020 by Stephen Boyle, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 3) was applied for and granted on 18 January 2021 by Peter McDermott, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 4) was applied for and granted on 20 April 2021 by Peter McDermott, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs, and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 7 July 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations.

The authority was cancelled under section 15GY(1) of the Act by an ACIC authorising officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely money laundering. The controlled operation resulted in the arrest of targets and the seizure of illicit goods. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO21006/00/1

Date of application

8 April 2021

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:01 pm, on 8 April 2021, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

8 April 2021 to 7 July 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 1 June 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations. The authority was varied to include additional civilian participants.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely money laundering. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO21028/00/0

Date of application

30 April 2021

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:15 pm on 30 April 2021, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

30 April 2021 to 23 July 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation of illicit tobacco and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 23 July 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations.

The authority was cancelled as the controlled activity did not progress as expected.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Nil

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled activity was conducted under this authority.

Controlled operation number: CO20070/03/0

Date of application

27 August 2020

Authorising officer

Warren Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:25 pm, on 27 August 2020, Warren Gray, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

27 August 2020 to 26 August 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 25 November 2020 by Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 23 February 2021 by Josephine Kelly, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 3) was applied for and granted on 25 May 2021 by Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering and tax evasion.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely money laundering and tax evasion.

Controlled operation number: CO21036/00/0

Date of application

20 July 2021

Authorising officer

Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:12 am, on 21 July 2021, Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

21 July 2021 to 2 August 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation, trafficking and manufacturing of illicit drugs, and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 2 August 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations.

The authority was cancelled after the civilian participants were deemed unsuitable to undertake the approved controlled conduct.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the target and their involvement in criminal activities, namely the importation, trafficking and manufacture of illicit drugs. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO19087/07/5

Date of application

17 September 2019

Authorising officer

Jason Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:27 am, on 17 September 2019, Jason Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

17 September 2019 to 16 September 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was applied and granted on 17 January 2020 by Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria. The authority was varied to include additional law enforcement participants.

Variation 2 was applied for and granted on 30 March 2020 by Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria. The authority was varied to include an additional civilian participant and law enforcement participants.

Variation 3 was applied for and granted on 6 April 2020 by Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria. The authority was varied to include an additional civilian participant.

Variation 4 was applied and granted on 27 August 2020 by Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria. The authority was varied to include additional law enforcement participants.

Variation 5 was applied for and granted on 17 August 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations. The authority was varied to include additional law enforcement participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 16 December 2019 by Robert Cameron, Senior Member AAT.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 10 March 2020 by Stephanie Ann Forgie, Deputy President AAT.

Variation (Extension 3) was applied for and granted on 16 June 2020 by Stephanie Ann Forgie, Deputy President AAT.

Variation (Extension 4) was applied for and granted on 10 September 2020 by Stephanie Ann Forgie, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 5) was applied for and granted on 16 December 2020 by Robert Cameron, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 6) was applied for and granted on 12 March 2021 by Andrew Nikolic, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 7) was applied for and granted on 15 June 2021 by Peter Britten-Jones, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in money laundering activities and illicit tobacco importation. The ACIC investigation is ongoing. Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO21037/00/1

Date of application

9 July 2021

Authorising officer

Thomas Hester, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:16 pm on 9 July 2021, Thomas Hester, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 July 2021 to 8 October 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 19 July 2021 by ACIC authorising Thomas Hester, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include additional civilian participants.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into serious drug offences and money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely money laundering. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO21045/00/0

Date of application

14 September 2021

Authorising officer

Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:56 pm, on 14 September 2021, Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

14 September 2021 to 13 October 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation, manufacturing, possession and trafficking of illicit drugs, and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 13 October 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations.

The authority was cancelled as the investigation was continued by an ACIC partner agency.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely the importation, trafficking and manufacturing of illicit drugs. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets and resulted in the seizure of illicit drugs.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO19092/07/4

Date of application

14 October 2019

Authorising officer

Jason Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:59 pm, on 14 October 2019, Jason Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

14 October 2019 to 13 October 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 31 January 2020 by Charles Byron Carver, performing the duties of State Manager Queensland. The authority was varied to include an additional law enforcement participant.

Variation 2 was applied for and granted on 18 September 2020 by authorising officer Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria. The authority was varied to include additional law enforcement participants and remove some law enforcement participants.

Variation 3 was applied for and granted on 2 March 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of Acting National Manager Operational Strategy. The authority was varied to include an additional law enforcement participant.

Variation 4 was applied for and granted on 28 May 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Leigh Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations. The authority was varied to include an additional law enforcement participant and remove a law enforcement participant.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 7 January 2020 by Robert Cameron, Senior Member AAT.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 1 April 2020 by Robert Cameron, Senior Member AAT.

Variation (Extension 3) was applied for and granted on 8 July 2020 by Robert Cameron, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 4) was applied for and granted on 9 October 2020 by Stephanie Ann Forgie, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 5) was applied for and granted on 12 January 2021 by Stephanie Ann Forgie, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 6) was applied for and granted on 9 April 2021 by Robert Cameron, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 7) was applied for and granted on 12 July 2021 by Robert Cameron, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering and defrauding the Commonwealth.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets, and obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in money laundering activities.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO21047/00/1

Date of application

27 September 2021

Authorising officer

Simon Warwick, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:36 pm, on 27 September 2021, Simon Warwick, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

27 September 2021 to 18 October 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 4 October 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations. The authority was varied to include additional law enforcement participants.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 18 October 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations.

The authority was cancelled following the completion of the ACIC investigation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely money laundering. The controlled operation resulted in the arrest of targets and the seizure of illicit goods.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO21038/00/0

Date of application

23 July 2021

Authorising officer

Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:10 am, on 26 July 2021, Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

26 July 2021 to 19 October 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation, trafficking and possession of illicit drugs, and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 19 October 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations.

The authority was cancelled as the covert strategy did not progress as anticipated and engagement with the target ceased.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely money laundering.

Controlled operation number: CO21050/00/0

Date of application

15 October 2021

Authorising officer

Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:25 pm, on 15 October 2021, Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

15 October 2021 to 22 October 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs, and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 22 October 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations.

The authority was cancelled as no opportunities for controlled activity became available.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Nil

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled activity was conducted under this authority.

Controlled operation number: CO21041/00/0

Date of application

29 July 2021

Authorising officer

Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:45 pm, on 29 July 2021, Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

29 July 2021 to 28 October 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely money laundering. The controlled operation resulted in the seizure of illicit goods.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO21062/00/0

Date of application

2 December 2021

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 7:55 am, on 3 December 2021, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

3 December 2021 to 9 December 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into serious drug offences and money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely money laundering. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO21030/01/1

Date of application

11 June 2021

Authorising officer

Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:30 pm, on 11 June 2021, Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

11 June 2021 to 10 December 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 1 October 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Thomas Hester, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy. The authority was varied to include additional controlled conduct for law enforcement participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 10 September 2021 by Robert Cameron, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into serious drug offences and money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely in the importation, trafficking, and manufacture of illicit drug and tobacco products, and money laundering.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO21054/00/0

Date of application

4 November 2021

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:06 pm, on 4 November 2021, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

4 November 2021 to 17 December 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs, and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 17 December 2021 by ACIC Authorising Officer Thomas Hester, performing the duties of Executive Director Intelligence Operations.

The authority was cancelled as no further controlled activity was proposed.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely the importation, trafficking and manufacture of illicit drugs. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO21058/00/0

Date of application

16 November 2021

Authorising officer

Simon Warwick, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 8:32 am, on 17 November 2021, Simon Warwick, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

17 November 2021 to 24 December 2021

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs, and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 24 December 2021 by ACIC Authorising Officer John Arnold, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations.

The authority was cancelled as the target was arrested for unrelated offences and the civilian participant was no longer able to engage in controlled conduct.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Nil

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled activity was conducted under this authority.

Controlled operation number: CO21055/00/0

Date of application

24 November 2021

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:20 pm, on 24 November 2021, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

24 November 2021 to 14 January 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs, and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 14 January 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Boyd Doherty, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations.

The authority was cancelled as the covert strategy did not progress as anticipated and engagement with the target ceased.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the target and their involvement in criminal activities. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO21052/01/1

Date of application

14 October 2021

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:20 am, on 20 October 2021, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

20 October 2021 to 8 February 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 20 December 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include an additional law enforcement participant.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 18 January 2022 by Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs, and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 8 February 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations.

The authority was cancelled as the covert strategy did not progress as anticipated and engagement with the target ceased.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets.

Controlled operation number: CO21057/00/1

Date of application

11 November 2021

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:50 pm, on 11 November 2021, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

11 November 2021 to 10 February 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 23 November 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include an additional law enforcement participant.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering and tax evasion.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely money laundering. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets and the ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO21040/01/0

Date of application

7 September 2021

Authorising officer

Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:09 pm, on 7 September 2021, Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

7 September 2021 to 3 March 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 6 December 2021 by Michael John McGrowdie, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs, and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 3 March 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager Examinations.

The authority was cancelled as the investigation was expanding beyond the nature of conduct that was outlined in the formal application. Accordingly, a new authority was sought.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely money laundering. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO21064/00/0

Date of application

14 December 2021

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:24 pm, on 14 December 2021, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

14 December 2021 to 13 March 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation, trafficking and manufacture of border controlled drugs, and money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely the importation, trafficking and manufacture of border controlled drugs. The controlled operation resulted in the seizure of border controlled drugs and identified previously unknown targets. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO21065/00/0

Date of application

21 December 2021

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:35 pm, on 22 December 2021, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

22 December 2021 to 17 March 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering, the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs, and perverting the course of justice.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 17 March 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations.

The authority was cancelled as the investigation was expanding beyond the nature of conduct that was outlined in the formal application. Accordingly, a new authority was sought.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely money laundering, and the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO21049/01/2

Date of application

1 October 2021

Authorising officer

Simon Warwick, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:36 pm, on 1 October 2021, Simon Warwick, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 14 October 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations. The authority was varied to include additional law enforcement and civilian participants.

Variation 2 was granted on 17 December 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Simon Warwick, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include an additional civilian participant.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 21 December 2021 by Dr Michelle Evans-Bonner, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely money laundering.

Controlled operation number: CO22003/00/0

Date of application

7 February 2022

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:10 am, on 7 February 2022, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

7 February 2022 to 6 April 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs, and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 6 April 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations.

The authority was cancelled as no opportunities for controlled activity became available.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Nil

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled activity was conducted under this authority.

Controlled operation number: CO21056/01/0

Date of application

17 November 2021

Authorising officer

Thomas Hester, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:32 am, on 17 November 2021, Thomas Hester, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

17 November 2021 to 8 April 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 14 February 2022 by Damien O'Donovan, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into serious drug offences, money laundering, tax evasion, and the possession, manufacture and trafficking of fraudulent travel documents.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 8 April 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Thomas Hester, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy.

The authority was cancelled as no further controlled activity was proposed.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely money laundering, and the possession, manufacture and trafficking of fraudulent travel documents. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets and resulted in the seizure of illicit goods. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO21002/04/2

Date of application

4 February 2021

Authorising officer

Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:05 pm, on 4 February 2021, Timothy Pieper, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

4 February 2021 to 3 May 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 20 July 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include an additional law enforcement participant and remove an existing law enforcement participant.

Variation 2 was granted on 28 January 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include additional law enforcement participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 29 April 2021 by Michael John McGrowdie, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 23 July 2021 by Michael John McGrowdie, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 3) was applied for and granted on 26 October 2021 by Josephine Christine Kelly, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 4) was applied for and granted on 1 February 2022 by Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering, tax evasion and insider trading.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to methodologies known to targets to engage in money laundering and tax evasion. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets and the ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO21060/01/1

Date of application

26 November 2021

Authorising officer

Simon Warwick, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:16 pm, on 29 November 2021, Simon Warwick, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

29 November 2021 to 20 May 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 9 December 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Simon Warwick, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include additional law enforcement participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 24 February 2022 by L.M. Gallagher, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs, and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 20 May 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Damien Appleby, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations.

The authority was cancelled following the completion of the ACIC investigation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs. The controlled operation resulted in the identification of previously unknown targets, the arrest of a target, and the seizure of border controlled drugs.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Controlled operation number: CO22004/00/0

Date of application

3 March 2022

Authorising officer

Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager Examinations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:30 pm, on 3 March 2022, Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager Examinations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

3 March 2022 to 2 June 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs, and money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Nil

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled activity was conducted under this authority.

Controlled operation number: CO22010/00/0

Date of application

28 April 2022

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:27 pm, on 28 April 2022, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

28 April 2022 to 8 June 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering and serious drug offences.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 8 June 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations.

The authority was cancelled following the completion of the ACIC investigation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely money laundering. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets.

Controlled operation number: CO22006/00/1

Date of application

28 March 2022

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:00 pm, on 28 March 2022, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

28 March 2022 to 27 June 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was applied for on 7 June 2022 and granted on 8 June 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations. The authority was varied to include an additional law enforcement participant.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering and serious drug offences.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely money laundering. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Controlled operation number: CO22007/00/0

Date of application

31 March 2022

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:59 pm, on 31 March 2022, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an ACIC authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

31 March 2022 to 30 June 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering and serious drug offences.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activity, namely money laundering and the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets, contributed to the arrest of targets and the seizure of illicit goods and narcotics. The ACIC investigation is ongoing.

Some information has been excluded under the provisions of subsections 15HN(2) and (4) of the Act.

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