

**Australian Federal Police - Production**  
**AIRPORT UNIFORM POLICE**

**Summary - Case 7016498**

**Reporting Region:** ACT  
**Domain:** Airport  
**Case Officer's station at time of case assignment/transfer:** NORFOLK ISLAND  
**Case Officer:** AFP21874 s 47E(c)  
 s 47E(c)  
**Original Incident Type:** CHECK WELFARE / PREMISES  
**Confirmed Incident Type:** CHECK WELFARE / PREMISES  
**Status:** FINALISED  
**Result:** NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED  
**Date/Time Reported:** 19 Jan 2022 09:00  
**Date/Time Incident Start:** 19 Jan 2022 09:00  
**Date/Time Incident End:** 10 May 2022 11:00  
**Is this a Family Violence Case?:** No

**Incident Location:****Address:** 8 QUALITY ROW, 2899**Complainant**

**Complainant Type:** PERSON  
**Person Name:** HUTCHINSON, Eric Russell s 47F(1)  
**OTHER Address:** QUALITY ROW, NORFOLK ISLAND, NSW, 2899, AUSTRALIA

**Victim****Victim Type:** REGINA**Allegation/Incident Description**

Police received reports that several persons were squatting at the Commonwealth Premises at 8 Quality Row Kingston NI 2899.

**Offences Disclosed**

POAY12.1 CTH - TRESPASS ON COMMONWEALTH PREMISES Cleared By: COMPLAINT WITHDRAWN BY VICTIM

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### System Results: None

### Result Text

WEDNESDAY 19 JANUARY 2022

s 47E(c)

TRESPASS @ 8 QUALITY ROW

CIRCUMSTANCES:

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S/C s 47E(c)  
NIPF 257

\*\*\*20/01/2022\*\*\*

Update

On Thursday 20 Jan 2022, Police sourced and provided to the unlawful occupants of 8 Quality Row. Presented documents confirmed that the premises are on Crown Land contrary to what the protesters claimed.

Police are making further attempts to resolve the incident peacefully.

S/C s 47E(c)  
NIPF 257

\*\*\*21/01/2022\*\*\*

Update

About 7pm on Friday 21 Jan 2022, Police presented Notice to Vacate letter addressed to the occupants of 8 Quality Row.

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Police have provided a time frame of 5:00pm on Saturday 22 Jan 2022 for all persons to vacate the premises.

S/C [REDACTED] s 47E(c)  
NIPF 257

\*\*\*22/01/2022\*\*\*

Update

Occupants of the premises failed to vacate by the 5:00pm deadline.

Occupants of the premises declared their actions to be a protest however also agreed to have further dialogue with the NI administrator Eric HUTCHINSON.

S/C [REDACTED] s 47E(c)  
NIPF 257

\*\*\*Update\*\*\*

Throughout March and April 2022, on multiple occasions, both Sgt [REDACTED] s 47E(c) and following his departure, D/Sgt [REDACTED] s 47E(c) engaged with unlawful occupants of 8 Quality Row and with NI Administrator Eric HUTCHINSON in an attempt to resolve the incident peacefully. All of the attempts to resolve the incident were unsuccessful with unlawful occupants claiming they had rights to the property [REDACTED] s 47E(d)

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\*\*\*Update\*\*\*

On 7 May 2022, an AFP contingent including POM qualified PSO and ACTP members, AFP negotiators and AFP executive arrived on the Norfolk Island for a planned resolution of the incident.

Over following several days attending AFP executive, negotiators and Norfolk Island OIC D/Sgt [REDACTED] s 47E(c) had multiple meetings with the unlawful occupants, NI administrator and [REDACTED] s 47E(d)

On Tuesday 10 May 2022, as a result of the intense negotiations, all of the unlawful occupants of 8 Quality Row left the premises and collected their without any incident.

[REDACTED] s 47E(d)  
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After extensive discussion the decision was made not to charge any of the unlawful occupants with any offence in relation to them occupying the premises.

AFP and local NIPF members were widely praised by the local community for

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resolving the incident successfully without using any force.

No further Police action required.

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NIPF 257

### Members:

User ID: AFP21874  
User Name: s 47E(c)

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### References: None

### Cross References:

Case Id: 7117898  
Reason: SUPPORT ACTION  
Team: ACT-CI FRAUD  
Status: FINALISED

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Case Id: 7099950  
Reason: SUPPORT ACTION  
Team: SPC-SO-NEGOTIATORS  
Status: FINALISED

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Case Id: 6840524  
Reason: RELATED CASE  
Team: ACT-NORFOLK ISLAND  
Status: FINALISED

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### CCPM: None

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## 8 Quality Row, Norfolk Island – Brief.

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Since that time the status quo has been maintained with the two persons continuing to peacefully occupy the premises whilst committing no further criminal offences.

#### **SUBSEQUENT POLICE ACTIONS**

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- [REDACTED] s 47E(d)

- [REDACTED] s 42(1)

- [REDACTED] s 47E(d)

#### INTENDED ACTIONS

- Continue to negotiate with the offenders with a view to them vacating the premises.
- Insp. Domestic and External Territories is in the process of preparing an STP for the potential execution of the eviction warrant drawing on ACTP resources. Noting the current operational tempo within the ACT and considering the occupation is peaceful with no evidence of damage or offending it is proposed that any such action will occur at a time suitable and safe for the AFP where appropriate resources can be deployed. This is notwithstanding an escalation in the behaviour of the anti-Government group on Island.
- It is proposed that any such Deployment consist of a [REDACTED] s 47E(d)  
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- [REDACTED] s 47E(d)

#### IMPLICATIONS/RISK

There is reputational risk to the AFP through a perceived lack of action by local residents and the Office of the Administrator.

There has been very little National Media interest in this situation and whilst it remains peaceful no such interest is expected.

Taking action with only NIPF members is likely to be ineffective and potentially unsafe.

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[REDACTED] s 47E(c)

Insp Domestic and External Territories



	ACTP/PSO	AFP	SURNAME	FIRST NAME	NUMBER	Deployment 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> May	Confirmed	Comments
	ACTP	AFP5744	s 47E(c)		s 47E(c)	Saturday – Tuesday	Confirmed	
	ACTP	AFP18622				Saturday – Tuesday	Confirmed	
	ACTP	AFP10187				Saturday – Tuesday	Confirmed	
1	ACTP	AFP13308				Saturday - Friday	Confirmed	
2	ACTP	AFP23762				Sunday - Friday	Confirmed	
3	ACTP	AFP23093				Sunday - Friday	Confirmed	
4	ACTP	AFP22650				Sunday - Friday	Confirmed	
5	PSO	AFP24847				Sunday - Tuesday	Confirmed	
6	PSO	AFP24850				Sunday - Tuesday	Confirmed	
7	PSO	AFP24634				Sunday - Tuesday	Confirmed	
8	PSO	AFP24520				Sunday - Tuesday	Confirmed	
9	PSO	AFP24504				Sunday - Tuesday	Confirmed	
10	PSO	AFP24867				Sunday - Tuesday	Confirmed	
11	PSO	AFP24043				Sunday - Tuesday	Confirmed	
12	PSO	AFP24557	Sunday - Tuesday	Confirmed				
13	PSO	AFP24846	Sunday - Tuesday	Confirmed				
14	PSO	AFP24866	Sunday - Tuesday	Confirmed				

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**Applies To:** [Enter name]

**Details:**

### **Case Information Command**

ACT Policing

### **Case Information – Work Location**

ACT – Norfolk Island Police Force

### **Case Information – Short Description**

### **Situation Report Context:**

Update

**Situation Report – 4 February 2022**

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There is no further change to the situation at this time.

### **Situation Report - Event**

### **Situation Report – intended Actions/Outcome**

Continue to liaise with all parties involved to come to a mutually beneficial resolution.

### **Further Considerations – Media, Ministerial and/or political**

There is already Ministerial interest.

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**Reporting Officer** s 47E(c) **Sgt 11447**

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NIPF members will continue to liaise with HONEYWOOD and the Administrator's Office in an attempt to negotiate an amicable resolution to this incident.

## Situation Report - Event

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Update

**Situation Report – 2 February 2022**

### **Situation Report – Background**

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The NIPF are continuing to have minimal contact with the POI's at this time and are committed to continuing with negotiations unless there is a drastic change to the behaviour of the POI's at the location.

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Update

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Late evening on Saturday 22 January 2022 Police were contacted by Damien FINCH who stated that the POI's at 8 Quality Row had forgotten to provide 2 further pages of correspondence earlier in the day and requested that Police collect the extra pages and provide them to the Administrator.

Police collected the further correspondence and delivered it to the Administrator about 0830hrs on Sunday 23 January 2022. This correspondence had no further demands but set attempted to set out reasons for the action being taken.



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There is no further change to the situation at this time.

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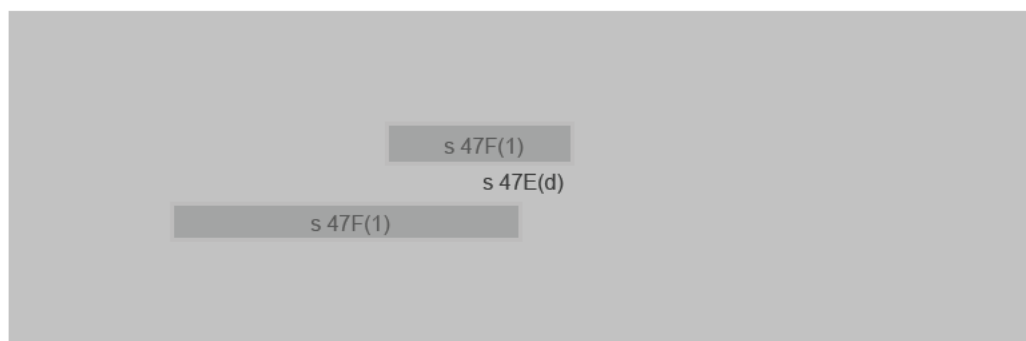
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### Case Information – Work Location

ACT – Norfolk Island Police Force

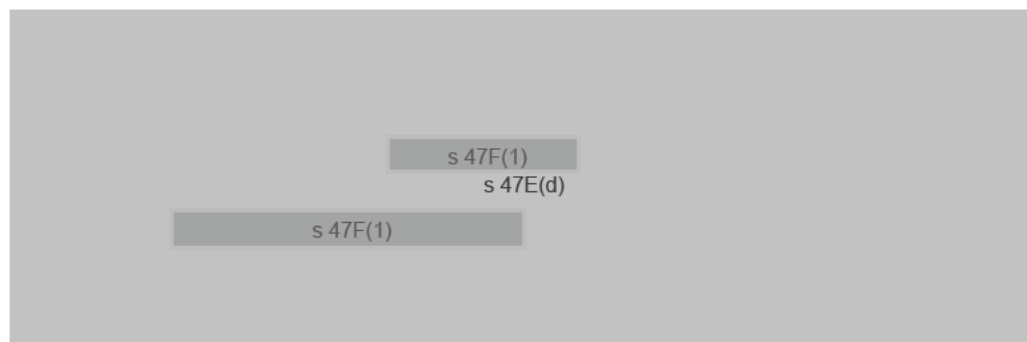
### Case Information – Short Description

### Situation Report Context:

Update

**Situation Report – 21 January 2022**

### Situation Report – Background



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There is no further change to the situation at this time.

### **Situation Report - Event**

### **Situation Report – intended Actions/Outcome**

Continue to liaise with all parties involved to come to a mutually beneficial resolution.

### **Further Considerations – Media, Ministerial and/or political**

There is already Ministerial interest.

HONEYWOOD and her followers are posting all interactions on social media.

### **Further Considerations – Operational, relationships and/or resources**

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**Reporting Officer** s 47E(c) **Sgt 11447**



## Domestic & External Territories Fortnightly Report

<b>Territory: Norfolk Island</b>			
<b>Prepared by</b>	Sgt [REDACTED] s 47E(c)	<b>Date</b>	14/02/2022

### Forecast of significant activity *(next fortnight only)*

- Nil

### Significant Operational Activity *(past fortnight)*

- Incident at 8 Quality Row is ongoing. Administrator's Office has been asked to obtain an eviction warrant. Plans are being prepared for a surge capacity to come to Norfolk Island to facilitate the removal of POI's from the premises.

### Outcomes of significant meetings/engagement *(past fortnight)*

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## Norfolk Island Deployment

### Annexure B

#### JOINING INSTRUCTIONS

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#### 1. Introduction

This Joining Instruction is designed to assist with planning for short term deployment to Norfolk island in relation to the eviction of politically motivated illegal inhabitants of Government premises.

This operation is in support of NIPF in:

- The eviction of two politically motivated trespassers in premises situated at 8 Quality Row, Kingston

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AFP will provide support through:

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#### 2. Deployment Management

Selection and deployment of AFP Appointees will be at the discretion of the Operations Commander.

#### 3. Professional Behaviour

AFP appointees deploying as part of Operation NORFOLK are reminded of their obligations under Commissioner's Order on Professional Standards (CO2) and must conduct themselves in accordance with the AFP Core Values. AFP appointees should anticipate significant interest from the Christmas Island community, the media and others. AFP appointees' behaviour has a direct reflection upon the

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The AFP will not pay for excess baggage over the approved limits.

Dangerous goods / restricted items can be carried in accordance with the approvals supplied by the applicable airline(s).

Normal aircraft boarding procedures and checks will be conducted prior to loading baggage on the flight.

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### **COVID 19 CONDITIONS**

All members are to complete the application to enter Norfolk Island found here:

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You will be required to return a negative RAT test as part of this entry.

### **ACCOMMODATION**

Accommodation will be provided a s 47E(d)

### **MEALS**

Members will deploy on normal Travel Allowance provisions and will be responsible for their own meals.

### **END OF DEPLOYMENT**

Weather conditions can affect return travel, resulting in flight delays or cancellations. It is not recommended to book other travel/holidays immediately following scheduled deployment end dates.

## **6. Administration**

### **FRAEDOM AND COST ATTRIBUTION**

AFP Appointees deploying must have an AFP Corporate Card against which costs can be attributed. The process for acquiring an AFP Corporate Card is provided in the AFP National Guideline on using the AFP Corporate Card.

The following Cost Codes and Internal Order numbers are to be used for costs associated with Operation Mainz deployment:

**Cost Code:** s 47E(c)

**Internal Order:** s 47E(c)

## OFFICIAL PASSPORT

An official passport is desirable but not essential for travel to Norfolk Island on Commercial Flights. Valid photo ID (drivers license) must be carried if no passport is held.

## ORGANISATIONAL HEALTH

AFP Organisational Health is available to provide a range of support services to all members of the deploying contingent as required. Contact details are available on the AFP HUB.

Information relating to the impacts of COVID19 and the latest health advice are available on the Coronavirus Advice page on the AFP HUB. If further advice is required members can contact the Hotline on s 47E(c)

## 7. Uniform, Equipment and Personal Items

During deployment all AFP appointees are to wear 'uniform of the day' as determined by the PFC. Deployed members must comply with the AFP National Guideline on uniform and standards of dress.

All POM equipment will need to be taken on Island. Members in POM teams are to carry POM kits to Norfolk Island including AFP Overalls.

## SWORN MEMBERS

Police members are to be available at the discretion of the PFC at all times to undertake any role. Issued PPE is to be worn by members whenever on duty unless otherwise directed.

## Equipment



## PERSONAL ITEMS

It is recommended that members include the following items:

- Passport (official or personal)
- Personal clothing appropriate to the climate and culture
- Toiletries

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## 9. Work Health Safety and Rehabilitation

### WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY

While on AFP deployment (including travel to and from), all work related incidents must be reported as soon as practicable by completing an AFP online Workplace Incident Report form (WIRF) or Hazard Report Form (via Insight! (Employee Actions)). Where the person affected is unable to complete the WIRF, another person (e.g. a supervisor or colleague) must complete the WIRF on their behalf.

If a worker does not have direct access to Insight! reporting, they must have the information entered by another person who has access to Insight! alternatively, complete a paper based WIRF available from WHS.

In the case of motor vehicle accidents involving AFP vehicles, the member must only complete a Workplace Incident or Hazard Report form where the incident results in injury/illness or has the potential to result in injury/illness.

### COMCARE NOTIFICATIONS

The Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (Cth) requires that Comcare be notified of incidents that result in:

- the death of a person
- a serious injury or illness of a person
- a dangerous incident, and
- unintentional discharge of firearm.

The supervisor must notify Comcare immediately on 1300 366 979 of the death of a person, and submit a workplace incident report form via Insight! within 48 hours.

The AFP online Workplace Incident Report automatically notifies Comcare within two hours where one of these categories is selected.

If Insight! is not available, Comcare should be notified of the incident on 1300 366 979 and a workplace incident form submitted as soon as practical.

When Comcare have been notified, an internal WHS workplace investigation must be conducted. Please contact the Work Health and Safety hotline on s 47E(d) for further assistance.

## REHABILITATION

AFP appointees are covered by the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988 (SRC Act) and are entitled to lodge a claim for workers' compensation for injuries or illness sustained in the course of their duties or travelling on an approved work activity. For the purposes of the SRC Act, an injury is defined as:

- a disease contracted by an employee for which employment contributed to a significant degree
- a physical or mental injury (other than a disease) which arises out of, or during the course of employment
- an aggravation of a pre-existing physical or mental injury (other than a disease) that arose out of or in the course of employment.

## EARLY ACCESS

The Early Access Program can provide early and easy access to treatment and rehabilitation, including medical, psychological or vocational services.

To be considered for the EA Program, the following pre-requisites apply:

- The work-related injury must be clearly linked to AFP employment, and
- An incident report must be submitted for the injury via Insight! > Forms
- Medical certificate from a qualified registered medical practitioner

Expenses are the employee's responsibility in the first instance and will be reimbursed if the application for EA is approved. Medicare benefits are not payable for work-related injuries.

Please contact the Injury Management Team or the Rehabilitation Hotline.

## HEALTH INSURANCE

Private Health Insurance is a personal responsibility of the AFP Appointee while on deployment. Certain provisions are made for work related illness only. Private Health Insurers should be consulted to determine availability and coverage in the deployment location.

### 10. Security of Personal Effects

Responsibility for the security of personal laptops/tablets and other valuable and attractive items rests with the individual and private insurance coverage should be considered.

### 11. Further Location Specific Information

Whilst written primarily for members travelling on term transfer, specific location information for Norfolk Island can be found on the AFP Hub

### Key Contacts

Operations Commander	Commander Linda Champion	
Police Forward Commander –	Supt [REDACTED] s 47E(c)	[REDACTED] s 47E(d)
Forward Command 2 ic–	Insp. [REDACTED] s 47E(c)	
POM Commander	LSC [REDACTED] s 47E(c)	

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**Annexure C**

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Chief Police Officer for the ACT

Neil Gaughan

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<b>From</b>	Chief Police Officer for the ACT	
<b>Date</b>	February 2022	
<b>Subject</b>	Norfolk Island	
<b>Deadline</b>	Priority	

**Purpose**

To brief you about several people who are squatting at a Commonwealth building in Norfolk Island and options for a police response.

**Recommendation**

1. That you note the information contained in this brief and sign below.

**Noted / Please Discuss**

Karen Andrews MHA.....

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**Minister's Office Feedback**

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### **Background**

1. On Wednesday 19 January 2022 at about 9am, police received a complaint from the Administrator of Norfolk Island stating that there were several people squatting at 8 Quality Row, Kingston in Norfolk Island (NI) which is a Commonwealth building.
2. Police attended the address and attempted to speak with two Persons of Interest (POIs). The unlawful occupants refused to open the door to police and claimed they were the rightful occupants of the premises and are exercising their rights under the **Fremantle Letter, dated 1856**.
3. Police departed the location to ascertain legalities of those claims. Further enquiries determined that the premises is Commonwealth property and the two POIs were unlawful occupants.
4. Police re-attended the location to evict the POIs.

### Additional Background

5. NI is a self-governing territory with its own Legislative Assembly and legislative regime. It is an isolated community which can make it a difficult environment to police. Policing a small community such as NI where there is a comparatively low level of crime allows police the opportunity to focus on engagement with the community.

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8. The last time AFP sent a large number of members to NI was for the murder of Janelle Patton in 2002.
9. Issues of land ownership are not new and are highly emotive. In this matter, Norfolk Island Police Force (NIPF) were provided with historical documents which were in support of the Administrator's stance that the houses along Quality Row had been leased to residents of Norfolk in the past, although they had never been given to them.
10. There was also documentation provided which dated back to the 1800's where the monarchy of England had told the Norfolk Islander's that they were not being given NI but that it would remain under the influence of England. This advice contradicts the claims of the POI's inside 8 Quality Row who claim their ancestors were given NI by England

**Issues**

11. The POIs, through locked doors, were given 30 minutes to pack their belongings and leave the premises. During this time, several supporters of the POIs attended the location and began arguing with police. The supporters appeared to be part of the anti-Commonwealth element on the Island.

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13. Police located an unlocked rear door which was partially barricaded from the inside, where they managed to gain entry and spoke to the POIs. The POIs again refused to leave until their lawyer attended the location and they began challenging legalities of police action.
14. The POIs rallied the supporters that arrived, around 30 people, and allowed them access into the premises. Police had a short struggle with the supporters which at the time they were outnumbered with four members to 30 people.
15. Police managed to negotiate with the group who stated that they would peacefully depart if police seeks a Court Order to evict the occupants. A decision was made for police to withdraw from the premises and re-engage with the group the following day.

**Proposed Actions**

16. NIPF continue to negotiate with the POIs with a view of them vacating the premises.

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Options to resolve

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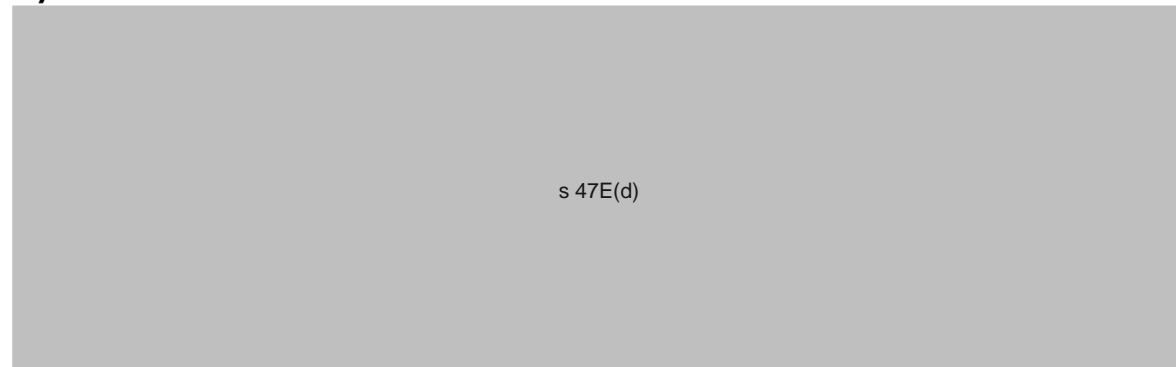
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**Consultation**

29. This brief has been prepared in consultation with the following internal areas of the AFP:
- ACT Policing Domestic and External Territories.
  - Office of the Commissioner
  - AFP Legal

**Risks/Sensitivities**

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34. Taking action with only NIPF members is likely to be ineffective and potentially unsafe.

**Financial Implications**

35. The Inspector of Domestic and External Territories is in the process of preparing a Standard Tactical Plan (STP) for the potential execution of the eviction warrant drawing on ACT Policing resources.

36. Noting the current operational tempo within the ACT and considering the occupation is peaceful with no evidence of damage or offending it is proposed that any such action will occur at a time suitable and safe for the AFP where appropriate resources can be deployed.

37. This is notwithstanding an escalation in the behaviour of the anti-Government group on Island.

38. If AFP resources are deployed, it will be fully funded by the Department of Infrastructure.

39. It is proposed that any such Deployment consist of s 47E(d)

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**Media implications**

41. Most of the interaction with Police were recorded by the attending supporters on their mobile devices and subsequently were posted on various social media sites. However, there has been very little National Media interest in this situation and while it remains peaceful, no interest is expected.

**Information officer:** Inspector s 47E(c)

**Action Officer:** s 47E(c), (Ministerial – CGR)

Neil Gaughan  
Chief Police Officer for the ACT

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**Attachment:** Nil

### EXTERNAL TERRITORIES

#### Key Messages

- Australia's External Territories are Christmas Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Norfolk Island and Jervis Bay Territory.

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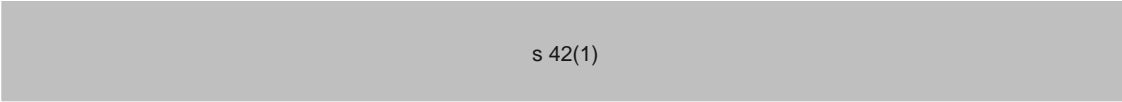


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### NORFOLK ISLAND

- About 9:00am on Wednesday 19 January 2022, police received a complaint from the Administrator of the Norfolk Island stating that there were several persons squatting at a Commonwealth dwelling at 8 Quality Row Kingston Norfolk Island.
- The group is disputing the Commonwealth's claim of ownership of the land and dwelling. They have advised that they are the rightful occupants of the premises and are exercising their rights under the Fremantle Letter, dated 1856.
- Police-facilitated negotiations with the Administrator and the group are ongoing.
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- Police operational response options are being considered should the situation become untenable.

**ACTION OFFICER:**

**Name:** ACT Policing Ministerial

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### NORFOLK ISLAND

- About 9:00am on Wednesday 19 January 2022, Norfolk Island Police Force (NIPF) received a complaint from the Administrator of the Norfolk Island stating that there was a group (currently 2 persons) squatting at a Commonwealth dwelling at 8 Quality Row, Kingston, Norfolk Island.
- The group is disputing the Commonwealth’s claim of ownership of the land and dwelling. They have advised that they are the rightful occupants of the premises and are exercising their rights under the Fremantle Letter, dated 1856.

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- NIPF continue to facilitate negotiations between the Administrator and the group.
- Consideration of potential police operational response options is continuing.

**ACTION OFFICER (line area contact)**

Name:	Ext:
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## External Territories

**CONTACT OFFICER (MUST BE SES1 or above)**

Name:

Ext:

Mob:

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