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Ministerial Submission – Attorney-General

Subject Pacific Police Initiative (PPI) update and outcomes of the Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police Executive Leadership Team (PICP ELT) Meeting

Timing At your convenience, noting this submission was requested by your office.

Recommendation

That you:

1. **Note** the Pacific Police Initiative update, and
2. **Note** the outcomes following the Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police Executive Leaders Team meeting 20-21 February 2024.

Noted / please discuss

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Attorney-General

Signature:

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Date: 3 / 4 / 2024

Minister's comments

Key issues

1. Through your office you requested an update on the AFP's work to drive the development and implementation of the Pacific Police Initiative (PPI) – commencing with the Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police (PICP) annual conference in August 2023.
2. The AFP is the lead implementation agency for the PPI and continues to engage with Pacific police partners, including through the PICP, on the design and implementation of the PPI.

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5. The AFP is working with Attorney-General's Department, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and the Department of the Prime Minister & Cabinet to update the Prime Minister on progress against the PPI engagement plan and to finalise an announcement strategy.

Pillar 1: Regional Policing Centres of Excellence Update - in-progress

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Pillar 2: A Multinational Pacific Police Response Capability (MPPRC)

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Pillar 3: Pacific Policing Development and Coordination Hub (commenced February 2024)

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PPI Design - next steps

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- **Agreed** for consultation to continue with PICP members on the further development and implementation of the PPI;
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- **Supported** the PPI design Terms of Reference (**Attachment A**), allowing the development of the PPI pillars into a full design for future PICP consideration.

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Background

PICP ELT Meeting

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Consultation – internal/external

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Consultation – Commissioner

23. The Commissioner was consulted on the approach in the submission.

Stakeholder implications



24. Following the support of the PICP ELT, the AFP will:

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Sensitivities

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Financial/systems/legislation/deregulation/media implications

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Attachments

- A. PPI Design Terms of Reference
- B. Multinational Pacific Police Response Capability Proof of Concept

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From: s 47E(c)
Sent: Thursday, 15 February 2024 11:11 AM
To:
Cc: s 47E(d) s 47E(d)
Subject: For action: Noting Sub re Pacific Police Initiative - Due 26 February [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good morning,

Action required: Noting submission to be provided to AGO.

Due: Week commencing 26 February 2024.

Context:

The AGO has requested the AFP table a noting submission regarding the Pacific Police Initiative following the PICP-ELT meeting. The key purpose of the submission is to outline:

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s 47E(c) and I will be available to further discuss approach to the submission at the meeting with Pacific Command next Thursday (in the process of being scheduled by Ministerial). Thank you.

Kind regards,

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