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<b>Name of Matter:</b> Michael BACHELARD - AAT appeal		
<b>Due Date:</b> 7/07/2023	<b>LEX #:</b> 29715	<b>Requesting Officer:</b> s 47E(c)
<b>Dollar amount AUD:</b> s 47G	<b>GST or Exempt?</b> GST Inclusive	
<b>Direct Brief to Counsel</b> (If yes, please see LPMT): No		
<b>Firm matter is to be referred to:</b> Sparke Helmore Lawyers, Non-Consultancy Sparke CORP		
<b>Tied Work:</b> No		
<b>How is this value for Money:</b> Ability to perform/expertise		
<b>Are you accessing these services under the Home Affairs Bundling Arrangements :</b> Yes If yes, <b>which Arrangement:</b> Public Law (HA Bundle) Freedom of Information, Privacy and Public Interest Disclosure		
<b>Cost Centre:</b> Legal and Compensation		

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2023-24	Non-Consultancy	

<b>Other Agencies/Law Enforcement involved?</b> No.	
<b>Are there other LSD considerations?</b> No.	
<b>Other Comments:</b>	
<b>Verbal Approval:</b> No	

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Australian Federal Police delegations under the *Public Governance Performance and Accountability Act 2013*

Schedule 1A: AFP generic financial delegations for general spending and corporate account payments, and payment of amount owed to person at time of death – Departmental and Administered	
Relevant Delegate	Pre-approval, entering into contracts and acquittal delegations
	PGPA Act s. 15 and s. 23 PGPA Rule s. 18
	Excluding international travel, capital, fleet, grants, and hospitality and entertainment
	Spending proposals
Commissioner	To the limit of available funds (whole of AFP)
SES Band 3	To the limit of available funds (whole of AFP)
SES Band 2	To the limit of available funds (management area)
SES Band 1	To the limit of available funds (management area)
AFP Band 9 Executive Level performing the role of Superintendent/Coordinator or equivalent	Up to \$500,000 per transaction (management area)
AFP Bands 6 to 8 performing the role of Inspector/Team Leader/Station Manager or equivalent	Up to \$200,000 per transaction (management area)
Chief Financial Officer	To the limit of available funds (whole of AFP)
Manager Finance Manager Business Services	\$50,000 (whole of AFP)



## Australian Federal Police pre purchase approval breaches

Between the period 1 July 2023 and 14 March 2025, the AFP had 140 breaches for failing to obtain pre-purchase approval. These are technical breaches where the written approvals were provided after the purchase date, as opposed to the wrong person approving the transaction. None of these breaches for failing to obtain pre-purchase approval relate to Sparke Helmore.

The breaches were captured through the AFP's regular compliance review processes. The AFP have rigorous processes to identify breaches; this provides a high level of assurance that breaches are identified. It is however not possible to provide absolute assurance without reviewing the detail of every purchase made by the AFP during the relevant period.

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