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### Acknowledgement of Country

The Australian Federal Police acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of Country throughout Australia and acknowledges their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to the people, the cultures and the Elders past, present and emerging.



6 December 2025

The Hon Tony Burke MP  
Minister for Home Affairs  
Prime Minister and Cabinet  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister

I am pleased to submit the Australian Federal Police Controlled Operations Annual Report 2024–25.

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 Federal Police was the authorising agency between 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025 inclusive.

A copy of this report is to be tabled in each house of parliament within 15 sitting days of you receiving it.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Krissy Barrett', is written over a thin horizontal line.

Krissy Barrett APM  
Commissioner  
Australian Federal Police

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# Introduction

The *Australian Federal Police Controlled Operations Annual Report 2024–25* is 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 law of the Commonwealth or that of a state or territory.

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

The controlled operations in this report authorised by ‘authorising officers’, as 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.

Previous editions of the controlled operations annual report included reporting for the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC). From 2024–25, the ACIC’s controlled operations are reported separately.

# Guide to controlled operations

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, which resulted in amendments to Part IAB of the Act related to 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:

- a. involves the participation of law enforcement officers; and
- b. 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
- c. 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 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; and that is punishable on conviction by imprisonment for a period of 3 years or more.

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

- a. 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
- b. continue for more than 3 months; or
- c. be directed against suspected criminal activity that includes a threat to human life.

### Authorisation of controlled operations

Section 15GH of the Act 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 of the Act 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) outlines criteria that the authorising officer must be satisfied are met in order to grant an authority, including that a serious offence has been, 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 to have been, is currently being or 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 of the Act 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 for a maximum of 7 days only.

A formal controlled operation authority must specify the period of effect of the authority, this being a period of less than 3 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 subdivision 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 Tribunal 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)):

- a. extend the period of effect of the authority (subject to subsections (3) and (4) of section 15GO); or
- b. authorise additional persons to engage in controlled conduct for the purposes of the controlled operation and specify:
  - i. with respect to additional law enforcement participants – the nature of the controlled conduct that those participants may engage in; and
  - ii. with respect to additional civilian participants – the particular controlled conduct (if any) that each such participant may engage in; or
- c. provide that specified persons are no longer authorised to engage in controlled conduct for the purposes of the controlled operation; or
- d. 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 6 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.

### 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:

- i. endanger a person's safety; or
- ii. prejudice an investigation or prosecution; or
- iii. compromise any law enforcement agency's operational activities or methodologies; or
- iv. be contrary to the public interest for any other reason.

## Part B. Historical legislative requirements

On 8 July 1996, the Australian 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 controlled operations annual report is not to include any information about any person (including the person's name) that has not been previously published. Additionally, if the Minister believes that it is likely that the inclusion of any information in a report provided by the Commissioner of the AFP may either endanger the safety of a person or prejudice an investigation or prosecution, 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.

## Additional matters

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





# **Schedule 1**

Current reporting period

# Information withheld under the Crimes Act 1914 (Cth)

Subsections 15HN(2), 15HN(4) and, for operations prior to March 2010, 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

Table 1 Operations fully excluded

AFP22–23/20	AFP22–23/98	AFP23–24/40	AFP23–24/51	AFP23–24/53	AFP23–24/59
AFP23–24/80	AFP23–24/85	AFP23–24/104	AFP24–25/01	AFP24–25/03	AFP24–25/12
AFP24–25/15	AFP24–25/16	AFP24–25/18	AFP24–25/19	AFP24–25/22	AFP24–25/26
AFP24–25/27	AFP24–25/41	AFP24–25/46	AFP24–25/50	AFP24–25/52	AFP24–25/55
AFP24–25/57	AFP24–25/60	AFP24–25/66	AFP24–25/75	AFP24–25/80	AFP24–25/82

Table 2 Operations partly excluded

AFP24–25/11	AFP24–25/40	AFP24–25/59	AFP24–25/61	AFP24–25/72	AFP24–25/78
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## Previously excluded information published in 2024–25

Table 3 Operations fully excluded – now reported in full

AFP22–23/112	AFP23–24/55	AFP23–24/68	AFP23–24/72	AFP23–24/73	AFP23–24/81
AFP23–24/84	AFP23–24/86	AFP23–24/87	AFP23–24/94	AFP23–24/95	AFP23–24/96
AFP23–24/97	AFP23–24/99	AFP23–24/100	AFP23–24/101	AFP23–24/102	AFP23–24/106

Table 4 Operations partly excluded – now reported in full

Nil

Table 5 Operations fully excluded – now reported in part

AFP22–23/82	AFP23–24/75
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## 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 2024–25.

Table 6 Quantitative summary of authorities and applications

Provision	Details required	Number
Subsection 15HM(2)(a)	<b>Formal authorities</b> that were:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>granted</b> by an AFP authorising officer during the period</li> <li>• <b>varied</b> by an AFP authorising officer during the period</li> </ul>	84 33
Subsection 15HM(2)(b)	<b>Formal applications</b> for formal authorities <b>refused</b> by an AFP authorising officer during the period	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(c)	<b>Formal variation applications</b> for variation of formal authorities <b>refused</b> by an AFP authorising officer	0
	<b>Urgent variation applications</b> for variation of formal authorities <b>refused</b> by an AFP authorising officer	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(d)	<b>Urgent authorities</b> that were:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>granted</b> by an AFP authorising officer during the period</li> <li>• <b>varied</b> by an AFP authorising officer during the period</li> </ul>	4 0
Subsection 15HM(2)(e)	<b>Formal applications</b> for urgent authorities <b>refused</b> by an AFP authorising officer	0
	<b>Urgent applications</b> for urgent authorities <b>refused</b> by an AFP authorising officer	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(f)	<b>Formal variation applications</b> for the variation of urgent authorities <b>refused</b> by an AFP authorising officer	0
	<b>Urgent variation applications</b> for the variation of urgent authorities <b>refused</b> by an AFP authorising officer	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(g)	<b>Formal authorities</b> that were <b>varied</b> by a nominated Tribunal member during the period	39
Subsection 15HM(2)(h)	<b>Formal variation applications</b> for variation of formal authorities <b>refused</b> by a nominated Tribunal member	0
	<b>Urgent variation applications</b> for variation of formal authorities <b>refused</b> by a nominated Tribunal member	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(t)	Authorities for controlled operations that:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• were <b>cancelled</b> by an AFP authorising officer during the period</li> <li>• <b>expired</b> during the period</li> </ul>	48 51
Not applicable	Authorities for controlled operations that were:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>withdrawn</b></li> <li>• <b>did not progress to an authorising officer</b></li> </ul>	0 0

Some of the authorities issued during the 2024–25 reporting year were still ongoing at the end of the reporting period. These authorities will be included in the first annual report after they have expired.

## Major controlled operation number: 24–25/02

### Date of application

1 July 2024

### Details of any personal injuries

Nil

### Authorising officer

Krissy Barrett, Deputy Commissioner  
National Security

### Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

### Nature of application

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

### Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

### Decision of authorising officer

At 5:57 pm on 4 July 2024, Krissy Barrett, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

### Outcomes

This investigation concluded with no arrests or evidence being obtained.

### Period of effect

4 July 2024 to 17 September 2024

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal variation of authority

Nil

### Nature of criminal activities

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

### Cancellation

At 2:25 pm on 17 September 2024, Pryce Scanlan, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation 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

## Controlled operation number: 24–25/04

### Date of application

11 July 2024

### Authorising officer

Graeme Marshall, Commander  
Western Command

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 8:39 am on 11 July 2024, 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

11 July 2024 to 17 July 2024

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal 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

Manipulated computer systems 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 table below for narcotic goods.

### Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	1.213 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation:  Mexico to Australia via Singapore and Hong Kong
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 gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in drug importations.

## Controlled operation number: 24–25/05

### Date of application

12 July 2024

### Authorising officer

Adrian Telfer, 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 2:36 pm on 12 July 2024, Adrian Telfer, 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 July 2024 to 13 September 2024

### AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 3 September 2024

On 3 September 2024, Adrian Telfer, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

### Tribunal 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

At 1:57 pm on 13 September 2024, Adrian Telfer, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation 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 show that a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs had been cleared and ready for shipment.

### Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

### Details of any personal injuries

Nil

### Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

### Narcotic goods

Type	Liquid Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	1,278 L (gross)
Current location	Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation:  Brazil to Canada via 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 controlled operation.

### Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

## Major controlled operation number: 24–25/06

### Date of application

11 July 2024

### Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Crime

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 12:58 pm on 15 July 2024, 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 July 2024 to 16 September 2024

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal variation of authority

Nil

### Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of trafficking controlled drugs, directing activities of a criminal organisation, committing an offence for the benefit of, or at the direction of, a criminal organisation, and possession of a firearm.

### Cancellation

At 4:54 pm on 16 September 2024, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation 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 major controlled operation.

### Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

### Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

## Controlled operation number: 24–25/07

### Date of application

15 July 2024

### Authorising officer

Raymond Imbriano, 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 3:39 pm on 15 July 2024, 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

15 July 2024 to 16 September 2024

### AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 12 August 2024

On 12 August 2024, Raegan Stewart, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

### Tribunal 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

At 11:06 am on 16 September 2024, Raegan Stewart, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation 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

Facilitated the importation and customs clearance 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

Nature and quantity	320,000 individual cigarettes
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Malaysia to Australia

### Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

### Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in illegal tobacco importations.

## Major controlled operation number: 24–25/08

### Date of application

23 July 2024

### Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Crime

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 9:31 am on 23 July 2024, 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 July 2024 to 26 March 2025

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal variation of authority

**Date of variation application:** 21 October 2024

On 21 October 2024, Susan Trotter, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 22 January 2025.

**Date of variation application:** 16 January 2025

On 16 January 2025, Susan Trotter, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 22 April 2025.

### Nature of criminal activities

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

### Cancellation

At 8:11 am on 26 March 2025, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation 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 money laundering.

### 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 major controlled operation.

### Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

### Outcomes

This investigation concluded with no arrests or evidence being obtained.

## Controlled operation number: 24–25/09

### Date of application

22 July 2024

### Details of any personal injuries

Nil

### Authorising officer

Suzanne Evans, performing the duties of Commander Cyber Command

### Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

### Nature of application

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

### Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

### Decision of authorising officer

At 9:55 am on 22 July 2024, Suzanne Evans, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

### Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

### Period of effect

22 July 2024 to 24 July 2024

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal variation of authority

Nil

### Nature of criminal activities

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

### Cancellation

At 3:51 pm on 24 July 2024, Sue Evans, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation 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

# Controlled operation number: 24–25/10

## Date of application

23 July 2024

## Authorising officer

Renee Colley, 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 12:07 pm on 23 July 2024, Renee Colley, 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 2024 to 24 July 2024

## AFP variation of authority

Nil

## Tribunal 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

At 3:05 pm on 24 July 2024, Renee Colley, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

## 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

Facilitated 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 table below for narcotic goods.

## Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	1.048 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Malaysia to 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 drug importations.

## Controlled operation number: 24–25/11

### Date of application

25 July 2024

### 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 10:34 am on 25 July 2024, 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

25 July 2024 to 24 September 2024

### AFP variation of authority

**Date of variation application:** 31 July 2024

On 31 July 2024, Raegan Stewart, an AFP  
authorising officer, granted the variation.

**Date of variation application:** 1 August 2024

On 1 August 2024, Raegan Stewart, an AFP  
authorising officer, granted the variation.

**Date of variation application:** 16 August 2024

On 16 August 2024, Raegan Stewart, an AFP  
authorising officer, granted the variation.

### Tribunal 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

At 4:45 pm on 24 September 2024, Raegan Stewart,  
an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled  
operation 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

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

### Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

### Details of any personal injuries

Nil

### Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

### Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine 3,4-Methylenedioxy- methamphetamine (MDMA) Ketamine
Weight/quantity	102.85 kg (net) 142.53 kg (net) 31 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation:  Italy to Australia via Malaysia
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

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

# Major controlled operation number: 24–25/13

## Date of application

11 August 2024

## Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Crime

## Nature of application

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

## Decision of authorising officer

At 12:17 pm on 13 August 2024, 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

13 August 2024 to 15 October 2024

## AFP variation of authority

Nil

## Tribunal variation of authority

Nil

## Nature of criminal activities

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

## Cancellation

At 4:41 pm on 15 October 2024, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation 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 importation of border controlled drugs.

## Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

## Details of any personal injuries

Nil

## Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

## Narcotic goods

Type	Heroin Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	11.4 kg (net) 15.9 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the major controlled operation: China to 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 major controlled operation.

## Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

## Controlled operation number: 24–25/14

### Date of application

21 August 2024

### 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 12:38 pm on 21 August 2024, 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

21 August 2024 to 28 January 2025

### AFP variation of authority

**Date of variation application:** 17 December 2024

On 23 December 2024, Ian McCartney, an AFP  
authorising officer, granted the variation.

### Tribunal variation of authority

**Date of variation application:** 20 November 2024

On 20 November 2024, Robert Cameron,  
a nominated Tribunal member, determined that  
the controlled operation should remain in effect  
until 20 February 2025.

### Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the  
criminal activity of dealing in proceeds of crime.

### Cancellation

At 10:28 am on 28 January 2025, Raegan Stewart,  
an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled  
operation 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, meetings,  
discussions and negotiations to facilitate  
a cash handover.

### 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

This investigation concluded with no arrests  
or evidence being obtained.

# Controlled operation number: 24–25/17

## Date of application

26 August 2024

## Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, Commander Investigations,  
Eastern Command

## Nature of application

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

## Decision of authorising officer

At 11:38 am on 27 August 2024, Kate Ferry, 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 August 2024 to 2 October 2024

## AFP variation of authority

### Date of variation application:

13 September 2024

On 16 September 2024, Nathan Barron, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

## Tribunal variation of authority

Nil

## Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of attempting to possess commercial quantities of imported border controlled drugs.

## Cancellation

At 12:52 pm on 2 October 2024, Simone O'Mahony, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation 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 arrangements to facilitate the delivery of a 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 table below for narcotic goods.

## Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	40.1 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Vietnam to 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

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

## Controlled operation number: 24–25/20

### Date of application

25 September 2024

### Authorising officer

Renee Colley, 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 4:33 pm on 25 September 2024, Renee Colley, 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

25 September 2024 to 8 October 2024

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal 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, arrangements and manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the collection 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 table below for narcotic goods.

### Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	5.2 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 Australia via United Kingdom
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

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

# Controlled operation number: 24–25/21

## Date of application

30 September 2024

## Authorising officer

Graeme Marshall, Commander  
Western Command

## Nature of application

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

## Decision of authorising officer

At 11:12 am on 30 September 2024, 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

30 September 2024 to 6 October 2024

## AFP variation of authority

Nil

## Tribunal 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

Facilitated the delivery of a 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 table below for narcotic goods.

## Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	4.15 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation:  United States of America to Australia via Singapore
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 person was arrested and charged with drug-related offences.

## Controlled operation number: 24–25/23

### Date of application

14 October 2024

### Authorising officer

Stephen Jay, Commander Investigations,  
Northern Command

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 12:16 pm on 14 October 2024, Stephen Jay,  
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 2024 to 20 October 2024

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal variation of authority

Nil

### Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the  
criminal activity of misuse of a computer  
or electronic communications.

### 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

The AFP has gathered valuable information  
about the methodologies used in relation  
to ransomware infrastructure.

# Controlled operation number: 24–25/24

## Date of application

11 October 2024

## Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, Commander Investigations,  
Eastern Command

## Nature of application

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

## Decision of authorising officer

At 1:10 pm on 15 October 2024, Kate Ferry, 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 2024 to 13 January 2025

## AFP variation of authority

Nil

## Tribunal 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 8:50 am on 13 January 2025, Kate Ferry, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

## 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 a controlled delivery and facilitated the collection of a 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 table below for narcotic goods.

## Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	12 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed. Samples have been sent to the National Measurement Institute.
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United States of America to 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 person was arrested and charged with drug-related offences. Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

## Controlled operation number: 24–25/25

### Date of application

24 October 2024

### Authorising officer

Renee Colley, 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 12:06 pm on 24 October 2024, Renee Colley, 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 October 2024 to 30 October 2024

### AFP variation of authority

**Date of variation application:** 28 October 2024

On 28 October 2024, Renee Colley, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

### Tribunal 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

Manipulated computer systems to show that a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs had been processed and was cleared for delivery.

### Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

### Details of any personal injuries

Nil

### Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

### Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	2.760 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation:  Singapore to Australia via 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 controlled operation.

### Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

# Controlled operation number: 24–25/28

## Date of application

29 October 2024

## Authorising officer

Peter Fogarty, 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 4:21 pm on 29 October 2024, Peter Fogarty, 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 October 2024 to 21 November 2024

## AFP variation of authority

Nil

## Tribunal 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 9:33 am on 21 November 2024, Kate Ferry, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

## 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 and engaged in communications to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was attempted.

## Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

## Details of any personal injuries

Nil

## Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

## Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	100 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Malaysia to 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

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

## Major controlled operation number: 24–25/29

### Date of application

24 October 2024

### Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Crime

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 2:48 pm on 31 October 2024, 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

31 October 2024 to 4 June 2025

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal variation of authority

**Date of variation application:** 29 January 2025

On 29 January 2025, David Thomae, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 30 April 2025.

**Date of variation application:** 30 April 2025

On 30 April 2025, Glen Cranwell, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 30 July 2025.

### Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs and dealing in proceeds of crime.

### Cancellation

At 4:40 pm on 4 June 2025, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation 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 major controlled operation.

### Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

### Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about the storage of border controlled drugs.

## Controlled operation number: 24–25/30

### Date of application

29 October 2024

### Authorising officer

Raegan Stewart, Commander Investigations,  
Southern Command

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 3:57 pm on 29 October 2024, 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

29 October 2024 to 4 November 2024

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal variation of authority

Nil

### Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the  
criminal activity of using a carriage service  
for child abuse material.

### 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  
remain ongoing.

## Controlled operation number: 24–25/32

### Date of application

4 November 2024

### Authorising officer

Renee Colley, Commander Western Command

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 4:25 pm on 4 November 2024, Renee Colley, 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

4 November 2024 to 6 November 2024

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal 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 11:43 am on 6 November 2024, Renee Colley, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation 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 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 table below for narcotic goods.

### Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	2.986 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 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

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

## Controlled operation number: 24–25/33

### Date of application

4 November 2024

### Authorising officer

Stephen Jay, Commander Investigations,  
Northern Command

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 8:20 am on 5 November 2024, Stephen Jay, 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 November 2024 to 18 November 2024

### AFP variation of authority

**Date of variation application:** 7 November 2024

On 7 November 2024, Stephen Jay, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

### Tribunal variation of authority

Nil

### Nature of criminal activities

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

### Cancellation

At 10:55 am on 18 November 2024, Stephen Jay, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation 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 and engaged in communications 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 table below for narcotic goods.

### Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	139.7 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation:  United States of America to 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

Two persons were charged with drug-related offences.

## Controlled operation number: 24–25/34

### Date of application

8 November 2024

### Authorising officer

Peter Fogarty, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 4:17 pm on 8 November 2024, Peter Fogarty, 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

8 November 2024 to 14 November 2024

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal variation of authority

Nil

### Nature of criminal activities

The 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

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

## Controlled operation number: 24–25/35

### Date of application

14 November 2024

### Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, 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 14 November 2024, Kate Ferry, 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 November 2024 to 24 January 2025

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal 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 commercial quantities of border controlled drugs.

### Cancellation

At 2:04 pm on 24 January 2025, Kate Ferry, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation 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

See table below for narcotic goods.

### Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	6 kg (gross)
Current location	An Garda Síochána
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation:  Unknown location to Ireland
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

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

## Major controlled operation number: 24–25/36

### Date of application

15 November 2024

### Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner, Crime

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 3:37 pm on 19 November 2024, 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 November 2024 to 18 January 2025

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal variation of authority

Nil

### 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 major controlled operation.

### Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

### Outcomes

This investigation concluded with no arrests or evidence being obtained.

# Controlled operation number: 24–25/37

## Date of application

25 November 2024

## 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 1:03 pm on 25 November 2024, 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

25 November 2024 to 20 December 2024

## AFP variation of authority

Nil

## Tribunal 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

At 1:45 pm on 20 December 2024, Donna Tankard, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation 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 movement and 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 table below for narcotic goods.

## Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	190 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Malaysia to 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

Four persons were arrested for drug-related offences and later released. Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

## Controlled operation number: 24–25/39

### Date of application

4 December 2024

### Authorising officer

Stephen Jay, Commander Investigations,  
Northern Command

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 9:50 am on 5 December 2024, Stephen Jay, 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 December 2024 to 18 December 2024

### AFP variation of authority

**Date of variation application:** 13 December 2024

On 13 December 2024, Stephen Jay, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

### Tribunal 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 8:30 am on 18 December 2024, Steven Jay, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation 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 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 table below for narcotic goods.

### Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	18 kg (gross)
Current location	Chinese Anti-Smuggling Bureau, China Customs
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Costa Rica to China
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

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

# Controlled operation number: 24–25/40

## Date of application

5 December 2024

## Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, Commander Investigations,  
Eastern Command

## Nature of application

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

## Decision of authorising officer

At 4:50 pm on 9 December 2024, Kate Ferry, 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 December 2024 to 8 March 2025

## AFP variation of authority

Nil

## Tribunal 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 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

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

## Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

## Details of any personal injuries

Nil

## Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

## Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	10,039.8 g (net) 14,900.8 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: China to 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

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

## Major controlled operation number: 24–25/42

### Date of application

12 December 2024

### Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Crime

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 1:51 pm on 13 December 2024, 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

13 December 2024 to 12 March 2025

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal variation of authority

Nil

### Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the use of a carriage service for child abuse material and possessing, controlling, producing, supplying or obtaining child abuse material.

### 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 major controlled operation.

### Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

### Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about methodologies used on the Dark Net.

## Controlled operation number: 24–25/43

### Date of application

13 December 2024

### Details of any personal injuries

Nil

### Authorising officer

Stephen Jay, Commander Investigations,  
Northern Command

### Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved  
in the controlled operation.

### Nature of application

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

### Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved  
in the controlled operation.

### Decision of authorising officer

At 5:00 pm on 13 December 2024, Stephen Jay,  
an authorising officer within the meaning  
of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal  
authority authorising a controlled operation  
to be undertaken.

### Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information  
about the methodologies used in relation to  
drug importations and dealing in the proceeds  
or instruments of crime.

### Period of effect

13 December 2024 to 12 March 2025

### AFP variation of authority

**Date of variation application:** 10 February 2025

On 11 February 2025, Stephen Jay, an AFP  
authorising officer, granted the variation.

### Tribunal 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 dealing in proceeds of crime.

### 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

## Controlled operation number: 24–25/44

### Date of application

17 December 2024

### Authorising officer

Donna Tankard, 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 10:02 am on 17 December 2024, Donna Tankard, 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 2024 to 16 January 2025

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal variation of authority

Nil

### Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the misuse of a computer or electronic communications, providing a circumvention service for a technological protection measure, and dealing in proceeds of crime.

### 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 meetings with the targets to facilitate the purchase of illegal devices. Met in person for monetary transaction in relation to the purchase of illegal devices.

### Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

### Details of any personal injuries

Nil

### Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	AUD700.00
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Electronic transfer from account of purchaser to account of target of operation.

### Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

### Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

## Major controlled operation number: 24–25/45

### Date of application

11 December 2024

### Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Crime

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 4:54 pm on 16 December 2024, 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

16 December 2024 to 15 March 2025

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal variation of authority

Nil

### Nature of criminal activities

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

### 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 major controlled operation.

### Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

### Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

## Controlled operation number: 24–25/47

### Date of application

24 December 2024

### Authorising officer

Bernard Geason, 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 5:44 pm on 24 December 2024, Bernard Geason, 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 December 2024 to 23 February 2025

### AFP variation of authority

**Date of variation application:** 23 January 2025

On 23 January 2025, Raegan Stewart, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

### Tribunal 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 collection of a 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 table below for narcotic goods.

### Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	1,302 L (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Mexico to 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

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

# Controlled operation number: 24–25/48

## Date of application

8 January 2025

## Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, Commander Investigations,  
Eastern Command

## Nature of application

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

## Decision of authorising officer

At 10:30 am on 8 January 2025, Kate Ferry, 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 January 2025 to 4 March 2025

## AFP variation of authority

Nil

## Tribunal 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 1:00 pm on 4 March 2025, Kate Ferry, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation 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 and made transport arrangements for a 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 table below for narcotic goods.

## Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	1,016 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed. Samples have been sent to the National Measurement Institute.
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Malaysia to 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

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

## Controlled operation number: 24–25/51

### Date of application

22 January 2025

### Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, Commander Investigations,  
Eastern Command

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 2:42 pm on 23 January 2025, Kate Ferry, 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 January 2025 to 22 February 2025

### AFP variation of authority

**Date of variation application:** 5 February 2025

On 6 February 2025, Brett James, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

### Tribunal 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 to facilitate the delivery of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery occurred.

### Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

### Details of any personal injuries

Nil

### Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

### Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	21 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Spain to 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

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

# Controlled operation number: 24–25/53

## Date of application

3 February 2025

## Authorising officer

Clinton Smith, performing the duties of Commander Operations, Eastern Command

## Nature of application

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

## Decision of authorising officer

At 3:30 pm on 3 February 2025, Clinton Smith, 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 February 2025 to 2 March 2025

## AFP variation of authority

Nil

## Tribunal 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

Attempted to engage in communications 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 table below for narcotic goods.

## Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	28 kg (net) 77 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation:  United States of America to 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 investigation concluded with no arrests or evidence being obtained.

## Controlled operation number: 24–25/54

### Date of application

28 January 2025

### Authorising officer

Peter Hatch, performing the duties of Commander Western Command

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 2:00 pm on 28 January 2025, Peter Hatch, 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

28 January 2025 to 3 February 2025

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal variation of authority

Nil

### Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the 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 and arrangements to facilitate the transport 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 table below for narcotic goods.

### Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	15 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation:  South Africa to Australia via Singapore
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

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

## Controlled operation number: 24–25/58

### Date of application

19 February 2025

### Details of any personal injuries

Nil

### Authorising officer

Peter Fogarty, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

### Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

### Nature of application

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

### Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

### Decision of authorising officer

At 11:02 am on 20 February 2025, Peter Fogarty, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

### Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

### Period of effect

20 February 2025 to 19 May 2025

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal 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 and dealing in proceeds of crime.

### 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

## Controlled operation number: 24–25/59

### Date of application

20 February 2025

### Details of any personal injuries

Nil

### Authorising officer

Raegan Stewart, Commander Investigations, Southern Command

### Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

### Nature of application

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

### Narcotic goods

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 3:46 pm on 20 February 2025, 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.

### Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

### Period of effect

20 February 2025 to 19 May 2025

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal 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 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

Manipulated computer systems to update the status of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Engaged in communications in relation to the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

### Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

# Controlled operation number: 24–25/61

## Date of application

25 February 2025

## Authorising officer

Peter Fogarty, 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 3:52 pm on 25 February 2025, Peter Fogarty, 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

25 February 2025 to 24 May 2025

## AFP variation of authority

Nil

## Tribunal 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

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

## Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

## Details of any personal injuries

Nil

## Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

## Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	32 t (gross)
Current location	Royal Malaysia Police
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Iran to Malaysia via United Arab Emirates
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 person was arrested for drug-related offences.

## Controlled operation number: 24–25/62

### Date of application

4 March 2025

### Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, Commander Investigations,  
Eastern Command

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 1:20 pm on 4 March 2025, Kate Ferry, 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

4 March 2025 to 18 March 2025

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal 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 3:25 pm on 18 March 2025, Brett James, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation 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 holding and release of consignments purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was attempted.

### Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

### Details of any personal injuries

Nil

### Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

### Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine 3,4-Methylenedioxy-methamphetamine (MDMA)
Weight/quantity	498.6 g (net) 38,830.1 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: Netherlands to 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

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

# Controlled operation number: 24–25/63

## Date of application

4 March 2025

## Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, Commander Investigations,  
Eastern Command

## Nature of application

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

## Decision of authorising officer

At 10:37 am on 6 March 2025, Kate Ferry, 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 March 2025 to 14 March 2025

## AFP variation of authority

**Date of variation application:** 7 March 2025

On 7 March 2025, Kate Ferry, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

## Tribunal 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.

## Cancellation

At 12:04 pm on 14 March 2025, Kate Ferry, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation 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 delivery of the consignments 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 table below for narcotic goods.

## Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	15.1 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	During the course of the controlled operation:  The narcotic goods travelled within 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

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

## Major controlled operation number: 24–25/65

### Date of application

7 March 2025

### Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Crime

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 8:20 am on 8 March 2025, 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

8 March 2025 to 7 June 2025

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal variation of authority

Nil

### Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of trafficking and possession of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs, and supply a large commercial quantity of prohibited 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 trafficking and supply 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 major controlled operation.

### Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

### Outcomes

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

# Major controlled operation number: 24–25/68

## Date of application

19 March 2025

## Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Crime

## Nature of application

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

## Decision of authorising officer

At 5:05 pm on 19 March 2025, 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 March 2025 to 18 June 2025

## AFP variation of authority

Nil

## Tribunal variation of authority

Nil

## Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of dealing in proceeds of crime.

## 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 accessing and dealing in proceeds of crime.

## 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 major controlled operation.

## Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

## Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information regarding emerging methodologies used by criminal entities in relation to cryptocurrency and cryptocurrency cards as a means of accessing and utilising criminal proceeds.

## Controlled operation number: 24–25/70

### Date of application

4 April 2025

### Authorising officer

Renee Colley, 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 7 April 2025, Renee Colley, 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 April 2025 to 9 April 2025

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal 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

At 2:47 pm on 9 April 2025, Renee Colley, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation 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 update the status 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 table below for narcotic goods.

### Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	2.8 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United States of America to Australia via Singapore
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 gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to the importation of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs.

## Controlled operation number: 24–25/71

### Date of application

9 April 2025

### Authorising officer

Brett James, Commander Investigations,  
Eastern Command

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 10:00 am on 9 April 2025, Brett James, 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 April 2025 to 12 June 2025

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal variation of authority

Nil

### Nature of criminal activities

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

### Cancellation

At 1:15 pm on 12 June 2025, Brett James, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation 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.

### Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

### Details of any personal injuries

Nil

### Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

### Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	1,800 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United Arab Emirates to 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

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

## Controlled operation number: 24–25/72

### Date of application

9 April 2025

### Authorising officer

Brett James, Commander Crime,  
Eastern Command

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 8:15 am on 10 April 2025, Brett James, 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

10 April 2025 to 9 May 2025

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal 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

At 1:36 pm on 9 May 2025, Peter Fogarty, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation 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

Attempted to engage in communications in relation to facilitating the delivery of a 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

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

### Narcotic goods

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

### Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

# Controlled operation number: 24–25/78

## Date of application

22 May 2025

## Authorising officer

Brett James, Commander Investigations,  
Eastern Command

## Nature of application

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

## Decision of authorising officer

At 11:50 am on 22 May 2025, Brett James, 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 May 2025 to 5 June 2025

## AFP variation of authority

Nil

## Tribunal variation of authority

Nil

## Nature of criminal activities

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

## Cancellation

At 9:56 am on 5 June 2025, Brett James, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation 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

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

## Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

## Details of any personal injuries

Nil

## Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

## Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	180 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Malaysia to 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

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

## Controlled operation number: 24–25/83

### Date of application

30 May 2025

### 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 2:29 pm on 30 May 2025, 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

30 May 2025 to 12 June 2025

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal 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 9:50 am on 12 June 2025, Raegan Stewart, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation 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 delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was attempted.

### Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

### Details of any personal injuries

Nil

### Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

### Narcotic goods

Type	Heroin (diacetylmorphine)
Weight/quantity	7 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Thailand to 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 gathered valuable information about methodologies used in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

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## Major controlled operation number: 22–23/82

### Date of application

17 March 2023

### Authorising officer

Lesa Gale, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner International and Specialist Capabilities

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 8:47 am on 17 March 2023, Lesa Gale, 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 2023 to 14 March 2025

### AFP variation of authority

**Date of variation application:** 4 September 2023

On 7 September 2023, Grant Alexander Nicholls, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

**Date of variation application:** 9 November 2023

On 20 November 2023, Grant Nicholls, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

**Date of variation application:** 18 October 2024

On 18 October 2024, Ian McCartney, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

### Tribunal variation of authority

**Date of variation application:** 16 June 2023

On 16 June 2023, William Frost, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 16 September 2023.

**Date of variation application:** 15 September 2023

On 15 September 2023, William Frost, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 15 December 2023.

**Date of variation application:** 15 December 2023

On 15 December 2023, William Frost, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 15 March 2024.

**Date of variation application:** 15 March 2024

On 15 March 2024, William Frost, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 15 June 2024.

**Date of variation application:** 14 June 2024

On 14 June 2024, William Frost, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 14 September 2024.

**Date of variation application:** 13 September 2024

On 13 September 2024, William Frost, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 13 December 2024.

**Date of variation application:** 12 December 2024

On 12 December 2024, Aaron Suthers, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 14 March 2025.

### Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of money laundering and dealing in proceeds of crime.

### 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, negotiations, meetings and preparatory logistic arrangements to facilitate the movement of criminal funds. Dealt with, possessed and engaged in transactions involving currency suspected to be proceeds of crime.

## Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

## Details of any personal injuries

Nil

## Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(2) of the Act.
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(2) of the Act.

## Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

## Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information about current methodologies used in relation to money laundering.

## Major controlled operation number: 22–23/112

### Date of application

23 June 2023

### Authorising officer

Grant Nicholls, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Crime

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 1:53 pm on 23 June 2023, Grant Nicholls, 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 June 2023 to 4 June 2025

### AFP variation of authority

**Date of variation application:** 25 July 2023

On 27 July 2023, Grant Nicholls, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

**Date of variation application:** 13 December 2023

On 18 December 2023, Grant Alexander Nicholls, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

**Date of variation application:** 6 March 2024

On 7 March 2024, Ian McCartney, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

**Date of variation application:** 6 December 2024

On 11 December 2024, Ian McCartney, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

### Tribunal variation of authority

**Date of variation application:** 20 September 2023

On 20 September 2023, Adria Marissa Poljak, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 22 December 2023.

**Date of variation application:** 20 December 2023

On 20 December 2023, Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 22 March 2024.

**Date of variation application:** 20 March 2024

On 20 March 2024, Linda Kirk, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 22 June 2024.

**Date of variation application:** 19 June 2024

On 19 June 2024, Adria Marissa Poljak, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 22 September 2024.

**Date of variation application:** 16 September 2024

On 16 September 2024, Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 22 December 2024.

**Date of variation application:** 13 December 2024

On 13 December 2024, Louise McBride, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 22 March 2025.

**Date of variation application:** 11 March 2025

On 11 March 2025, David Thomae, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 22 June 2025.

### 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 4:39 pm on 4 June 2025, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation 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, meetings, arrangements and negotiations in relation to the importation of commercial quantities of 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 table below for narcotic goods.

### Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	42 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the major controlled operation:  Panama to 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 major controlled operation.

### Outcomes

Four persons were arrested and charged with drug-related offences. The AFP gathered valuable information in relation to the methodologies used by offshore drug trafficking organisations.

## Major controlled operation number: 23–24/55

### Date of application

12 December 2023

### Authorising officer

Grant Nicholls, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Crime

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 12:16 pm on 12 December 2023, Grant Nicholls, 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 December 2023 to 5 December 2024

### AFP variation of authority

**Date of variation application:** 9 January 2024

On 11 January 2024, Grant Nicholls, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

**Date of variation application:** 26 February 2024

On 27 February 2024, Ian McCartney, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

**Date of variation application:** 28 May 2024

On 28 May 2024, Ian McCartney, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

### Tribunal variation of authority

**Date of variation application:** 7 March 2024

On 7 March 2024, Adria Marissa Poljak, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 11 June 2024.

**Date of variation application:** 4 June 2024

On 4 June 2024, Adria Poljak, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 11 September 2024.

**Date of variation application:** 9 September 2024

On 9 September 2024, Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that

the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 11 December 2024.

### Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs and dealing in proceeds of crime.

### Cancellation

At 1:07 pm on 5 December 2024, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation 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, negotiations, meetings and transactions in relation to the importation and supply of 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

Nature and quantity	AUD107,800
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	The illicit goods travelled within Australia.

### Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

### Outcomes

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

## Major controlled operation number: 23–24/68

### Date of application

25 January 2024

### Authorising officer

Grant Nicholls, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Crime

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 5:27 pm on 25 January 2024, Grant Nicholls, 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 January 2024 to 24 July 2024

### AFP variation of authority

**Date of variation application:** 17 April 2024

On 19 April 2024, Ian McCartney, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

### Tribunal variation of authority

**Date of variation application:** 23 April 2024

On 23 April 2024, Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 24 July 2024.

### 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 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 major controlled operation.

### Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

### Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

## Major controlled operation number: 23–24/72

### Date of application

21 February 2024

### Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Crime

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 2:19 pm on 21 February 2024, 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 February 2024 to 1 July 2024

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal variation of authority

**Date of variation application:** 17 May 2024

On 20 May 2024, William Frost, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 20 August 2024.

### Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the conspiracy and attempted importation of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs and dealing in the proceeds of crime.

### Cancellation

At 1:08 pm on 1 July 2024, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation 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 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 major controlled operation.

### Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

### Outcomes

This investigation concluded with no arrests or evidence being obtained.

## Major controlled operation number: 23–24/73

### Date of application

20 February 2024

### Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Crime

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 5:24 pm on 21 February 2024, 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 February 2024 to 20 August 2024

### AFP variation of authority

**Date of variation application:** 7 June 2024

On 12 June 2024, Ian McCartney, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

### Tribunal variation of authority

**Date of variation application:** 20 May 2024

On 20 May 2024, Stewart Fenwick, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 20 August 2024.

### Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the attempted importation and attempted possession of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs and dealing in the proceeds of crime.

### 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, meetings and negotiations 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 major controlled operation.

### Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

### Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

## Major controlled operation number: 23–24/75

### Date of application

28 February 2024

### Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Crime

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 4:48 pm on 8 March 2024, 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

8 March 2024 to 7 December 2024

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal variation of authority

**Date of variation application:** 30 May 2024

On 30 May 2024, Peter Britten-Jones, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 7 September 2024.

**Date of variation application:** 2 September 2024

On 2 September 2024, Stewart Fenwick, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 7 December 2024.

### Nature of criminal activities

The major 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

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

### 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 major controlled operation.

### Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

### Outcomes

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

# Controlled operation number: 23–24/81

## Date of application

3 April 2024

## Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, Commander Investigations,  
Eastern Command

## Nature of application

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

## Decision of authorising officer

At 6:42 pm on 3 April 2024, Kate Ferry, 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 April 2024 to 1 July 2024

## AFP variation of authority

**Date of variation application:** 5 April 2024

On 5 April 2024, Kate Ferry, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

## Tribunal variation of authority

Nil

## Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of 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

Manipulated computer systems to show a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs had been delayed.

## Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

## Details of any personal injuries

Nil

## Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

## Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine 3,4-Methylenedioxy- methamphetamine (MDMA)
Weight/quantity	17 kg (net) 1,111 kg (net)
Current location	Belgian Federal Police
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation:  Unknown location to Belgium
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

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

## Controlled operation number: 23–24/84

### Date of application

9 April 2024

### Authorising officer

Suzanne Evans, performing the duties of Commander Cyber Command

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 8:52 am on 9 April 2024, Suzanne Evans, 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 April 2024 to 7 July 2024

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal 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 transactions and communications to purchase illegally obtained identification documents.

### Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

### Details of any personal injuries

Nil

### Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	0.00038757 BTC Bitcoin  Illegally obtained identification documents
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Australia to unknown  Communicated online

### Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

### Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

## Major controlled operation number: 23–24/86

### Date of application

15 April 2024

### Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Crime

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 3:01 pm on 19 April 2024, 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 2024 to 11 October 2024

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal variation of authority

**Date of variation application:** 15 July 2024

On 15 July 2024, Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 18 October 2024.

### Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs and dealing in proceeds of crime.

### Cancellation

At 2:19 pm on 11 October 2024, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation 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 general rapport building.

### 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 major controlled operation.

### Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

### Outcomes

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

## Major controlled operation number: 23–24/87

### Date of application

22 April 2024

### Authorising officer

Krissy Barrett, Deputy Commissioner  
National Security

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 9:17 am on 23 April 2024, Krissy Barrett, 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 2024 to 22 July 2024

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal variation of authority

Nil

### Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of terrorism and using a carriage service for violent extremist material.

### 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 major controlled operation.

### Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

### Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

# Major controlled operation number: 23–24/94

## Date of application

29 May 2024

## Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Crime

## Nature of application

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

## Decision of authorising officer

At 5:49 pm on 30 May 2024, 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

30 May 2024 to 8 August 2024

## AFP variation of authority

Nil

## Tribunal variation of authority

Nil

## Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the unauthorised access and modification of data.

## Cancellation

At 10:16 am on 8 August 2024, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation 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 financial transactions in relation to the possession, and purchase of unlawfully obtained data.

## Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

## Details of any personal injuries

Nil

## Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	AUD500 Personally Identifiable Information (PII) - 39 screenshot samples equating to 9.82 megabytes of the exfiltrated 6.5 terabytes.
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Transferred online Communicated online

## Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

## Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information in relation to accounts and financial avenues of enquiry to help identify the target and criminal associates.

## Major controlled operation number: 23–24/95

### Date of application

31 May 2024

### Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Crime

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 9:34 am on 2 June 2024, 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 June 2024 to 24 October 2024

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal variation of authority

**Date of variation application:** 30 August 2024

On 30 August 2024, Adria Marissa Poljak, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 1 December 2024.

### Nature of criminal activities

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

### Cancellation

At 4:03 pm on 24 October 2024, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation 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 discussions in relation to money laundering and monetary transactions with the target.

### Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

### Details of any personal injuries

Nil

### Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	AUD100,000
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Australia to United States of America

### Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

### Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about methodologies used in relation to money laundering.

# Controlled operation number: 23–24/96

## Date of application

4 June 2024

## Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, Commander Investigations,  
Eastern Command

## Nature of application

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

## Decision of authorising officer

At 2:00 pm on 4 June 2024, Kate Ferry, 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

4 June 2024 to 3 August 2024

## AFP variation of authority

Nil

## Tribunal variation of authority

Nil

## Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of attempted 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

Manipulated computer systems to change the status of a 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 table below for narcotic goods.

## Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	2 t (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:  South Africa to 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

Four targets were arrested and charged. Two targets were charged with drug-related offences and 2 targets were charged with firearm offences.

## Major controlled operation number: 23–24/97

### Date of application

23 May 2024

### Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Crime

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 1:45 pm on 24 May 2024, Ian McCartney, 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 May 2024 to 23 August 2024

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal variation of authority

Nil

### Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of attempting to possess commercial quantities of unlawfully imported 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 meetings to discuss the importation and supply of border controlled drugs.

### Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

### Details of any personal injuries

Nil

### Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

### Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	1 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	During the course of the major controlled operation:  The narcotic goods travelled within Australia.
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	The following person/s had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the major controlled operation:  This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

### Outcomes

Four persons were arrested on drug-related offences with one person remaining in custody. Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

# Controlled operation number: 23–24/99

## Date of application

6 June 2024

## Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, 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 June 2024, Kate Ferry, 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 June 2024 to 6 July 2024

## AFP variation of authority

Nil

## Tribunal 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

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

Manipulated systems to facilitate the clearance and delivery of a fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was attempted.

## Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

## Details of any personal injuries

Nil

## Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

## Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	7,982.7 g (net)
Current location	Destroyed. Samples have been sent to the National Measurement Institute.
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	During the course of the controlled operation:  The narcotic goods travelled within 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 gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in drug importations.

## Controlled operation number: 23–24/100

### Date of application

11 June 2024

### Authorising officer

Naomi Binstead, performing the duties of Commander Central Command

### Nature of application

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

### Decision of authorising officer

At 3:03 pm on 11 June 2024, Naomi Binstead, 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 June 2024 to 9 July 2024

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal variation of authority

Nil

### Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation of marketable 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 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 table below for narcotic goods.

### Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	131.800 g (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation:  Peru to Australia via United States of America and Singapore
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 persons were arrested and charged with drug-related offences.

# Controlled operation number: 23–24/101

## Date of application

7 June 2024

## Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, Commander Investigations,  
Eastern Command

## Nature of application

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

## Decision of authorising officer

At 6:35 pm on 11 June 2024, Kate Ferry,  
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 June 2024 to 10 September 2024

## AFP variation of authority

Nil

## Tribunal 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.

## 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  
remain ongoing.

## Controlled operation number: 23–24/102

### Date of application

14 June 2024

### Details of any personal injuries

Nil

### Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Investigations,  
Northern Command

### Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the  
controlled operation.

### Nature of application

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

### Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the  
controlled operation.

### Decision of authorising officer

At 10:48 am on 14 June 2024, 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.

### Outcomes

This investigation concluded with no arrests  
or evidence being obtained.

### Period of effect

14 June 2024 to 13 September 2024

### AFP variation of authority

Nil

### Tribunal 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 and dealing  
in the proceeds of crime.

### 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 and supply of border controlled  
drugs and proceeds of crime.

### Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

# Controlled operation number: 23–24/106

## Date of application

27 June 2024

## 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 10:22 am on 27 June 2024, 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

27 June 2024 to 7 August 2024

## AFP variation of authority

**Date of variation application:** 24 July 2024

On 24 July 2024, Raegan Stewart, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

## Tribunal 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.

## Cancellation

At 3:47 pm on 7 August 2024, Raegan Stewart, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation 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 holding and release of a 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 table below for narcotic goods.

## Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	190.79 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United States of America to 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

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



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