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The Australian Federal Police (AFP), the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI) and the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) are pleased to submit the *Controlled Operations Annual Report 2017–18*.

Pursuant to section 15HN, Part IAB, of the *Crimes Act 1914*, the report sets out the details required by subsections 15HM(2), (2A), (2B) and (2C) in relation to controlled operations for which the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity, the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission, and the Australian Federal Police were the authorising agencies between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018 inclusive. A copy of this report is to be tabled in each house of parliament within 15 sitting days of your receiving it. Yours sincerely

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INTRODUCTION

The *Controlled Operations annual report 2017–18* is the 22nd issued under Part IAB of the *Crimes Act 1914* (the Act).

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

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

The 2017–18 reporting period shows continued success through the seizures of border controlled drugs and precursor chemicals for the Australian Federal Police (AFP). One controlled operation saw the seizure of over 1.28 tonnes of cocaine with a potential street value nearing half a billion dollars. The controlled operation regime has also been integral to the successful outcome of multiple terrorism related investigations the AFP has undertaken.

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

A note on nomenclature: on 1 July 2016, the Australian Crime Commission (ACC) became known as the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC). This annual report refers to controlled operations authorities that were issued before that date but remained active within the 2017–18 reporting year, as well as those that were issued on or after the 1 July 2016. The included reports therefore make reference to both the ACC and ACIC.

The use of controlled operations by the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI) enables the agency to obtain evidence of offences related to law enforcement corruption.

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

GUIDE TO THIS REPORT

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

Part A describes the requirements of the current legislation.

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

Part A. Current legislative requirements

Crimes Act 1914

On 19 February 2010 the *Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious and Organised Crime) Act 2010* (Cth) received royal assent. This Act provided amendments related to controlled operations Part IAB of the *Crimes Act 1914* (the Act) – Controlled operations.

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

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

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

A **serious Commonwealth offence**, pursuant to section 15GE of the Act, means an offence against a law of the Commonwealth that is punishable on conviction by imprisonment for a period of 3 years or more, or a Commonwealth offence that involves a matter specified by subsection 15GE(2), including: theft, fraud, tax evasion; illegal gambling, extortion, bribery of a public official, people smuggling, and slavery.

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

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

Authorisation of controlled operations

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

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

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

Determination of applications

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

Controlled operation authorities

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

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

Period of effect

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

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 s 15GN), unless it has been extended under either subdivision B or C of the Division. If a formal controlled operation authority needs to be extended, then a variation application needs to be made. The variation application to extend the period of effect of a formal controlled operation authority beyond three months must be presented to a nominated Administrative Appeals Tribunal member, who may extend the period of effect for up to three months at a time (pursuant to s 15GT). However, of note is that, per subsection 15GT(4) the total period of effect for a formal or major controlled operation authority cannot exceed 24 months.

Variations to the authority

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

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

Cancellation of authority

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

Reporting requirements

Six-monthly reports to the Minister and Ombudsman

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

Chief officers' annual report to the Minister and Ombudsman

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

The AFP prepared the *Controlled Operations annual report 2017–18* in consultation with the ACIC and ACLEI.

Material excluded from reporting

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

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

Part B. Historic legislative requirements

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

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

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

Material excluded from reporting

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

SHORTENED FORMS

AAT	Administrative Appeals Tribunal
ACLEI	Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
ACIC	Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission
AFP	Australian Federal Police
Customs	Australian Customs and Border Protection Service
LEA	law enforcement agency
UCO	undercover operative

ADDITIONAL MATTERS

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

Drug weights detailed in this report are gross weights unless the contrary is indicated.



SCHEDULE 1 AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE CURRENT REPORTING PERIOD



Information withheld under the Crimes Act

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

Excluded information

AFP operations fully excluded

07–08/50

08–09/17 08–09/26 08–09/38

09–10/06

15–16/159 15–16/198 15–16/211

16–17/133

17–18/18 17–18/19 17–18/20 17–18/28 17–18/30

17–18/98 17–18/106 17–18/112 17–18/80 17–18/88

17–18/98 17–18/106 17–18/112

AFP operations partly excluded

17–18/07 17–18/21 17–18/34 17–18/56 17–18/61

17–18/72 17–18/89 17–18/107 17–18/115

Previously excluded information published in 2017–18

AFP operations fully excluded – now reported in full

15–16/152 15–16/164 15–16/201

16–17/32 16–17/92 16–17/115 16–17/118 16–17/123

16–17/124 16–17/126 16–17/128 16–17/132 16–17/134

16–17/135 16–17/136 16–17/137 16–17/139

AFP operations partly excluded – now reported in full

Nil

AFP operations fully excluded – now reported in part

15–16/78

16–17/45 16–17/101

QUANTITATIVE SUMMARY

Subsection 15HM(1) of the Crimes 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 2017–18.

Provision	Details Required	Number
Subsection 15HM(2)(a)	Formal authorities that were:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ granted by an AFP authorising officer during the period: 110 ▪ varied by an AFP authorising officer during the period: 37 	
Subsection 15HM(2)(b)	Formal applications for formal authorities refused by an AFP authorising officer during the period:	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(c)	Formal variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by an AFP authorising officer:	0
	Urgent variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by an AFP authorising officer:	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(d)	Urgent authorities that were:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ granted by an AFP authorising officer during the period: 10 ▪ varied by an AFP authorising officer during the period: 5 	
Subsection 15HM(2)(e)	Formal applications for urgent authorities refused by an AFP authorising officer:	0
	Urgent applications for urgent authorities refused by an AFP authorising officer:	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(f)	Formal variation applications for the variation of urgent authorities refused by an AFP authorising officer:	0
	Urgent variation applications for the variation of urgent authorities refused by an AFP authorising officer:	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(g)	Formal authorities that were varied by a nominated AAT member during the period:	50
Subsection 15HM(2)(h)	Formal variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by a nominated AAT member:	0
	Urgent variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by a nominated AAT member:	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(t)	Authorities for controlled operations that	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ were cancelled by an AFP authorising officer during the period: 40 ▪ expired during the period: 82 	
Not applicable	Authorities for controlled operations that were:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Withdrawn: 1 ▪ Did not progress to an authorising officer: 0 	

Some of the authorities issued during the 2017–18 reporting year were still ongoing at the end of the reporting period; these authorities are included in the first annual report after they have expired.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/01

Date of application

6 July 2017

Authorising officer

John Beveridge, State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:30 am on 6 July 2017 John Beveridge, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

6 July 2017 to 5 August 2017

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 6 July 2017

On 6 July 2017 John Beveridge, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated systems in order to facilitate the delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Conducted a controlled delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Engaged in communications regarding the fully substituted

consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	2059.1 g (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: 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 operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/02

Date of application

6 July 2017

Authorising officer

Christopher Sheehan, State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:52 am on 7 July 2017 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

7 July 2017 to 2 August 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 8:07 am on 2 August 2017 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

No conduct was engaged in.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	186.8 kg (net)
Current location	United States of America Authorities
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Unknown location to the United States of America
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/03

Date of application

7 July 2017

Authorising officer

John Beveridge, State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:10 pm on 7 July 2017 John Beveridge, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

7 July 2017 to 18 July 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 12:30 pm on 18 July 2017 Matthew Rippon, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated systems in order to facilitate the delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Conducted a controlled delivery of the fully

substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	3000 g (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: 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 operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/04

Date of application

6 July 2017

Authorising officer

Christopher Sheehan, State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 6:34 pm on 6 July 2017 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued an urgent authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

6 July 2017 to 12 July 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

No conduct was engaged in.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	186.8 kg (net)
Current location	United States of America Authorities
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Unknown location to the United States of America
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/05

Date of application

10 July 2017

Authorising officer

David Mclean, Manager Cybercrime Operations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:45 pm on 10 July 2017 David Mclean, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

10 July 2017 to 4 October 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of trafficking of marketable quantities of controlled drugs and possession with intent to sell or supply a prohibited drug.

Cancellation

At 9:05 am on 4 October 2017 Matthew Rippon, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in discussions and negotiations regarding the purchase of controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No Illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to trafficking controlled drugs.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/06

Date of application

11 July 2017

Authorising officer

John Beveridge, State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:04 am on 11 July 2017 John Beveridge, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

11 July 2017 to 17 July 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

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

consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Amphetamine 3,4-Methylenedioxy methamphetamine (MDMA)
Weight/Quantity	1037.8 g (gross) 21.8 g (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: The Netherlands
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/07

Date of application

12 July 2017

Authorising officer

Christopher Sheehan, State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:02 pm on 12 July 2017 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

12 July 2017 to 11 October 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in negotiations and arrangements in relation to the purchase of a firearm.

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	Unknown

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/o8

Date of application

14 July 2017

Authorising officer

Christopher Sheehan, State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:27 pm on 14 July 2017 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

14 July 2017 to 5 September 2017

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 28 July 2017

On 28 July 2017 John Beveridge, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 2:15 pm on 5 September 2017 Matthew Rippon, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications regarding the delivery of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Attempted a controlled delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	12 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: China 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 operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/09

Date of application

19 July 2017

Authorising officer

Matthew Rippon, State Manager Western Australia

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:01 pm on 19 July 2017 Matthew Rippon, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

19 July 2017 to 25 July 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 10:45 am on 25 July 2017 Matthew Rippon, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated systems in order to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Conducted the controlled delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	2.268 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Mexico via the United States of America 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 operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/10

Date of application

21 July 2017

Authorising officer

John Beveridge, State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:08 pm on 21 July 2017 John Beveridge, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

21 July 2017 to 3 August 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Attempted 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 below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	75 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: 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 operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/11

Date of application

26 July 2017

Authorising officer

Bruce Hill, Manager Organised Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:35 pm on 26 July 2017 Bruce Hill, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

26 July 2017 to 8 August 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated systems in order to facilitate the delivery of a fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Attempted the controlled delivery of a fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Engaged in communications regarding the delivery of a fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	8 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Canada
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/13

Date of application

27 July 2017

Authorising officer

Justine Gough, Manager Crime Operations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 6:40 pm on 27 July 2017 Justine Gough, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued an urgent authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

27 July 2017 to 2 August 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in discussion regarding 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 below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/Quantity	38 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United Kingdom 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 operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/14

Date of application

27 July 2017

Authorising officer

Leanne Close, Deputy Commissioner Operations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:30 pm on 27 July 2017 Leanne Close, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

27 July 2017 to 18 August 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 5:15 pm on 18 August 2017 Leanne Close, an authorising officer cancelled the major controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the major controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

No conduct was engaged in.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Major Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/15

Date of application

7 August 2017

Authorising officer

Leanne Close, Deputy Commissioner Operations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:10 pm on 7 August 2017 Leanne Close, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

7 August 2017 to 4 September 2017

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 21 August 2017

On 22 August 2017 Leanne Close, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 12:55 pm on 4 September 2017 Leanne Close, an authorising officer cancelled the major controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the major controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in discussion regarding the delivery of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs was attempted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/Quantity	38 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United Kingdom 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 operation.

Outcomes

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

Major Controlled Operation Number: 17– 18/16

Date of application

18 August 2017

Authorising officer

Leanne Close, Deputy Commissioner Operations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 7:20 am on 25 August 2017 Leanne Close, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

25 August 2017 to 20 December 2017

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 15 September 2017
On 28 September 2017 Leanne Close, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 21 November 2017
On 21 November 2017 Theodore Tavoulaus, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 24 January 2018.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 11:40 am on 20 December 2017 Leanne Close, an authorising officer cancelled the major controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the major controlled operation 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 in relation to the proposed importation and facilitating the importation of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Accessed and manipulated records in order to facilitate the importation 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 below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	313.1 kg (net)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Mexico and Panama
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	The following person/s had possession of the narcotic goods in the course of the operation: Unknown

Outcomes

Three of the targets were arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Major Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/17

Date of application

16 August 2017

Authorising officer

Leanne Close, Deputy Commissioner Operations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 7:45 am on 18 August 2017 Leanne Close, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

18 August 2017 to 24 October 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 3:25 pm on 24 October 2017 Leanne Close, an authorising officer cancelled the major controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the major controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in discussions and meetings in relation to controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/21

Date of application

30 August 2017

Authorising officer

Leanne Close, Deputy Commissioner Operations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 8:05 am on 5 September 2017 Leanne Close, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

5 September 2017 to 4 March 2018

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 15 January 2018

On 16 January 2018 Leanne Close, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 21 November 2017

On 21 November 2017 Stephanie Ann Forgie, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 4 March 2018.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the major controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in discussions, introductions and monetary transfers with targets.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	Cash - Australian 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	Within Victoria, Australia

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/22

Date of application

31 August 2017

Authorising officer

John Beveridge, State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:36 pm on 31 August 2017 John Beveridge, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

31 August 2017 to 6 September 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications regarding the delivery of a fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Manipulated systems in order to facilitate the delivery of a fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Conducted a controlled delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/Quantity	870 g (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: 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 operation.

Outcomes

Three targets were arrested, with one target charged, with drug related offences.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/23

Date of application

1 September 2017

Authorising officer

John Beveridge, State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:29 pm on 1 September 2017 John Beveridge, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

1 September 2017 to 29 November 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT 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 a border controlled drug.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

No conduct was engaged in.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/24

Date of application

5 September 2017

Authorising officer

Matthew Rippon, State Manager Western Australia

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:10 pm on 5 September 2017 Matthew Rippon, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

5 September 2017 to 18 September 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications regarding the delivery of 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 below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	15.3 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: 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 operation.

Outcomes

Three targets were arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/25

Date of application

7 September 2017

Authorising officer

Justine Gough, Manager Crime Operations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:55 pm on 7 September 2017 Justine Gough, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

7 September 2017 to 13 September 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications regarding the delivery of a fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Conducted a controlled delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Gammabutyrolactone
Weight/Quantity	1.2 L (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: 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 operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/26

Date of application

13 September 2017

Authorising officer

Christopher Sheehan, State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:19 pm on 13 September 2017 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

13 September 2017 to 25 September 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 12:00 pm on 25 September 2017 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated systems in order to facilitate the delivery/collection of a fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Engaged in discussions and

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

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	2.116 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United States of America
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Two targets were arrested and charged with drug related offences. Some aspects of the investigation are ongoing.

Major Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/27

Date of application

14 September 2017

Authorising officer

Leanne Close, Deputy Commissioner Operations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:30 pm on 15 September 2017 Leanne Close, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

15 September 2017 to 2 February 2018

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 7 December 2017

On 8 December 2017 Leanne Close, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 19 December 2017

On 20 December 2017 Leanne Close, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 13 December 2017

On 13 December 2017 William George Stefaniak, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 14 March 2018.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 9:39 am on 2 February 2018 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer cancelled the major controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the major controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in meetings, discussions, introductions, negotiations and communications in relation to purchase, sale and possession of border controlled drugs. Dealt with monetary transactions and proceeds of crime.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Nature and quantity	EURO 632,000 AUD 300,000
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Unknown

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/Quantity	1,280 kg (gross)
Current location	1, 270 kg Destroyed 10 kg AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Czech Republic, Germany, China, Sydney, Australia.
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled Operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

The AFP were able to gather invaluable information about methodologies, intelligence and evidence against the Australian criminal syndicate and its members. Three members of the criminal syndicate were detained for extradition in relation to drug offences.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/29

Date of application

18 September 2017

Authorising officer

Justine Gough, Manager Crime Operations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:16 pm on 18 September 2017 Justine Gough, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued an urgent authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

18 September 2017 to 20 September 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 4:40 pm on 20 September 2017 Justine Gough, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

No conduct was engaged in.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Ephedrine
Weight/Quantity	3.9 tonnes (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Thailand
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

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

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/31

Date of application

22 September 2017

Authorising officer

Christopher Sheehan, State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:53 am on 22 September 2017 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

22 September 2017 to 5 October 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated systems in order to facilitate the delivery of the container purporting to contain border controlled precursors. Engaged in communications, negotiations and arrangements regarding the delivery of the container purporting to contain border controlled precursors.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Ephedrine
Weight/Quantity	3.9 tonnes (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Thailand
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drug related offences. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/32

Date of application

27 September 2017

Authorising officer

Deborah Platz, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Operations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:20 pm on 28 September 2017 Deborah Platz, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

28 September 2017 to 4 October 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 4:25 pm on 4 October 2017 Leanne Close, an authorising officer cancelled the major controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the major controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

No conduct was engaged in.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

No controlled conduct was engaged in.

Major Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/33

Date of application

27 September 2017

Authorising officer

Leanne Close, Deputy Commissioner Operations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:20 pm on 4 October 2017 Leanne Close, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

4 October 2017 to 3 January 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the major controlled operation 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, introductions, meetings, discussions and arrangements in relation to the sale of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Major Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/34

Date of application

25 September 2017

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner National Security

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:55 pm on 26 September 2017 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

26 September 2017 to 25 December 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the major controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in conversations, negotiations, arrangements and other activities in a manner supportive of terrorism.

Part of 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 controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

This investigation is ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/35

Date of application

24 September 2017

Authorising officer

Christopher Sheehan, State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:59 pm on 24 September 2017 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued an urgent authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

24 September 2017 to 30 September 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications regarding the delivery and/or collection of a reconstructed consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	398 kg (net)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Thailand to Mascot, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/37

Date of application

3 October 2017

Authorising officer

Sharon Cowden, State Manager Queensland

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:02 pm on 3 October 2017 Sharon Cowden, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

3 October 2017 to 9 October 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated systems in order to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Engaged in communications regarding the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	3,4-Methlenedioxy methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	1 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Spain
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Two targets were arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/38

Date of application

28 September 2017

Authorising officer

Sharon Cowden, State Manager Queensland

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 7:31 pm on 28 September 2017 Sharon Cowden, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued an urgent authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

28 September 2017 to 4 October 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated systems and undertook administrative procedures in order to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Butylone
Weight/Quantity	494.8 g (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: 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 operation.

Outcomes

Two targets were arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Major Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/39

Date of application

4 October 2017

Authorising officer

Leanne Close, Deputy Commissioner Operations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:30 pm on 4 October 2017 Leanne Close, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

4 October 2017 to 3 January 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of importation of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs and pre-trafficking commercial quantities of controlled precursors.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the major controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

No conduct was engaged in.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

No controlled conduct was engaged in. One target was gaol'd to serve a prison sentence on an unrelated criminal matter.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/40

Date of application

9 October 2017

Authorising officer

Sharon Cowden, State Manager Queensland

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:09 pm on 9 October 2017 Sharon Cowden, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 October 2017 to 8 January 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

No conduct was engaged in.

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 drug importations. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/41

Date of application

6 October 2017

Authorising officer

John Beveridge, State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:43 pm on 6 October 2017 John Beveridge, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

6 October 2017 to 10 October 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 2:04 pm on 10 October 2017 John Beveridge, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

No conduct was engaged in.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	1053.2 g (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United States of America
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/42

Date of application

6 October 2017

Authorising officer

John Beveridge, State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:50 pm on 6 October 2017 John Beveridge, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

6 October 2017 to 19 October 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

A controlled delivery of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/Quantity	704.7 g (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Chile
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Two targets were arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/45

Date of application

16 October 2017

Authorising officer

John Beveridge, State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:30 pm on 16 October 2017 John Beveridge, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

16 October 2017 to 15 November 2017

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 23 October 2017

On 23 October 2017 John Beveridge, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation 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 regarding a consignment suspected 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

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/46

Date of application

17 October 2017

Authorising officer

Leanne Close, Deputy Commissioner Operations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:00 pm on 17 October 2017 Leanne Close, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

17 October 2017 to 16 January 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the major controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in meetings, discussions and communications in relation to importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs and firearms.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No Illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/47

Date of application

17 October 2017

Authorising officer

John Beveridge, State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:30 pm on 17 October 2017 John Beveridge, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

17 October 2017 to 23 October 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation 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 delivery of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	261g (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Malaysia 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 operation.

Outcomes

One target was charged in relation to drug related offences. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/48

Date of application

18 October 2017

Authorising officer

Justine Gough, Manager Crime Operations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:30 pm on 18 October 2017 Justine Gough, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

18 October 2017 to 1 November 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 2:30 pm on 1 November 2017 Greg Harrigan, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation 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 release and delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Engaged in communications regarding the proposed delivery

of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Opium
Weight/Quantity	73.72 kg (net)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Iran
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Two targets were arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/49

Date of application

19 October 2017

Authorising officer

John Beveridge, State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:36 pm on 19 October 2017 John Beveridge, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

19 October 2017 to 25 October 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 11:29 am on 25 October 2017 John Beveridge, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation 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 collection of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Engaged in communications regarding the collection of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/Quantity	1180.2 g (net)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Thailand to Melbourne, Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/50

Date of application

19 October 2017

Authorising officer

Christopher Sheehan, State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:30 pm on 19 October 2017 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued an urgent authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

19 October 2017 to 23 October 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 3:29 pm on 23 October 2017 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

A controlled delivery of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	416.2 g (net)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United States of America
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Two targets were arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Major Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/51

Date of application

23 October 2017

Authorising officer

Michael Phelan, Deputy Commissioner National Security

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:35 am on 1 November 2017 Michael Phelan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

1 November 2017 to 31 January 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the major controlled operation 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 online communications in a manner supportive of terrorism.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/52

Date of application

30 October 2017

Authorising officer

Leanne Close, Deputy Commissioner Operations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:09 am on 30 October 2017 Leanne Close, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

30 October 2017 to 29 April 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 18 January 2018

On 18 January 2018 Gary Humphries, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 29 April 2018.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the major controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in meetings, discussions and arrangements with targets in relation to importation, supply and purchase of border controlled drugs and proceeds of crime. Engaged

in meetings, discussions and communications in relation to monetary dealings for controlled drug transactions. Dealt with money purporting to be 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 controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

One target was charged with multiple drug related offences. Two targets were arrested in relation to drug related and attempt to pervert the course of justice offences.

Major Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/53

Date of application

30 October 2017

Authorising officer

Leanne Close, Deputy Commissioner Operations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:15 am on 30 October 2017 Leanne Close, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

30 October 2017 to 29 April 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 18 January 2018

On 18 January 2018 Gary Humphries, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 29 April 2018.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the major controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in meetings, discussions and communications related to accessing equipment for manufacturing controlled drugs and trafficking of controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to the activities of the criminal group.

Major Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/55

Date of application

3 November 2017

Authorising officer

Leanne Close, Deputy Commissioner Operations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 7:20 am on 7 November 2017 Leanne Close, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

7 November 2017 to 6 May 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 31 January 2018

On 31 January 2018 Brian Rayment, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 6 May 2018.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the major controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

No conduct was engaged in.

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 was unable to obtain any evidence. No controlled conduct was engaged in.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/56

Date of application

8 November 2017

Authorising officer

John Beveridge, State Manager Victoria

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:49 am on 8 November 2017 John Beveridge, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

8 November 2017 to 14 November 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications regarding the delivery of a fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Conducted a controlled delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	2870.9 g (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(2)(a) of the Act.
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Two targets were arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/57

Date of application

9 November 2017

Authorising officer

Christopher Sheehan, State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:30 am on 9 November 2017 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 November 2017 to 8 January 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in conversations in relation to the clearance and movements of the vessel suspected to be importing border controlled drugs. Facilitated the importation and delivery of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/Quantity	700 kg (gross)
Current location	NSW Police Force
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Ecuador to Tahiti
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	The following person/s had possession of the narcotic goods in the course of the operation: This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Outcomes

Three targets were arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/59

A controlled operation number was issued; however, this controlled operation was withdrawn and did not progress to an Authorising Officer.

Date of application

Not applicable

Authorising officer

Not applicable

Nature of application

Not applicable

Decision of authorising officer

Not applicable

Period of effect

Not applicable

AFP variation of authority

Not applicable

AAT variation of authority

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

Not applicable

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

Not applicable.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Not applicable

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Not applicable

Details of any personal injuries

Not applicable

Illicit goods

Not applicable

Narcotic goods

Not applicable

Outcomes

Not applicable

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/61

Date of application

24 November 2017

Authorising officer

Bruce Hill, Manager Organised Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:22 pm on 24 November 2017 Bruce Hill, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

24 November 2017 to 12 February 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 3:25 pm on 12 February 2018 Bruce Hill, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation 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)(a)(b) 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 controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/62

Date of application

25 November 2017

Authorising officer

John Beveridge, State Manager Victoria and Tasmania

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:40 am on 25 November 2017 John Beveridge, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

25 November 2017 to 24 January 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation 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, discussions and arrangements regarding the delivery of two fully substituted consignments purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/Quantity	299.8 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Mexico
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Two targets were arrested with drug related offences.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/63

Date of application

28 November 2017

Authorising officer

Justine Gough, Manager Crime Operations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:40 pm on 28 November 2017 Justine Gough, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

28 November 2017 to 4 December 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated systems in order to facilitate the delivery of consignments containing the substituted border controlled drugs. Conducted a controlled delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	3,4-Methylenedioxy pyrovalerone (MDPV)
Weight/Quantity	4485.6 g (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: 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 operation.

Outcomes

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

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/65

Date of application

30 November 2017

Authorising officer

Bruce Hill, Manager Organised Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:15 pm on 30 November 2017 Bruce Hill, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

30 November 2017 to 27 February 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

No conduct was engaged in.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	956.4 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: China and Myanmar
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Targets were arrested prior to the utilisation of the controlled operation.

Major Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/66

Date of application

4 December 2017

Authorising officer

Wayne Buchhorn, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner National Security

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:30 pm on 4 December 2017 Wayne Buchhorn, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

4 December 2017 to 10 January 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 7:45 am on 10 January 2018 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer cancelled the major controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the major controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in discussions with the target regarding their motivations and intentions involving criminal activities.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP investigation has ceased with no evidence of illegal activity being conducted.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/67

Date of application

8 December 2017

Authorising officer

John Beveridge, State Manager Victoria and Tasmania

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:00 am on 8 December 2017 John Beveridge, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

8 December 2017 to 14 December 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation 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 regarding the transfer of legal files purportedly created for the purposes of obfuscating the true nature of banking transactions.

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 by the target. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/68

Date of application

11 December 2017

Authorising officer

Leanne Close, Deputy Commissioner Operations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 8:45 am on 11 December 2017 Leanne Close, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

11 December 2017 to 27 April 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 1 March 2018

On 1 March 2018 Gary Humphries, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 4 June 2018.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of trafficking in controlled drugs and unlawful disposal of firearms.

Cancellation

At 1:25 pm on 27 April 2018 Leanne Close, an authorising officer cancelled the major controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the major controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in discussions, meetings and arrangements regarding the supply and purchase of controlled drugs and firearms. Engaged in cash transactions relating to the purchase and possession of controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Nature and quantity	AUD 42,950
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Within ACT, Australia

Narcotic goods

Type	3, 4-Methylenedioxyamphetamine (MDA), 3, 4-Methylenedioxymethylamphetamine (MDMA), Methamphetamine and 3, 4-Methylenedioxyamphetamine (MDA) Combined, and Methamphetamine and 3, 4-Methylenedioxyamphetamine (MDA) Combined (analysis pending).
Weight/Quantity	1372 Pills 201 Pills 3712 Pills 1013 Pills
Current location	ACT Government Analytical Laboratory
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Unknown
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	An officer of the following agency had possession of the narcotic goods in the course of the controlled operation: AFP The following person/s had possession of the narcotic goods in the course of the operation: This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Outcomes

Two targets were arrested in relation to drug offences. AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies and criminal activities in relation to this criminal network. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/69

Date of application

15 December 2017

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Authorising officer

Wayne Buchhorn, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner National Security

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 3:15 pm on 18 December 2017 Wayne Buchhorn, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Outcomes

Some aspects of the investigation are ongoing.

Period of effect

18 December 2017 to 17 March 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the major controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and meetings in relation to preparations to conduct a terrorist attack and the sourcing of firearms.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Major Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/71

Date of application

22 December 2017

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Authorising officer

Wayne Buchhorn, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner National Security

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 4:20 pm on 22 December 2017 Wayne Buchhorn, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Outcomes

There was no criminal activity detected during the period of the controlled operation authority.

Period of effect

22 December 2017 to 21 March 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the major controlled operation 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 online communications with the targets in relation to criminal activities.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/72

Date of application

10 January 2018

Authorising officer

Peter Crozier, Manager Criminal Assets, Fraud and Anti-Corruption

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:50 pm on 10 January 2018 Peter Crozier, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

10 January 2018 to 9 February 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 9:30 am on 9 February 2018 Peter Bodel, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in meetings, discussions and arrangements in regard to money laundering. Dealt with money purporting 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	Australian currency. 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	Melbourne, Australia to Israel

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 money laundering. Some aspects of the investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/73

Date of application

11 January 2018

Authorising officer

Sharon Cowden, State Manager Queensland

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:24 pm on 11 January 2018 Sharon Cowden, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

11 January 2018 to 1 February 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 10:40 am on 1 February 2018 Sharon Cowden, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

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

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/Quantity	38.15 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Colombia and New Caledonia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Four targets were arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/74

Date of application

15 January 2018

Authorising officer

John Beveridge, State Manager Victoria and Tasmania

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:00 pm on 15 January 2018 John Beveridge, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

15 January 2018 to 14 March 2018

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 19 January 2018

On 19 January 2018 Peter Bodel, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 22 February 2018

On 22 February 2018 Mark Colbran, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated systems in order to facilitate the delivery of a fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Engaged in discussions and arrangements in regard to the delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery of a fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Opium
Weight/Quantity	12.4 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Turkey
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Two people were arrested for drug related offences. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/75

Date of application

16 January 2018

Authorising officer

John Beveridge, State Manager Victoria and Tasmania

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:55 pm on 16 January 2018 John Beveridge, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

16 January 2018 to 22 January 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation 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 relating to the collection of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methoxyacetyl Fentanyl citrate
Weight/Quantity	708.4 g (net)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: 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 operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/77

Date of application

24 January 2018

Authorising officer

Christopher Sheehan, State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:45 pm on 24 January 2018 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

24 January 2018 to 23 February 2018

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 4 February 2018

On 4 February 2018 Christopher Sheehan, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communication and discussions in regards to the delivery, collection, payment and storage of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	6485.2 g (net)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Tehran, Iran and Dubai, 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 operation.

Outcomes

Two targets were arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/78

Date of application

25 January 2018

Authorising officer

Peter Bodel, performing the duties of Manager Organised Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:50 pm on 25 January 2018 Peter Bodel, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

25 January 2018 to 20 February 2018

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 2 February 2018

On 2 February 2018 Peter Sykora, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of conspiracy to import a commercial quantity of a border controlled drug and trafficking commercial quantities of controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Facilitated delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	313 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: 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 operation.

Outcomes

Two targets were arrested under drug related offences.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/79

Date of application

28 January 2018

Authorising officer

Christopher Sheehan, State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:55 am on 28 January 2018 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

28 January 2018 to 10 February 2018

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 29 January 2018

On 29 January 2018 Christopher Sheehan, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated systems in order to facilitate the delivery of a fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery of a fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/Quantity	33 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Mexico and Tennessee, United States of America
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/81

Date of application

8 February 2018

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner National Security

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:40 pm on 9 February 2018 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 February 2018 to 8 May 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

No conduct was engaged within Australia.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/82

Date of application

12 February 2018

Authorising officer

John Beveridge, State Manager Victoria and Tasmania

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:11 pm on 12 February 2018 John Beveridge, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

12 February 2018 to 25 February 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation 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 purported delivery of the consignment.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	5.6526 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: 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 operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/83

Date of application

13 February 2018

Authorising officer

Bruce Hill, Manager Organised Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:41 pm on 13 February 2018 Bruce Hill, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued an urgent authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

13 February 2018 to 19 February 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Conducted forensic examination of the consignment contents and collected evidentiary material in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs. Facilitated the delivery of the consignments.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/84

Date of application

20 February 2018

Authorising officer

John Beveridge, State Manager Victoria and Tasmania

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:20 pm on 20 February 2018 John Beveridge, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

20 February 2018 to 28 February 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 12:26 pm on 28 February 2018 John Beveridge, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

No conduct was engaged in.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/85

Date of application

26 February 2018

Authorising officer

Christopher Sheehan, State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:13 am on 26 February 2018 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

26 February 2018 to 8 March 2018

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 1 March 2018

On 1 March 2018 Christopher Sheehan, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 12:05 pm on 8 March 2018 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation 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 fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Engaged in communications in regards to the delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	15,874 kg (net)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Mexico, United States of America, and Japan
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Two targets were arrested with drug related offences. The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to drug importation syndicates.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/89

Date of application

6 March 2018

Authorising officer

Bruce Hill, Manager Organised Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:45 am on 6 March 2018 Bruce Hill, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

6 March 2018 to 5 April 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

No conduct was engaged in.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(2)(a) of the Act.
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(2)(a) of the Act.
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/90

Date of application

8 March 2018

Authorising officer

Stephan Obers, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria and Tasmania

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:55 pm on 8 March 2018 Stephan Obers, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

8 March 2018 to 28 March 2018

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 13 March 2018

On 13 March 2018 Stephan Obers, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 20 March 2018

On 20 March 2018 Peter Sykora, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 22 March 2018

On 22 March 2018 John Beveridge, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 12:00 pm on 28 March 2018 John Beveridge, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

A controlled delivery of a fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs was conducted. Engaged in discussions with the target in regard to the collection of the consignment.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/Quantity	5.139 kg (net)
Current location	United States of America Authorities
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Costa Rica to Miami, United States of America
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested in relation to drug offences. One target was arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Major Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/92

Date of application

16 March 2018

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner National Security

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:01 pm on 26 March 2018 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

26 March 2018 to 25 June 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the major controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

No conduct was engaged in.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/93

Date of application

9 March 2018

Authorising officer

Stephan Obers, performing the duties of State Manager Victoria and Tasmania

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:22 pm on 9 March 2018 Stephan Obers, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 March 2018 to 15 March 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation 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 collection of the consignment.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	3,4-Methylenedioxy methamphetamine (MDMA)
Weight/Quantity	1500 ml (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Luxembourg
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/94

Date of application

19 March 2018

Authorising officer

John Beveridge, State Manager Victoria and Tasmania

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:03 pm on 19 March 2018 John Beveridge, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

19 March 2018 to 25 March 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of importation and attempted possession of 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 in relation to the delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Manipulated computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment. Delivered the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Opium Resin
Weight/Quantity	9891.7 g (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Iran
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/95

Date of application

16 March 2018

Authorising officer

Matthew Rippon, Manager Counter Terrorism Operations South

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:40 pm on 16 March 2018 Matthew Rippon, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued an urgent authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

16 March 2018 to 22 March 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in discussions and meetings in regard to the purchase of Commonwealth property.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	1 Encrypted Communication Device
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Fyshwick, ACT to Sydney NSW, Australia

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The target was arrested. The illicit good was seized and returned to the owning Commonwealth Department.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/96

Date of application

20 March 2018

Authorising officer

Krissy Barrett, performing the duties of Manager Organised Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:01 pm on 20 March 2018 Krissy Barrett, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

20 March 2018 to 7 May 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of firearms and trafficking controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 11:20 am on 7 May 2018 Peter Bodel, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

No conduct was engaged in.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/97

Date of application

23 March 2018

Authorising officer

Christopher Sheehan, State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:14 pm on 23 March 2018 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

23 March 2018 to 5 April 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 11:04 am on 5 April 2018 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated systems in order to facilitate the collection of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Engaged in discussions in relation to the collection of a consignment

purporting to contain border controlled drugs. 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 below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	143.6676 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: The Netherlands
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Four targets were arrested and charged with drug related offences.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/99

Date of application

24 March 2018

Authorising officer

Christopher Sheehan, State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 7:14 pm on 24 March 2018 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued an urgent authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

24 March 2018 to 28 March 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 11:22 am on 28 March 2018 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

No conduct was engaged in.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/Quantity	59.8 kg (net)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Peru
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/100

Date of application

28 March 2018

Authorising officer

Christopher Sheehan, State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:33 pm on 28 March 2018 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

28 March 2018 to 15 May 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 9:26 am on 15 May 2018 Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

No conduct was engaged in.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/Quantity	59.8 kg (net)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Peru
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/104

Date of application

17 April 2018

Authorising officer

Nathan Barron, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:05 pm on 18 April 2018 Nathan Barron, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

18 April 2018 to 4 May 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 4:00 pm on 4 May 2018 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation 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 collection of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Engaged in discussions and arrangements with the consignor in relation to 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 below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	3,4-Methylenedioxy methamphetamine (MDMA); Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	70430.1 g (net); 2310.7 g (net)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: 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 operation.

Outcomes

Two targets were arrested and charged with drug related offences. The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to drug importations.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/107

Date of application

21 April 2018

Authorising officer

Krissy Barrett, performing the duties of Manager Organised Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:16 pm on 21 April 2018 Krissy Barrett, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued an urgent authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

21 April 2018 to 27 April 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation 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 collection of the consignment.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	Tobacco 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	Part of this information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(2) of the Act. -to Melbourne, Australia

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 importation of illicit goods. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/108

Date of application

27 April 2018

Authorising officer

Nathan Barron, performing the duties of State Manager New South Wales

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:38 am on 27 April 2018 Nathan Barron, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

27 April 2018 to 11 May 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 3:20 pm on 11 May 2018 Peter Bodel, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

No conduct was engaged in.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	200 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: 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 operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/109

Date of application

27 April 2018

Authorising officer

Greg Harrigan, State Manager Western Australia and Northern Territory

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 8:00 am on 30 April 2018 Greg Harrigan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

30 April 2018 to 29 May 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Attempted delivery of the fully substituted consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	12.39 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United States of America
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/110

Date of application

2 May 2018

Authorising officer

John Beveridge, State Manager Victoria and Tasmania

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:17 am on 2 May 2018 John Beveridge, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

2 May 2018 to 1 June 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in discussions and arrangements in relation to delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. 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

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

Type	Opium
Weight/Quantity	3.67 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Turkey
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

The target was charged with drug related offences.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/111

Date of application

3 May 2018

Authorising officer

Greg Harrigan, State Manager Western Australia and Northern Territory

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 7:40 am on 10 May 2018 Greg Harrigan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

10 May 2018 to 29 May 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 9:18 am on 29 May 2018 Greg Harrigan, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

No conduct was engaged in.

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 money laundering. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 17–18/115

Date of application

24 May 2018

Authorising officer

Krissy Barrett, performing the duties of Manager Organised Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:20 pm on 24 May 2018 Krissy Barrett, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

24 May 2018 to 6 June 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation 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 allow the release of the consignment to enable delivery.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	Tobacco Part of 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	Part of this information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(2) of the Act. Melbourne, Australia

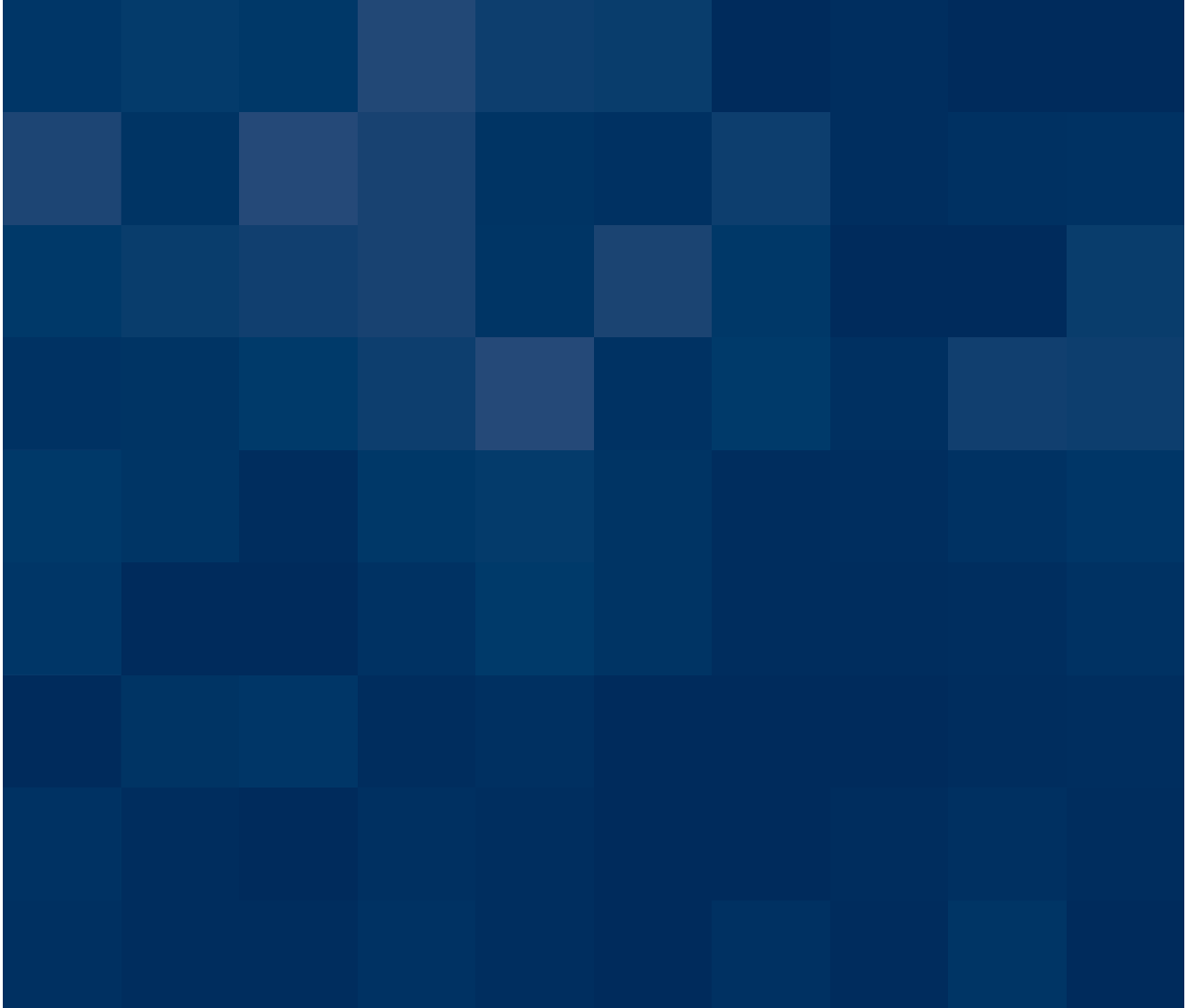
Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to importation of smuggled goods and money laundering activities. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

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Major Controlled Operation Number: 15–16/78

Date of application

10 November 2015

Authorising officer

Leanne Close, Deputy Commissioner

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 8.10 am on 17 November 2015 Leanne Close, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

17 November 2015 to 16 November 2017

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 4 January 2016
On 4 January 2016 Ramzi Jabbour, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 25 January 2016
On 25 January 2016 Leanne Close, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 28 January 2016
On 28 January 2016 Leanne Close, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 8 February 2016
On 9 February 2016 Leanne Close, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 29 February 2016
On 1 March 2016 Ian McCartney, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 7 April 2016
On 8 April 2016 Ian McCartney, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 13 April 2016
On 13 April 2016 Ramzi Jabbour, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 10 May 2016

On 11 May 2016 Ian McCartney, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 22 June 2016

On 22 June 2016 Ian McCartney, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 25 July 2016

On 25 July 2016 Justine Saunders, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 15 November 2016

On 18 November 2016 Neil Gaughan, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 23 November 2016

On 23 November 2016 Neil Gaughan, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 6 January 2017

On 6 January 2017 Neil Gaughan, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 12 January 2017

On 12 January 2017 Neil Gaughan, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 6 March 2017

On 6 March 2017 Leanne Close, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 27 April 2017

On 27 April 2017 Ramzi Jabbour, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 26 September 2017

On 27 September 2017 Deborah Joyce Platz, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 12 February 2016
On 12 February 2016 James Popple, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 16 May 2016.

Date of variation application: 12 May 2016
On 12 May 2016 Gary Humphries, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 16 August 2016.

Date of variation application: 10 August 2016
On 10 August 2016 James Popple, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 16 November 2016.

Date of variation application: 11 November 2016
On 11 November 2016 Gary Humphries, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 16 February 2017.

Date of variation application: 14 February 2017
On 14 February 2017 James Popple, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 16 May 2017.

Date of variation application: 11 May 2017
On 11 May 2017 James Popple, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 16 August 2017.

Date of variation application: 15 August 2017
On 15 August 2017 James Popple, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 16 November 2017.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of attempted importation and attempted possession of prohibited imports and fraud.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the major controlled operation 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 as part of the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved as part of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

As a result of the controlled operation 23 arrests were made and in excess of 70 commonwealth and state firearms, weapons and drug offences.

Controlled Operation Number: 15–16/152

Date of application

18 March 2016

Authorising officer

Christopher Sheehan, Commander, State Manager
New South Wales

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:50 am on 21 March 2016 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

21 March 2016 to 20 March 2018

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 8 June 2017

On 8 June 2017 Christopher Sheehan, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 17 June 2016

On 17 June 2016 James William Constance, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the controlled operation should remain in effect until 20 September 2016.

Date of variation application: 16 September 2016

On 16 September 2016 Jill Frances Toohey, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the controlled operation should remain in effect until 20 December 2016.

Date of variation application: 16 December 2016

On 16 December 2016 James William Constance, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the controlled operation should remain in effect until 20 March 2017.

Date of variation application: 16 March 2017

On 16 March 2017 Bernard Joseph McCabe, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the controlled operation should remain in effect until 20 June 2017.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation 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 transactions in relation to the purchase and sale of fraudulent documents.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Fraudulent NSW driver licence 1 Fraudulent Medicare card 1 Fraudulent Victorian drivers licence 1 Fraudulent Portuguese passport 1 Fraudulent AFP membership card 1 100 point Identification pack, including 1 x fraudulent NSW driver licence, 1 x fraudulent medicare card and 1x fraudulent Westpac Handycard 1 Fraudulent Lithuanian passport 1 Fraudulent Maestro bankcard 1 Fraudulent Westpac Handycard 1 Fraudulent Italian passport 1 Fraudulent Bulgarian passport 2 Fraudulent University of NSW Bachelor of Science degrees 1 Fraudulent United States of America passport
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Unknown location to Sydney, Australia
Nature and quantity	Bitcoin (BTC) – 5.20636113
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	From Sydney, Australia to unknown location.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved as part of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to fraudulent document purchasing in Australia.

Major Controlled Operation Number: 15–16/164

Date of application

30 March 2016

Authorising officer

Ramzi Jabbour, Deputy Commissioner

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 8.11 am on 6 April 2016 Ramzi Jabbour, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

6 April 2016 to 5 July 2017

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 25 January 2017

On 8 February 2017 Ramzi Jabbour, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 4 July 2016

On 4 July 2016 Jill Frances Toohey, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 5 October 2016.

Date of variation application: 30 September 2016

On 30 September 2016 James William Constance, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 5 January 2017.

Date of variation application: 4 January 2017

On 4 January 2017 Naida Isenberg, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 5 April 2017.

Date of variation application: 4 April 2017

On 4 April 2017 James William Constance, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 5 July 2017.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of importation of border controlled drugs and precursors, the supply and trafficking of controlled substances and the importation of tier 1 and tier 2 goods.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the major controlled operation 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 regarding the purchase of illicit goods. Purchased illicit goods.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	1 iPhone stun gun
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	An Australia-based address to Sydney.

Narcotic goods

Type	Heroin; 3,4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA); Cocaine; Synthetic cocaine; Methamphetamine; Flephedrone; Alprazolam; Diazepam.
Weight/Quantity	1.4 g (gross); 18.2 g (gross); 8.29 g (gross); 4.0 g (gross); 9.0 g (gross); 1.1 g (gross); 3.1 g (gross) and 10 tablets; 1.7 g (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Unknown
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	The following person/s had possession of the narcotic goods in the course of the operation: This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to the sale of illicit goods over the regular internet and the Dark Web. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major Controlled Operation Number: 15–16/201

Date of application

31 May 2016

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4.22 pm on 31 May 2016 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

31 May 2016 to 28 November 2017

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 14 July 2016

On 14 July 2016 Justine Saunders, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 5 August 2016

On 5 August 2016 Justine Saunders, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 29 August 2016

On 29 August 2016 Peter McDermott, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 30 November 2016.

Date of variation application: 28 November 2016

On 29 November 2016 Peter McDermott, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 28 February 2017.

Date of variation application: 27 February 2017

On 28 February 2017 Peter McDermott, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 28 May 2017.

Date of variation application: 26 May 2017

On 26 May 2017 Peter McDermott, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 28 August 2017.

Date of variation application: 22 August 2017

On 22 August 2017 Theodore Tavoularis, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 28 November 2017.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the major controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in meetings, discussions and negotiations in relation to the purchase and importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved as part of the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved as part of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major Controlled Operation Number: 16–17/32

Date of application

21 September 2016

Authorising officer

Justine Saunders, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 10.30 am on 29 September 2016 Justine Saunders, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

29 September 2016 to 13 July 2017

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 14 October 2016

On 24 October 2016 Justine Saunders, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 29 November 2016

On 29 November 2016 Ramzi Jabbour, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 13 December 2016

On 16 December 2016 James William Constance, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 28 March 2017.

Date of variation application: 23 March 2017

On 24 March 2017 Stephen Edward Frost, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 28 June 2017.

Date of variation application: 23 June 2017

On 23 June 2017 Robert Deutsch, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 28 July 2017.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of importation and attempted possession of prohibited imports.

Cancellation

At 12.17 pm on 13 July 2017 Leanne Close, an authorising officer cancelled the major controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the major controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in discussions, negotiations and arrangements with the targets regarding the importation of border controlled precursors. Manipulated systems in order to facilitate the importation of a commercial quantity of border controlled precursors.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Ephedrine
Weight/Quantity	1310.57 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: China
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	The following person/s had possession of the narcotic goods in the course of the operation: Unknown persons in China Crew members of the vessel Ever Dainty

Outcomes

Fourteen targets were arrested and charged with serious New South Wales offences, five of those arrested were charged with precursor related offences.

Controlled Operation Number: 16–17/45

Date of application

24 October 2016

Authorising officer

Christopher Sheehan, Commander

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 11.30 am on 24 October 2016 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

24 October 2016 to 21 July 2017

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 20 January 2017

On 20 January 2017 Christopher Sheehan, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 17 January 2017

On 17 January 2017 William George Stefaniak, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the controlled operation should remain in effect until 21 April 2017.

Date of variation application: 19 April 2017

On 19 April 2017 James William Constance, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the controlled operation should remain in effect until 21 July 2017.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in negotiations and conversations with targets and associates regarding money laundering. Engaged in money laundering activities.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

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

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved as part of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are still ongoing.

Major Controlled Operation Number: 16–17/92

Date of application

6 March 2017

Authorising officer

Leanne Close, Deputy Commissioner

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 9.00 am on 8 March 2017 Leanne Close, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

8 March 2017 to 7 December 2017

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 29 March 2017

On 30 March 2017 Leanne Close, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 5 June 2017

On 5 June 2017 James William Constance, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 7 September 2017.

Date of variation application: 6 September 2017

On 6 September 2017 Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 7 December 2017.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the major controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in meetings, discussions, negotiations and arrangements in relation to organising the importation and collection of border controlled drugs into Australia.

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 drug importations.

Controlled Operation Number: 16–17/101

Date of application

24 March 2017

Authorising officer

Bruce Hill, Commander

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 5.15 pm on 24 March 2017 Bruce Hill, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

24 March 2017 to 23 September 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 22 June 2017

On 22 June 2017 Gary Humphries, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the controlled operation should remain in effect until 23 September 2017.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in meetings and discussions in relation to suspected money laundering. Dealt with money suspected to be the proceeds or instrument of crime.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	Australian currency Part of 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	within Melbourne, Victoria

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 money laundering.

Major Controlled Operation Number: 16–17/115

Date of application

20 April 2017

Authorising officer

Michael Phelan, Deputy Commissioner

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 5.20 pm on 20 April 2017 Michael Phelan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

20 April 2017 to 11 July 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of terrorism and preparations for incursions into foreign countries for the purpose of engaging in hostile activities.

Cancellation

At 3.23 pm on 11 July 2017 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer cancelled the major controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the major controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in meetings and discussions regarding activities and preparations for incursions into foreign countries for the purpose of engaging in hostile activities.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

One person was arrested and charged with a foreign incursion offence.

Controlled Operation Number: 16–17/118

Date of application

26 April 2017

Authorising officer

Bruce Hill, Commander

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4.10 pm on 26 April 2017 Bruce Hill, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

26 April 2017 to 20 October 2017

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 18 July 2017

On 19 July 2017 Sharon Cowden, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 20 July 2017

On 21 July 2017 Theodore Tavoularis, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the controlled operation should remain in effect until 20 October 2017.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in discussions, communications and activities in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Controlled Operation Number: 16–17/123

Date of application

18 May 2017

Authorising officer

Christopher Sheehan, Commander

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 2.30 pm on 18 May 2017 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

18 May 2017 to 2 August 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 8.07 am on 2 August 2017 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in discussions and communications in relation to 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 below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	3,4-Methylenedioxy methamphetamine (MDMA)
Weight/Quantity	356244.7 g (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Germany
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

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

Controlled Operation Number: 16–17/124

Date of application

22 May 2017

Authorising officer

John Beveridge, Commander

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 8.15 am on 22 May 2017 John Beveridge, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

22 May 2017 to 21 November 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 18 August 2017

On 18 August 2017 Egon Fice, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the controlled operation should remain in effect until 21 November 2017.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in phone conversations, messages, meetings, discussions and other activities in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this operation are ongoing.

Major Controlled Operation Number: 16–17/126

Date of application

23 May 2017

Authorising officer

Leanne Close, Deputy Commissioner

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4.40 pm on 23 May 2017 Leanne Close, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

23 May 2017 to 22 November 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 16 August 2017

On 16 August 2017 Jill Toohey, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 22 November 2017.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the major controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in meetings and discussions in relation to money laundering. Dealt with money purporting to be the 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 controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 16–17/128

Date of application

29 May 2017

Authorising officer

Christopher Sheehan, Commander

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 10.58 am on 29 May 2017 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

29 May 2017 to 28 August 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in discussions and arrangements in an attempt to obtain restricted data.

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 the unauthorised access to identification data.

Controlled Operation Number: 16–17/132

Date of application

14 June 2017

Authorising officer

Christopher Sheehan, Commander

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 11.45 am on 14 June 2017 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

14 June 2017 to 2 August 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of conspiracy to import and attempt to possess a commercial quantity of a border controlled drug.

Cancellation

At 8.07 am on 2 August 2017 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in discussions 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

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/Quantity	186.8 kg (net)
Current location	United States of America Authorities
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Unknown location to the United States of America
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major Controlled Operation Number: 16–17/134

Date of application

14 June 2017

Authorising officer

David Sharpe, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 3.30 pm on 14 June 2017 David Sharpe, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

14 June 2017 to 13 September 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the major controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of the investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 16–17/135

Date of application

9 June 2017

Authorising officer

Bruce Hill, Commander, Manager Organised Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:20 pm on 9 June 2017 Bruce Hill, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 June 2017 to 8 March 2018

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 20 June 2017

On 20 June 2017 Bruce Hill, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 6 September 2017

On 6 September 2017 Stephanie Ann Forgie, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the controlled operation should remain in effect until 8 December 2017.

Date of variation application: 7 December 2017

On 7 December 2017 Egon Fice, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the controlled operation should remain in effect until 8 March 2018.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in meetings, communications, discussions and arrangements with target in relation to importation of border controlled drugs and 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 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 prohibited imports and money laundering. Some aspects of the investigation are ongoing.

Major Controlled Operation Number: 16–17/136

Date of application

14 June 2017

Authorising officer

Neil Gaughan, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Operations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:50 pm on 14 June 2017 Neil Gaughan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

14 June 2017 to 13 March 2018

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 11 September 2017

On 11 September 2017 Michael John McGrowdie, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 13 December 2017.

Date of variation application: 12 December 2017

On 12 December 2017 Michael John McGrowdie, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 13 March 2018.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the major controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Attempted engagement in communications with targets.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of the investigation are ongoing.

Major Controlled Operation Number: 16–17/137

Date of application

20 June 2017

Authorising officer

Michael Phelan, Deputy Commissioner

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4.10 pm on 20 June 2017 Michael Phelan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

20 June 2017 to 19 September 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the major controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in discussions in relation to the targets activities.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of the investigation are ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: 16–17/139

Date of application

22 June 2017

Authorising officer

Christopher Sheehan, Commander

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 9.58 am on 22 June 2017 Christopher Sheehan, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority for a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

22 June 2017 to 21 September 2017

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in discussions and communications regarding the importation and delivery of consignments suspected to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See below table for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/Quantity	12.5 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Columbia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.



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**SCHEDULE 3
AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION FOR
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Information withheld under the Crimes Act

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Excluded information

ACLEI operations fully excluded

Nil

ACLEI operations partly excluded

COA 03 of 2017 COA 01 of 2018

Previously excluded information published in 2017–18

ACLEI operations fully excluded – now reported in full

Nil

ACLEI operations partly excluded – now reported in full

Nil

ACLEI operations fully excluded – now reported in part

Nil

QUANTITATIVE SUMMARY

Subsection 15HM(1) of the Crimes 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 2017–18.

Provision	Details Required	Number
Subsection 15HM(2)(a)	Formal authorities that were:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ granted by an ACLEI authorising officer during the period: 4 ▪ varied by an ACLEI authorising officer during the period: 0 	
Subsection 15HM(2)(b)	Formal applications for formal authorities refused by an ACLEI authorising officer during the period:	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(c)	Formal variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by an ACLEI authorising officer:	0
	Urgent variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by an ACLEI authorising officer:	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(d)	Urgent authorities that were:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ granted by an ACLEI authorising officer during the period: 0 ▪ varied by an ACLEI authorising officer during the period: 0 	
Subsection 15HM(2)(e)	Formal applications for urgent authorities refused by an ACLEI authorising officer:	0
	Urgent applications for urgent authorities refused by an ACLEI authorising officer:	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(f)	Formal variation applications for the variation of urgent authorities refused by an ACLEI authorising officer:	0
	Urgent variation applications for the variation of urgent authorities refused by an ACLEI authorising officer:	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(g)	Formal authorities that were varied by a nominated AAT member during the period:	2
Subsection 15HM(2)(h)	Formal variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by a nominated AAT member:	0
	Urgent variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by a nominated AAT member:	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(t)	Authorities for controlled operations that	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ were cancelled by an ACLEI authorising officer during the period: 1 ▪ expired during the period: 1 	

Some of the authorities issued during the 2017–18 reporting year were still ongoing at the end of the reporting period; these authorities are included in the first annual report after they have expired.

Controlled Operation Number: COA 03 of 2017

Date of application

14 July 2017

Authorising officer

Michael Griffin AM, Integrity Commissioner

Nature of application

Formal

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

14 July 2017 to 14 October 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Cancelled 2 August 2017 by Michael Griffin AM, Integrity Commissioner.

Reasons for cancellation

Cancelled following a reassessment of the potential for obtaining evidential material and resourcing requirements to service this request.

Nature of criminal activities

Giving a bribe – Section 141.1(1) of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth).

Giving a corrupting benefit – Section 142.2(1) of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth).

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(2)(a) and 15HN(4) of the *Crimes Act 1914* (Cth).

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

No controlled conduct occurred. The conduct which occurred does not constitute an offence and therefore does not meet the definition of 'controlled'.

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Not applicable

Narcotic goods

Not applicable

Outcomes

No controlled conduct occurred prior to the cancellation of the controlled operation.

Controlled Operation Number: COA 01 of 2018

Date of application

9 January 2018

Authorising officer

John Harris SC, Acting Integrity Commissioner

Nature of application

Formal

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

9 January 2018 to 8 April 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Expired on 8 April 2018

Nature of criminal activities

Abuse of Public Office – Section 142.2(1) of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth) and/or

Corrupting benefits received by a Commonwealth public official – Section 142.1(3) of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth).

Target/s of the controlled operation

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(2)(a) and 15HN(4) of the *Crimes Act 1914* (Cth).

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

No controlled conduct was undertaken.

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Not applicable

Narcotic goods

Not applicable

Outcomes

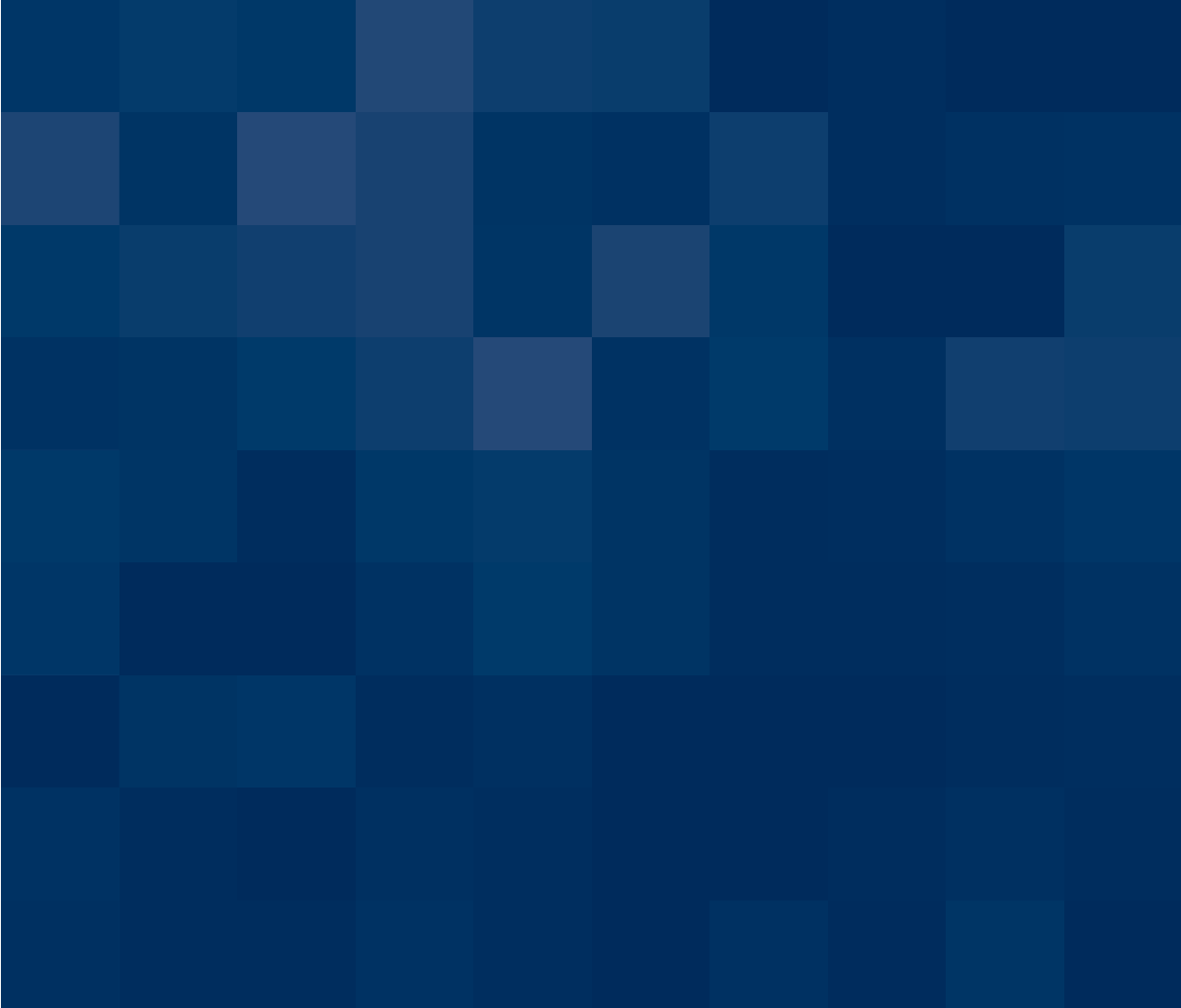
No controlled conduct was undertaken.

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**SCHEDULE 4
AUSTRALIAN CRIMINAL
INTELLIGENCE COMMISSION**



Information withheld under the Crimes Act

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Excluded information

ACIC operations fully excluded

CO17054/02/0	CO17061/02/1		
CO18007/01/0	CO18012/01/1	CO18014/02/0	CO18016/01/1
CO18019/01/1	CO18021/00/1	CO18024/00/0	CO18025/00/0
CO18026/00/0	CO18029/01/0	CO18031/00/0	CO18032/00/0
CO18033/00/0	CO18034/00/0	CO18037/00/0	CO18038/00/1
CO18039/00/0	CO18040/00/0	CO18041/00/0	CO18042/00/0
CO18044/00/0	CO18048/00/0	CO18050/00/0	CO18052/00/0
CO18053/00/0	CO18054/00/0	CO18055/00/0	CO18059/00/1

Note that application numbers were allocated to CO18010/00/0, CO18015/00/0, CO18020/00/0, CO18028/00/0, CO18035/00/0, CO18043/00/0, CO18047/00/0, CO18056/00/0, CO18057/00/0 and CO18058/00/0 during the period but the applications either did not proceed or are still pending.

ACIC operations partly excluded – not to be reported

ACC SOC 002

ACC 2003-04/6, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 19

ACC 2004-05/1, 2, 3, and 6

ACC 2005-06/1 to 12

ACC 2006-07/1 to 4

ACC 2007-08/2 to 15

ACC 2008-09/1, 2, 4-7, 9-11, 13-17, 20-23

ACC 2009-10/1 to 4 and 7 to 13

These authorities remain the subject of partial exclusions based on now repealed subsections 15T(3) and 15T(4) and are not reported on in this annual report.

ACIC operations partly excluded

CO17006/01/0	CO17010/00/0	CO17015/00/0	CO17016/00/0
CO17017/00/0	CO17018/01/0	CO17019/00/0	CO17020/00/1
CO17021/00/0	CO17022/00/0	CO17023/00/0	CO17025/00/0
CO17026/01/2	CO17027/00/0	CO17028/00/0	CO17030/01/0
CO17031/00/0	CO17032/00/0	CO17033/00/0	CO17034/00/0
CO17035/01/2	CO17036/00/0	CO17038/00/0	CO17039/00/0
CO17040/00/0	CO17041/00/0	CO17042/00/0	CO17043/00/0
CO17044/01/1	CO17045/00/0	CO17046/00/0	CO17047/00/0
CO17048/00/0	CO17049/00/0	CO17050/00/0	CO17051/00/0
CO17053/00/0	CO17055/00/0	CO17056/01/1	CO17057/01/0
CO17058/00/1	CO17059/01/0	CO17060/00/0	CO17062/00/0
CO18001/00/1	CO18002/00/0	CO18003/00/0	CO18004/00/1
CO18005/00/1	CO18006/00/0	CO18008/00/0	CO18009/00/0
CO18011/00/0	CO18013/00/0	CO18017/00/0	CO18018/00/0
CO18022/00/0	CO18023/00/1	CO18027/00/1	CO18030/00/0
CO18036/00/0	CO18045/00/0	CO18046/00/0	CO18051/00/0

Previously excluded information published in 2017–18**ACIC operations fully excluded – now reported in full**

CO17021/00/0
CO17028/00/0

ACIC operations partly excluded – now reported in full

Nil

ACIC operations fully excluded – now reported in part

CO17006/01/0	CO17010/00/0	CO17015/00/0	CO17016/00/0
CO17017/00/0	CO17018/01/0	CO17019/00/0	CO17020/00/1
CO17022/00/0	CO17023/00/0	CO17025/00/0	

QUANTITATIVE SUMMARY

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Provision	Details Required	Number
Subsection 15HM(2)(a)	Formal authorities that were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ granted by an ACIC authorising officer during the period: ▪ varied by an ACIC authorising officer during the period: 	75 ¹ 19 ²
Subsection 15HM(2)(b)	Formal applications for formal authorities refused by an ACIC authorising officer during the period:	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(c)	Formal variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by an ACIC authorising officer: Urgent variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by an ACIC authorising officer:	0 0
Subsection 15HM(2)(d)	Urgent authorities that were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ granted by a ACIC authorising officer during the period: ▪ varied by an ACIC authorising officer during the period: 	6 ³ 1 ⁴

1 C017026/00/0, C017027/00/0, C017030/00/0, C017031/00/0, C017032/00/0, C017033/00/0, C017034/00/0, C017035/00/0, C017036/00/0, C017038/00/0, C017039/00/0, C017040/00/0, C017041/00/0, C017042/00/0, C017043/00/0, C017044/00/0, C017045/00/0, C017046/00/0, C017047/00/0, C017048/00/0, C017049/00/0, C017050/00/0, C017051/00/0, C017053/00/0, C017017054/00/0, C017055/00/0, C017056/00/0, C017057/00/0, C017058/00/0, C017059/00/0, C017061/00/0, C017062/00/0, C018001/00/0, C018002/00/0, C018004/00/0, C018005/00/0, C018006/00/0, C018007/00/0, C018009/00/0, C018011/00/0, C018012/00/0, C018013/00/0, C018014/00/0, C018016/00/0, C018017/00/0, C017018/00/0, C018019/00/0, C018021/00/0, C018022/00/0, C018023/00/0, C018024/00/0, C018025/00/0, C018026/00/0, C018027/00/0, C018029/00/0, C018030/00/0, C018031/00/0, C018032/00/0, C018033/00/0, C018034/00/0, C018036/00/0, C018037/00/0, C018038/00/0, C018039/00/0, C018040/00/0, C018041/00/0, C018042/00/0, C018044/00/0, C018046/00/0, C018048/00/0, C018050/00/0, C018052/00/0, C018053/00/0, C018054/00/0 and C018055/00/0

2 C017026/00/1, C017026/00/2, C017035/00/1, C017035/00/2, C017044/00/1, C017046/00/1, C017056/00/1, C017058/00/1, C017061/01/1, C018001/00/0, C018004/00/1, C018005/00/1, C018012/00/1, C018016/00/1, C018019/00/1, C018021/00/1, C018023/00/1, C018029/00/1 and C018038/00/1.

3 C017060/00/0, C018003/00/0, C018008/00/0, C018045/00/0, C018051/00/0 and C018059/00/0

4 C018059/00/1

Subsection 15HM(2)(e)	Formal applications for urgent authorities refused by an ACIC authorising officer: Urgent applications for urgent authorities refused by an ACIC authorising officer:	0 0
Subsection 15HM(2)(f)	Formal variation applications for the variation of urgent authorities refused by an ACIC authorising officer: Urgent variation applications for the variation of urgent authorities refused by an ACIC authorising officer:	0 0
Subsection 15HM(2)(g)	Formal authorities that were varied by a nominated AAT member during the period:	18 ⁵
Subsection 15HM(2)(h)	Formal variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by a nominated AAT member: Urgent variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by a nominated AAT member:	1 ⁶ 0
Subsection 15HM(2)(i)	Authorities for controlled operations that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ were cancelled by an ACIC authorising officer during the period: ▪ expired during the period: 	15 ⁷ 49 ⁸

Some of the authorities issued during the 2017–18 reporting year were still ongoing at the end of the reporting period; these authorities are included in the first annual report after they have expired.

5 C017010/01/0, C017018/01/0, C017026/01/2, C017030/01/0, C017035/01/2, C017044/01/1, C017054/01/0, C017054/02/0, C017056/01/1, C017057/01/0, C017059/01/0, C017061/01/0, C017061/01/1, C018007/01/0, C018012/01/1, C018014/02/0, C018016/01/1 and C018019/01/1

6 C018014/01/0

7 C017022/00/0, C017035/00/0, C017042/00/0, C017049/00/0, C017050/00/0, C018001/00/1, C018006/00/0, C018011/00/0, C017058/00/1, C017059/01/0, C018018/00/0, C018030/00/0, C018027/00/1, C018036/00/0 and C018046/00/0.

8 C017006/00/0, C017010/00/0, C017015/00/0, C017016/00/0, C017017/00/0, C017018/00/0, C017019/00/0, C017020/00/0, C017021/00/0, C017023/00/0, C017025/00/0, C017026/01/2, C017027/00/0, C017028/00/0, C017030/01/0, C017031/00/0, C017032/00/0, C017033/00/0, C017034/00/0, C017036/00/0, C017038/00/0, C017039/00/0, C017040/00/0, C017041/00/0, C017043/00/0, C017044/01/1, C017045/00/0, C017046/00/0, C017047/00/0, C017048/00/0, C017051/00/0, C017053/00/0, C017055/00/0, C017056/01/1, C017057/01/0, C017060/00/0, C017062/00/0, C018002/00/0, C018003/00/0, C018004/00/1, C018005/00/1, C018008/00/0, C018009/00/0, C018013/00/0, C018017/00/0, C018022/00/0, C018023/00/1, C018045/00/0 and C018051/00/0.

Controlled Operation Number: CO17006/01/0

Date of application

23 February 2017

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, State Manager Victoria
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

23 February 2017 to 19 August 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 22 May 2017 by Chelsea Walsh, Senior Member AAT.

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into large scale drug trafficking and supply offences, and related money laundering activities.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods were seized.

Narcotic goods

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

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable intelligence in relation to the targets and their involvement in the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17010/01/0

Date of application

12 May 2017

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, State Manager Victoria
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

12 May 2017 to 11 November 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 11 August 2017 by Stephanie Ann Forgie, Deputy President AAT.

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

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

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation provided valuable information in relation to the methodologies used by the money laundering syndicate.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17015/00/0

Date of application

16 June 2017

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray,
State Manager New South Wales
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

16 June 2017 to 15 September 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs and the associated laundering of the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17016/00/0

Date of application

28 April 2017

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, State Manager Victoria
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

28 April 2017 to 27 July 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the importation and distribution of controlled drugs, the associated laundering of the proceeds of crime and the sale of illegal firearms.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17017/00/0

Date of application

8 May 2017

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray,
State Manager New South Wales
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

8 May 2017 to 7 August 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into dealings with money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

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

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the target and their involvement in money laundering activities.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17018/01/0

Date of application

28 April 2017

Authorising officer

Charles Carver,
State Manager Queensland
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

28 April 2017 to 27 October 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 26 July 2017 by Peter McDermott, Deputy President AAT.

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

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

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the target and their involvement in money laundering activities.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17019/00/0

Date of application

8 May 2017

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls,
State Manager Victoria
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

8 May 2017 to 7 August 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into trafficking of border controlled drugs and the associated laundering of the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

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

Narcotic goods

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

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in the importation and trafficking of illicit narcotics.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17020/00/1

Date of application

9 May 2017

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray,
State Manager New South Wales
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

9 May 2017 to 8 August 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 11 May 2017 by ACIC authorising officer Warren Dominic Gray, State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied to include additional a civilian participant and remove a civilian participant and to include additional conduct in relation to the approved civilian participant.

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the importation and distribution of illicit drugs and associated laundering of the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17021/00/0

Date of application

16 May 2017

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray,
State Manager New South Wales
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Illicit goods

Nil

Nature of application

Formal application

Narcotic goods

Nil

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Outcomes

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

Period of effect

16 May 2017 to 15 August 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

No targets were identified.

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

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

Nil

Controlled Operation Number: CO17022/00/0

Date of application

6 June 2017

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls,
State Manager Victoria
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

7 June 2017 to 5 September 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

The authority was cancelled on 5 September 2017 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Leigh Halls, State Manager Victoria.

Reasons for cancellation

The authority was cancelled as it was no longer required.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained information in relation to the target and their involvement in money laundering activities.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17023/00/0

Date of application

26 May 2017

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls,
State Manager Victoria
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

26 May 2017 to 25 August 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of controlled drugs and the laundering of the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17025/00/o

Date of application

13 June 2017

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls,
State Manager Victoria
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

13 June 2017 to 12 September 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into alleged money laundering believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in money laundering activities.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17026/01/2

Date of application

5 July 2017

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls,
State Manager Victoria
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

5 July 2017 to 4 January 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 25 August 2017 by ACIC authorising officer, Jason Leigh Halls, State Manager Victoria. The authority was varied to include additional law enforcement participants.

Variation 2 was applied for and granted on 21 September 2017 by ACIC authorising officer, Jason Leigh Halls, State Manager Victoria. The authority was varied to include an additional civilian participant.

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 22 September 2017 by Egon Fice, Senior Member AAT.

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

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

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in money laundering activities.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17027/00/0

Date of application

3 July 2017

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray,
State Manager New South Wales
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

3 July 2017 to 2 October 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the importation and distribution of controlled drugs, the associated laundering of the proceeds of crime and the sale of illegal firearms.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17028/00/o

Date of application

26 June 2017

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls,
State Manager Victoria
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Illicit goods

Nil

Nature of application

Formal application

Narcotic goods

Nil

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Outcomes

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

Period of effect

26 June 2017 to 25 September 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

No targets were identified.

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

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

Nil

Controlled Operation Number: CO17030/01/0

Date of application

11 July 2017

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls,
State Manager Victoria
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

11 July 2017 to 10 January 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 10 October 2017 by Stephanie Ann Forgie, Deputy President AAT.

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

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

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the methods and practices of an international drug and money laundering syndicate and identified previously unknown members of the syndicate.

Controlled Operation Number: CO17031/00/0

Date of application

17 July 2017

Authorising officer

Charles Carver,
State Manager Queensland
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

17 July 2017 to 16 October 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

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

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation provided valuable information and insight into the targets methodologies for laundering the proceeds of crime. The investigation of the target is ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: CO17032/00/0

Date of application

20 July 2017

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls,
State Manager Victoria
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

20 July 2017 to 19 October 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the import and trafficking of border controlled drugs and laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17033/00/0

Date of application

25 July 2017

Authorising officer

Charles Carver,
State Manager Queensland
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

25 July 2017 to 24 October 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained information in relation to the targets and their involvement in money laundering activities.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17034/00/0

Date of application

28 July 2017

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls,
State Manager Victoria
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

28 July 2017 to 27 October 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs and the associated laundering of the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in money laundering activities.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17035/01/2

Date of application

28 July 2017

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray,
State Manager New South Wales
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

28 July 2017 to 13 November 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 4 August 2017 by ACIC authorising officer Warren Dominic Gray, State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied to include additional law enforcement participants, civilian participants and controlled conduct.

Variation 2 was applied for on 20 October 2017 and granted on 21 October 2017 by ACIC authorising officer Warren Dominic Gray, State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied to include additional law enforcement participants and controlled conduct.

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 24 October 2017 by Gina Lazanas, Nominated Member, AAT.

Cancellation of authority

The authority was cancelled on 13 November 2017 by ACIC authorising officer Warren Dominic Gray, State Manager New South Wales.

Reasons for cancellation

The authority was cancelled due to the resolution of the ACIC investigation.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into large scale importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

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

Narcotic goods

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

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in the importation and trafficking of illicit narcotics.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17036/00/0

Date of application

27 September 2017

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls,
State Manager Victoria
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

27 September 2017 to 26 December 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17038/00/0

Date of application

14 August 2017

Authorising officer

Charles Carver,
State Manager Queensland
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

17 August 2017 to 16 November 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the importation and sale of illicit tobacco and the associated laundering of the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

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

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to illicit tobacco importation.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17039/00/0

Date of application

14 August 2017

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls,
State Manager Victoria
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

14 August 2017 to 13 November 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation provided valuable information to the ACIC on the money laundering activities of the targets. The investigation is ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: CO17040/00/0

Date of application

17 August 2017

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, State Manager Victoria
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

17 August 2017 to 16 November 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit substances into Australia and the associated laundering of the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation provided valuable information in relation to the methodologies of the target suspected to be involved in the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17041/00/0

Date of application

25 August 2017

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, State Manager Victoria
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

25 August 2017 to 24 November 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the importation of border controlled drugs.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17042/00/0

Date of application

28 August 2017

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, State Manager Victoria
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

29 August 2017 to 5 September 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

The authority was cancelled on 5 September 2017 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Leigh Halls, State Manager Victoria.

Reasons for cancellation

The authority was cancelled as it was no longer operationally required.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained information in relation to the target and their involvement in money laundering activities.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17043/00/0

Date of application

29 August 2017

Authorising officer

Charles Carver, State Manager Queensland
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

29 August 2017 to 28 November 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of a border controlled drug and the associated laundering of the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

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

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation provided valuable information in relation to the targets methods and practices to facilitate a large scale importation of border controlled drugs.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17044/01/1

Date of application

7 September 2017

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray,
State Manager New South Wales
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

13 September 2017 to 11 March 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 30 November 2018 by ACIC authorising officer Brian Scott Furrer, Acting State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied to include additional law enforcement participants.

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 12 December 2017 by Michael John McGrowdie, Nominated Member AAT.

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the importation, distribution and sale of illicit drugs.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

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

Narcotic goods

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

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the methods and practices used by the targets to facilitate a large scale importation of illicit narcotics.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17045/00/0

Date of application

14 September 2017

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, State Manager Victoria
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

14 September 2017 to 13 December 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17046/00/0

Date of application

17 September 2017

Authorising officer

Charles Carver, State Manager Queensland
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

29 September 2017 to 28 December 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 1 December 2017 by ACIC authorising officer Charles Carver, State Manager Queensland. The authority was varied to include additional law enforcement participants.

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

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

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

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

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation provided valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17047/00/0

Date of application

21 September 2017

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray,
State Manager New South Wales
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

21 September 2017 to 20 December 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17048/00/0

Date of application

5 October 2017

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray,
State Manager New South Wales
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

13 October 2017 to 12 January 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the importation of border controlled drugs and the associated laundering of the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17049/00/0

Date of application

16 October 2017

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray,
State Manager New South Wales
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

16 October 2018 to 9 January 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

The authority was cancelled on 9 January 2018 by ACIC authorising officer Brian Scott Furrer, Acting State Manager New South Wales.

Reasons for cancellation

The authority was cancelled as the authority was no longer required.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the importation of border controlled drugs and the associated laundering of the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17050/00/0

Date of application

10 October 2017

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, State Manager Victoria
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

10 October 2017 to 1 December 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

The authority was cancelled on 1 December 2017 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Leigh Halls, State Manager Victoria.

Reasons for cancellation

The authority was cancelled at the completion of the ACIC project.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit substances and laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17051/00/0

Date of application

20 October 2017

Authorising officer

Charles Byron Carver, State Manager Queensland
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

20 October 2017 to 19 January 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the trafficking of illicit firearms and border controlled drugs.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained intelligence in relation to the targets and their involvement in trafficking firearms and narcotics.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17053/00/0

Date of application

7 November 2017

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray,
State Manager New South Wales
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

7 November 2017 to 6 February 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

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

Narcotic goods

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

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to an organisation involved in money laundering.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17055/00/0

Date of application

10 November 2017

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray,
State Manager New South Wales
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

10 November 2017 to 9 February 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

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

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation identified a previously unknown member of a money laundering organisation.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17056/01/1

Date of application

4 December 2017

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, State Manager Victoria
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

4 December 2017 to 3 June 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 2 March 2018 by ACIC authorising officer, Warren Dominic Gray, State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied to include additional law enforcement participants.

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 2 March 2018 by Stephanie Ann Forgie, Deputy President AAT.

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

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

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation provided valuable information in relation to the methodologies and activities of the money laundering organisation.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17057/01/0

Date of application

21 November 2017

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, State Manager Victoria
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

21 November 2017 to 20 May 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 20 February 2018 by Stephanie Ann Forgie, Deputy President AAT.

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the methods used by an international money laundering syndicate.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17058/00/1

Date of application

16 January 2018

Authorising officer

Douglas Marshall Miller,
State Manager Western Australia,
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

16 January 2018 to 13 April 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 2 February 2018 by ACIC authorising officer Douglas Marshall Miller, State Manager Western Australia. The authority was varied to include additional law enforcement participants and remove some law enforcement participants.

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

The authority was cancelled on 13 April 2018 by ACIC authorising officer Douglas Marshall Miller, State Manager Western Australia.

Reasons for cancellation

The authority was cancelled as the authority was no longer required.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

Valuable information about money laundering methodologies was obtained.

Controlled Operation Number: CO17059/01/0

Date of application

7 December 2017

Authorising officer

David Ross, Acting State Manager Queensland
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

7 December 2017 to 15 May 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 7 March 2018 by Theodore Tavoularis, Senior Member AAT.

Cancellation of authority

The authority was cancelled on 15 May 2018 by ACIC authorising officer Charlie Carver, State Manager Queensland.

Reasons for cancellation

The authority was cancelled as the objectives of the ACIC investigation had been achieved and the authority was no longer required.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the importation of illicit tobacco and the associated laundering of the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

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

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information relating to methods and practices used by the targets for large scale importation of illicit tobacco.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO17060/00/0

Date of application

8 December 2017

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, State Manager Victoria
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Urgent application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

8 December 2017 to 14 December 2017

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation provided valuable information in relation to the target's methods and practices to remit money believed to be the proceeds of crime. The investigation of the target is ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: CO17062/00/0

Date of application

14 December 2017

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, State Manager Victoria,
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

14 December 2017 to 13 March 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO18001/00/1

Date of application

16 January 2018

Authorising officer

Brian Scott Furrer,
Acting State Manager New South Wales
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

16 January 2018 to 21 March 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 31 January 2018 by ACIC authorising officer, Brian Scott Furrer, Acting State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied to include additional law enforcement participants, additional civilian participants and additional authorised controlled conduct.

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

The authority was cancelled on 21 March 2018 by ACIC authorising officer Warren Dominic Gray, State Manager New South Wales.

Reasons for cancellation

The authority was cancelled due to the civilian participants engaging in activities outside the scope of the directions given by law enforcement participants.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the importation and distribution of illicit tobacco and the associated laundering of the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The ACIC gathered valuable intelligence about tobacco importation and money laundering methodologies.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO18002/00/0

Date of application

8 January 2018

Authorising officer

Charles Byron Carver,
State Manager Queensland
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

8 January 2018 to 12 January 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit and border controlled drugs and the associated laundering of the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

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

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable intelligence in relation to the targets and their involvement in the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO18003/00/0

Date of application

11 January 2018

Authorising officer

Brian Scott Furrer,
Acting State Manager New South Wales
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Urgent application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

11 January 2018 to 17 January 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit and controlled drugs and the associated laundering of the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable intelligence in relation to methods used by the targets to import illicit narcotics.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO18004/00/1

Date of application

18 January 2018

Authorising officer

Brian Scott Furrer,
Acting State Manager New South Wales
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

18 January 2018 to 17 April 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 23 January 2018 by ACIC authorising officer Brian Scott Furrer. The authority was varied to include additional controlled conduct.

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of controlled substances and the associated laundering of proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained intelligence in relation to the target and methods for importing and trafficking narcotics.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO18005/00/1

Date of application

18 January 2018

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, State Manager Victoria
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

18 January 2018 to 17 April 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 5 February 2018 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Leigh Halls, State Manager Victoria. The authority was varied to include a civilian participant and associated authorised controlled conduct.

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

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

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained information about the target and their involvement in money laundering activities.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO18006/00/o

Date of application

17 January 2018

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, State Manager Victoria
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

17 January 2018 to 29 March 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

The authority was cancelled on 29 March 2018 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Leigh Halls, State Manager Victoria.

Reasons for cancellation

The authority was cancelled due to the approved civilian participant no longer being able to participate in controlled conduct.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the methodologies used by a money laundering organisation. The ACIC's investigation is ongoing.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO18008/00/0

Date of application

22 January 2018

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, State Manager Victoria
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Urgent application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

22 January 2018 to 28 January 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to a money laundering syndicate and partially identified a previously unknown target. Some aspects of the investigation are continuing.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO18009/00/0

Date of application

24 January 2018

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, State Manager Victoria
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

25 January 2018 to 24 April 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs and the associated laundering of the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO18o11/oo/o

Date of application

25 January 2018

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, State Manager Victoria
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

25 January 2018 to 29 March 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

The authority was cancelled on 29 March 2018 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Leigh Halls, State Manager Victoria.

Reasons for cancellation

The authority was cancelled due to the approved civilian participant no longer being able to participate in controlled conduct.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information and identified a previously unidentified target and their methodology for laundering money.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO18013/00/0

Date of application

5 February 2018

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray,
State Manager New South Wales,
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

5 February 2018 to 4 May 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

No targets were identified.

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO18o17/oo/o

Date of application

8 March 2018

Authorising officer

Jason Leigh Halls, State Manager Victoria
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

8 March 2018 to 7 June 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to money laundering activities.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO18018/00/o

Date of application

7 March 2018

Authorising officer

Charles Byron Carver
State Manager Queensland
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

7 March 2018 to 15 May 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

The authority was cancelled on 15 May 2018 by ACIC authorising officer Charles Byron Carver, State Manager Queensland.

Reasons for cancellation

The authority was cancelled as it was no longer required.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of controlled substances and the associated laundering of the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

No controlled activity was undertaken under this authority.

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO18022/00/o

Date of application

27 March 2018

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray,
State Manager New South Wales
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

27 March 2018 to 26 June 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs and the associated laundering of proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to a drug syndicate's methodology and future planning.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO18o23/oo/1

Date of application

27 March 2018

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray,
State Manager New South Wales
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

27 March 2018 to 26 June 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 31 May 2018 by ACIC authorising officer Warren Dominic Gray, State Manager New South Wales. The authority was varied to include additional law enforcement participants.

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the method and practices of the target and a money laundering organisation.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO18027/00/0

Date of application

19 April 2018

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray,
State Manager New South Wales
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

19 April 2018 to 20 June 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

The authority was cancelled on 20 June 2018 by ACIC authorising officer Charles Byron Carver, State Manager Queensland.

Reasons for cancellation

The authority was cancelled as it was no longer required.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into sophisticated money laundering activities and intentional defrauding of the Commonwealth.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to money laundering activities. The ACIC's investigation is ongoing.

Controlled Operation Number: CO18030/00/0

Date of application

18 April 2018

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray,
State Manager New South Wales,
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

19 April 2018 to 22 May 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

The authority was cancelled on 22 May 2018 by ACIC authorising officer Warren Dominic Gray, State Manager New South Wales.

Reasons for cancellation

The authority was cancelled due to the resolution of the ACIC investigation.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation provided valuable information in relation to methodologies for laundering money.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO18036/00/0

Date of application

27 April 2018

Authorising officer

Douglas Marshall Miller,
State Manager Western Australia
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

27 April 2018 to 20 June 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

The authority was cancelled on 20 June 2018 by ACIC authorising officer Douglas Marshall Miller, State Manager Western Australia.

Reasons for cancellation

The authority was cancelled as it was no longer required.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained intelligence in relation to the target and money laundering activities.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO18045/00/0

Date of application

6 June 2018

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray,
State Manager New South Wales
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Urgent application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

6 June 2018 to 12 June 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the laundering of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the methodologies and practices of an international money laundering organisation. The investigation is continuing.

Controlled Operation Number: CO18046/00/o

Date of application

14 June 2018

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray,
State Manager New South Wales
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Formal application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

14 June 2018 to 20 June 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

The authority was cancelled on 20 June 2018 by ACIC authorising officer Charles Byron Carver, State Manager Queensland.

Reasons for cancellation

The authority was cancelled as it was no longer required due to a change in ACIC operational strategy.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into sophisticated money laundering activities and intentional defrauding of the Commonwealth.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their methodologies for laundering money.

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

Controlled Operation Number: CO18051/00/0

Date of application

12 June 2018

Authorising officer

Warren Dominic Gray,
State Manager New South Wales
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Nature of application

Urgent application

Decision of authorising officer

Application was granted.

Period of effect

12 June 2018 to 18 June 2018

Applications to authorising officer to vary authority

Nil

Applications to AAT member to vary authority

Nil

Cancellation of authority

Not applicable

Reasons for cancellation

Not applicable

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs and the associated laundering of the proceeds of crime.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of controlled conduct engaged in

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

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

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

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

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to an international drug syndicate. The investigation is continuing.

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