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Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) Key Stats and Facts

- The Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) is Australia's national criminal intelligence agency under the Attorneys-General portfolio and is a formal member of the National Intelligence Community.
- Transnational, serious and organised crime (TSOC) is a pervasive threat to the safety and security of all Australians, the economy and our national interest, costing Australia up to $60.1 billion in 2020–21.
- As Australia's national criminal intelligence agency, the ACIC has unique capabilities that underpin the collective national and international response to TSOC. TSOC has been acknowledged as a pervasive and enduring national security threat and the ACIC plays a critical role in determining the National Criminal Intelligence Priorities.
- The ACIC is increasingly deploying its intelligence collection capabilities to identify and disrupt TSOC. The ACIC uses these capabilities to generate intelligence which is shared with partner agencies.

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The ACIC does this by:

- Conducting examinations and producing actionable intelligence products based on this information. The ACIC's coersive powers, similar to those of a Royal Commission, are carefully and effectively used in conjunction with other collection capabilities to provide a 'picture of crime' impacting Australia
- Producing strategic intelligence assessments, including a serious and organised crime risk assessment and illicit drug data report, which assist jurisdictions in assessing, understanding and responding to crime in Australia
- Producing thousands of intelligence products annually, which are used by law enforcement and intelligence agencies to target and respond to crime in Australia and abroad
- Coordinating the Australian Priority Organisation Target (APOT) strategy and supporting operational responses to targets that pose the greatest risk to Australia's interests
- Running the National Wastewater Drug Monitoring Program (NWDMP) to provide accurate empirical data on the extent of drug use in Australia that assists jurisdictions in tackling illicit substance distribution.

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- Providing systems for:
    - delivering information for frontline policing as well as information on biometrics, forensics, DNA, firearms, ballistics, vehicles of interest, cybercrime, child protection, missing persons, domestic violence, and criminal targets
    - Australian law enforcement and intelligence agencies on incident data and criminal intelligence through the National Criminal Intelligence System (NCIS) to provide a national, unified picture of criminal activity
    - delivering millions of nationally-coordinated criminal history checks each year for individuals and organisations through the National Police Checking Service (NPCS)
- Conducting Criminal Intelligence Assessments in support of applications for Aviation Security Identification Card (ASIC) or Maritime Security Identification Card (MSIC).
- External scrutiny of the ACIC is exercised by the ACIC Board, the Inter-Governmental Committee on the Australian Crime Commission (IGC-ACC), the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement, and the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee.

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- Due to the nature of our business, we operate in a contested environment and may be subject to legal challenge as part of our operations. The Commonwealth Ombudsman, the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI) and the Australian National Audit Office also form part of our external scrutiny framework.

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