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Acknowledgement of Country

The Australian Federal Police and the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of Country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, sea and community.

We pay our respects to the people, the cultures and the Elders past, present and emerging.



6 May 2024

The Hon Mark Dreyfus KC MP
Attorney-General
Prime Minister and Cabinet
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

The Australian Federal Police and the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission are pleased to submit the *Controlled Operations Annual Report 2022–23*.

Pursuant to section 15HN, Part IAB, of the *Crimes Act 1914* (Cth), the report sets out the details required by subsections 15HM(2), (2A), (2B) and (2C) in relation to controlled operations for which the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission and the Australian Federal Police were the authorising agencies between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023 inclusive.

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

Yours sincerely

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Reece P Kershaw APM
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Australian Federal Police

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Introduction

The *Controlled Operations Annual Report 2022–23* is issued under Part IAB of the *Crimes Act 1914* (Cth) (the Act) for the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC). Previous editions of the controlled operations annual report included reporting in accordance with the Act for the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC), formally known as the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI). From 2022–23, the NACC’s controlled operations are reported separately.

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

Controlled operations are used by law enforcement agencies to investigate, disrupt and dismantle serious and organised crime. The broad spectrum of offences investigated range from corruption, money laundering and importation of illicit goods and substances to terrorism and cybercrime.

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

On 1 July 2016, the Australian Crime Commission (ACC) became known as the ACIC. The ACIC conducts special ACC investigations and operations where authorised by the ACIC Board, into federally relevant crime which may include serious and organised crime as defined in the ACC Act. The ACIC uses these powers to investigate offending such as large-scale drug trafficking and money laundering. The ACIC also works with partner law enforcement agencies to support joint operations, and to generate compelling insights into criminal syndicates and their activities.

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

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 (Cth)

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

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

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

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 7 days; or
2. continue for more than 3 months; or
3. be directed against suspected criminal activity that includes a threat to human 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(2) outlines criteria that the authorising officer must be satisfied are met in order to grant an authority, including: that a serious offence has been 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 to have been, is currently being or likely to be committed by a staff member of a target agency; that the severity of the criminal activity is such as to justify the conduct of the proposed controlled operation; that the controlled operation will not be conducted in such a way that a person could be induced to commit an offence that they would not otherwise have committed; the risks posed by the proposed controlled operation; and, the question of whether any civilian role in the controlled operation could be adequately performed by a law enforcement officer instead.

Controlled operation authorities

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

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

Period of effect

An urgent controlled operation authority can remain in force for a maximum of 7 days only.

A formal controlled operation authority must specify the period of effect of the authority, this being a period of less than 3 months (per subsection 15GK(1)(h)). The authority will then expire at the end of the period of its effect (pursuant to section 15GN), unless it has been extended under either subdivision B or C of the Division. If a formal controlled operation authority needs to be extended, then a variation application needs to be made. The variation application to extend the period of effect of a formal controlled operation authority beyond 3 months must be presented to a nominated Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) member, who may extend the period of effect for up to 3 months at a time (pursuant to section 15GT). However, of note is that, per subsection 15GT(3) the total period of effect for a formal or major controlled operation authority cannot exceed 24 months.

Variations to the authority

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

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 Commonwealth Ombudsman (the Ombudsman). The report needs to set out the details required by subsection 15HM(2) in relation to controlled operations the authorising agency was responsible for during the previous 6 months. A copy of the 15HM report must be provided to the responsible Minister (the Minister) at the same time as it is provided to the Ombudsman.

Chief officers' annual report to the Minister and Ombudsman

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

The AFP prepared the *Controlled Operations Annual Report 2022–23* in consultation with the ACIC.

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. Historical legislative requirements

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

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

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

Material excluded from reporting

In accordance with the now repealed subsection 15T(3) of the Act, the controlled operations annual report is not to include any information about any person (including the person's name) that has not 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 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.

Acronyms

AAT	Administrative Appeals Tribunal
ACC	Australian Crime Commission
ACIC	Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission
AFP	Australian Federal Police
NMI	National Measurement Institute

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 1914 (Cth)

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

Excluded information

AFP operations fully excluded

07-08/50

08-09/17 08-09/26 08-09/38

09-10/06

21-22/77

22-23/27 22-23/30 22-23/40 22-23/54 22-23/56 22-23/61

22-23/72 22-23/73 22-23/77 22-23/88 22-23/90 22-23/95

22-23/108

AFP operations partly excluded

22-23/58

Previously excluded information published in 2022-23

AFP operations fully excluded – now reported in full

20-21/07 20-21/52

21-22/27 21-22/32 21-22/64 21-22/69 21-22/84 21-22/88

21-22/92 21-22/93 21-22/96 21-22/98 21-22/99 21-22/100

21-22/101 21-22/102 21-22/103 21-22/104

AFP operations partly excluded – now reported in full

Nil

AFP operations fully excluded – now reported in part

21-22/90

Quantitative summary

Subsection 15HM(1) of the Act stipulates that as soon as practicable after 31 December and 30 June in each financial year the chief officer of each authorising agency must submit a report to the Ombudsman setting out the details required by subsection 15HM(2). The following table sets out these details for 2022–23.

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 • varied by an AFP authorising officer during the period 	111 39
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 • varied by an AFP authorising officer during the period 	5 1
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	68
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 • expired during the period 	46 58
Not applicable	Authorities for controlled operations that were:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • withdrawn • did not progress to an authorising officer 	0 0

Some of the authorities issued during the 2022–23 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.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/01

Date of application

7 July 2022

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy
Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:29 pm on 13 July 2022, Ian McCartney an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

13 July 2022 to 12 October 2022

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 conspiracy to import, importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

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

This investigation concluded with no arrests or evidence being obtained.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/02

Date of application

15 July 2022

Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, Commander Investigations,
Eastern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:32 pm on 15 July 2022, Kate Ferry an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

15 July 2022 to 26 July 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 12:45 pm on 26 July 2022, Kate Ferry an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to the status, collection/delivery of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Manipulated computer systems to facilitate the delivery of a consignment purporting to contain

border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	130 kg (gross)
Current location	United Kingdom law enforcement authorities
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Located and seized in the 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

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

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/03

Date of application

19 July 2022

Authorising officer

Krissy Barrett, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 8:49 am on 20 July 2022, Krissy Barrett an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

20 July 2022 to 19 October 2022

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

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/04

Date of application

26 July 2022

Authorising officer

Scott Lee, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:58 pm on 26 July 2022, Scott Lee an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

26 July 2022 to 26 April 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 21 October 2022

On 21 October 2022, Brian Wade Rayment a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 26 January 2023.

Date of variation application: 23 January 2023

On 23 January 2023, Brian Wade Rayment a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 26 April 2023.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to the purchase and 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 gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/05

Date of application

29 July 2022

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Authorising officer

Scott Lee, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Nature of application

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

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:55 pm on 29 July 2022, Scott Lee an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Outcomes

This investigation concluded with no arrests or evidence being obtained.

Period of effect

29 July 2022 to 25 October 2022

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 the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

At 5:24 pm on 25 October 2022, Ian McCartney an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Controlled operation number: 22–23/06

Date of application

1 August 2022

Authorising officer

Raegan Stewart, Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:31 pm on 1 August 2022, Raegan Stewart an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

1 August 2022 to 31 October 2022

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application:

20 September 2022

On 23 September 2022, Ian McCartney an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 2 October 2022

On 3 October 2022, Ian McCartney 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 the importation and attempted possession of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain

border controlled drugs. Communications and discussions 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 table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine 3,4-Methylenedioxy- ymethamphetamine (MDMA)
Weight/quantity	160 kg (gross) 300 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Malaysia to Australia France to India to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

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

Controlled operation number: 22–23/07

Date of application

5 August 2022

Authorising officer

Helen Schneider, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Northern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:17 pm on 5 August 2022, Helen Schneider an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

5 August 2022 to 25 August 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 3:03 pm on 25 August 2022, Helen Schneider an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Liquid Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	208 L (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Mexico to People's Republic of China to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/08

Date of application

10 August 2022

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Western Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 6:58 pm on 10 August 2022, John Tanti an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

10 August 2022 to 9 November 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the trafficking and manufacturing of commercial quantities of controlled drugs, manufacture or preparation of a trafficable quantity of a prohibited drug and possession of certain substances or things.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and discussions in relation to the transport and delivery of equipment and products in relation to the manufacture of controlled drugs. Facilitated the delivery of such equipment and products.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	5 kg of caustic soda (net) 5 L of hydrochloric acid (net) Ph tester Butane camping stove (single burner) 4 pack of butane fuel canisters 1 x Graham type glass condenser 1 x Liebig glass condenser Round bottom flask Conical flask Retort stand kit Distillation kit Water feature (water) pump and tubing
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	During the controlled operation the illicit goods travelled from Australia to an unknown location.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/09

Date of application

15 August 2022

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Authorising officer

Scott Lee, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Investigations

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 2:06 pm on 15 August 2022, Scott Lee an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Outcomes

This investigation concluded with no arrests or evidence being obtained.

Period of effect

15 August 2022 to 14 December 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 10 November 2022

On 10 November 2022, Peter Britten-Jones a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 14 December 2022.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Controlled operation number: 22–23/10

Date of application

11 August 2022

Authorising officer

Raegan Stewart, performing the duties of Assistant Commissioner, Southern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:35 pm on 11 August 2022, Raegan Stewart an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued an urgent authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

11 August 2022 to 17 August 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to the status, collection and delivery of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	160 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United States of America to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/12

Date of application

16 August 2022

Authorising officer

Helen Schneider, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Northern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:36 pm on 16 August 2022, Helen Schneider an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

16 August 2022 to 18 August 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 2:49 pm on 18 August 2022, Helen Schneider an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	6 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Greece to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

This investigation concluded with no arrests or evidence being obtained.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/13

Date of application

17 August 2022

Authorising officer

Anthony Hall, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:45 am on 17 August 2022, Anthony Hall an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

17 August 2022 to 23 August 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to the exchange of a consignment. A controlled delivery was conducted with the exchange of Australian currency.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	AUD10,005
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	The illicit goods travelled within Australia.

Narcotic goods

Type	Liquid Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	20 L (gross)
Current location	Destroyed. Sample retained by United States of America law enforcement agency
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	During the controlled operation the illicit goods travelled from Mexico to United States of America
Persons who had possession of the narcotic goods	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods.

Outcomes

Two persons were arrested and one charged with attempted possession of drugs. Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/14

Date of application

17 August 2022

Authorising officer

Helen Schneider, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Northern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:01 pm on 17 August 2022, Helen Schneider an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

17 August 2022 to 16 May 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 10 November 2022

On 10 November 2022, Theodore Tavoularis a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the controlled operation should remain in effect until 16 February 2023.

Date of variation application: 9 February 2023

On 9 February 2023, Susan Trotter a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the controlled operation should remain in effect until 16 May 2023.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in discussions, negotiations and preparatory logistic arrangements regarding the movement of criminal funds.

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 in relation to the methodologies used in relation to this syndicate and money laundering. Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/15

Date of application

18 August 2022

Authorising officer

Scott Lee, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:20 pm on 18 August 2022, Scott Lee an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

18 August 2022 to 5 September 2022

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 the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 8:10 am on 5 September 2022, Ian McCartney an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and discussions in relation to 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.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/17

Date of application

6 September 2022

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy
Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:55 pm on 7 September 2022, Ian McCartney an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

7 September 2022 to 6 December 2022

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 14 October 2022

On 14 October 2022, Ian McCartney 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 money laundering, conspiracy to import and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and discussions with the target in relation to the importation and collection/delivery of border controlled drugs. Engaged in meetings and delivery of a consignment purporting to contain

border controlled drugs. Took possession of border controlled drugs. Engaged in monetary transactions.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	AUD1,400,000
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	During the controlled operation the illicit goods travelled within Australia.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	20 kg (gross) 220 kg (gross)
Current location	Polizei Hamburg (the Hamburg Police) United States of America law enforcement agency
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: The narcotic goods travelled within Germany The narcotic goods travelled within United States of America

<p>Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation</p>	<p>The following person/s had possession of the narcotic goods in the course of the operation:</p> <p>This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.</p>
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Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to large-scale drug importations. One target was arrested with drug-related offences. Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/18

Date of application

5 September 2022

Authorising officer

Richard Chin, Commander
Transnational Operations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:34 am on 5 September 2022, Richard Chin an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

5 September 2022 to 13 September 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 10:00 am on 13 September 2022, Richard Chin an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 22-23/19

Date of application

7 September 2022

Authorising officer

Dean Chidgey, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 6:07 pm on 7 September 2022, Dean Chidgey an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

7 September 2022 to 16 September 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 11:39 am on 16 September 2022, Dean Chidgey an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems in relation to the importation and possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Heroin
Weight/quantity	14 kg (net)
Current location	Royal Thai Police
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: The narcotic goods travelled from unknown locations within Thailand
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/21

Date of application

13 September 2022

Authorising officer

Dean Chidgey, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:00 pm on 13 September 2022, Dean Chidgey an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

13 September 2022 to 20 September 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 9:30 am on 20 September 2022, Dean Chidgey an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

This investigation concluded with no arrests or evidence being obtained.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/22

Date of application

12 September 2022

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy
Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:45 pm on 13 September 2022, Ian McCartney an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

13 September 2022 to 11 June 2023

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 10 February 2023

On 10 February 2023, Ian McCartney an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 12 December 2022

On 12 December 2022, Gina Lazanas a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 11 March 2023.

Date of variation application: 10 March 2023

On 10 March 2023, Linda Kirk a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 11 June 2023.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

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, discussions and meetings in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	84 kg (gross)
Current location	United States of America law enforcement agency
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	During the course of the controlled operation: Unknown location to United States of America
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(2) of the Act.

Outcomes

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

Controlled operation number: 22–23/23

Date of application

15 September 2022

Authorising officer

Dean Chidgey, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:57 pm on 15 September 2022, Dean Chidgey an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

15 September 2022 to 17 October 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the use of a carriage service to plan or prepare to engage in sexual activity with persons under 16 years and the transmission of child exploitation material.

Cancellation

At 7:05 pm on 17 October 2022, Kate Ferry an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and discussions with the target in relation to child exploitation material and the facilitation of meetings in relation to engaging in sexual activity with persons under 16 years with the target.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

One person was arrested and charged with child exploitation related offences.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/24

Date of application

15 September 2022

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy
Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:39 pm on 15 September 2022, Ian McCartney an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

15 September 2022 to 7 March 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 9 December 2022

On 9 December 2022, Josephine Kelly a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 14 March 2023.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 5:35 pm on 7 March 2023, Ian McCartney an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/25

Date of application

20 September 2022

Authorising officer

Dean Chidgey, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 8:42 am on 20 September 2022, Dean Chidgey an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

20 September 2022 to 27 September 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 7:45 am on 27 September 2022, Kate Ferry an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

This investigation concluded with no arrests or evidence being obtained.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/26

Date of application

23 September 2022

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Western Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:07 pm on 23 September 2022, John Tanti an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

23 September 2022 to 29 September 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	3,4-Methylenedioxy-methamphetamine (MDMA)
Weight/quantity	1.49 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: France to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/28

Date of application

27 September 2022

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy
Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:29 pm on 27 September 2022, Ian McCartney an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

27 September 2022 to 26 December 2022

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 the attempted importation and possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/29

Date of application

28 September 2022

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy
Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:26 am on 28 September 2022, Ian McCartney an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

28 September 2022 to 27 December 2022

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

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

This investigation concluded with no arrests or evidence being obtained.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/31

Date of application

12 October 2022

Authorising officer

Joanne Cameron, Commander Investigations,
ACT Policing

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:40 am on 12 October 2022, Joanne Cameron an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

12 October 2022 to 18 October 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 11:34 am on 18 October 2022, Joanne Cameron an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems to facilitate the delivery of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	482 g (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Guatemala to the United States of America to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

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

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/34

Date of application

25 October 2022

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy
Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:21 pm on 25 October 2022, Ian McCartney an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

25 October 2022 to 24 January 2023

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 the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

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

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/35

Date of application

26 October 2022

Authorising officer

Adrian Telfer, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Northern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:16 am on 26 October 2022, Adrian Telfer an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

26 October 2022 to 8 November 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the 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

Manipulated computer systems to facilitate the controlled delivery of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was attempted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	1.2 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Portugal to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to drug importation via the international mail stream.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/36

Date of application

25 October 2022

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy
Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:38 pm on 28 October 2022, Ian McCartney an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

28 October 2022 to 27 January 2023

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 dealing in identification information that involves the use of a carriage service.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and financial transactions in relation to the possession, purchase and sale of unlawfully obtained data.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	Unknown quantity of Personally Identifiable Information
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United States of America and other unknown countries to Australia

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/37

Date of application

28 October 2022

Authorising officer

Adrian Telfer, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Northern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:55 am on 28 October 2022, Adrian Telfer an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

28 October 2022 to 10 November 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems to facilitate the controlled delivery of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Attempted communications with the target to facilitate a controlled delivery.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	Approximately 5000 g (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Thailand to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/39

Date of application

10 November 2022

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy
Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:39 am on 10 November 2022, Ian McCartney an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

10 November 2022 to 9 February 2023

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 the unauthorised access, modification or impairment of data.

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

No controlled 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 of the aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/42

Date of application

1 December 2022

Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, Commander Investigations,
Eastern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:50 pm on 1 December 2022, Kate Ferry an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

1 December 2022 to 8 December 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and manipulated computer systems to facilitate the delivery of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	1 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United Kingdom to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

This investigation concluded with no arrests or evidence being obtained.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/43

Date of application

2 December 2022

Authorising officer

Adrian Telfer, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Northern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:44 am on 2 December 2022, Adrian Telfer an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

2 December 2022 to 15 December 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

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

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	400.3 g (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United Kingdom to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

This investigation concluded with no arrests or evidence being obtained.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/45

Date of application

6 December 2022

Authorising officer

Raegan Stewart, Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:54 am on 7 December 2022, Raegan Stewart an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

7 December 2022 to 6 June 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 23 February 2023

On 23 February 2023, Andrew Nikolic a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the controlled operation should remain in effect until 6 June 2023.

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the sexual exploitation of children.

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 for the purpose of identifying targets who participate in activities relating to child exploitation.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	Unknown quantity of text based child exploitation material
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Communicated online

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Five targets were arrested and charged with child exploitation related offences.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/47

Date of application

7 December 2022

Authorising officer

Lesa Gale, 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 3:36 pm on 8 December 2022, Lesa Gale an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

8 December 2022 to 7 March 2023

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 controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Attempted to engage in communications with the target.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The investigation was finalised and no evidence of offending was identified.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/48

Date of application

9 December 2022

Authorising officer

Melinda Adam, performing the duties of Commander Central Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 6:35 pm on 9 December 2022, Melinda Adam an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 December 2022 to 14 December 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 1:45 pm on 14 December 2022, Erica Merrin an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	216 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Malaysia to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/50

Date of application

14 December 2022

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Authorising officer

Matthew Heather, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, ACT Policing

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 8:28 am on 14 December 2022, Matthew Heather an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Outcomes

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Period of effect

14 December 2022 to 24 February 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 9:30 am on 24 February 2023 Matthew Heather, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Controlled operation number: 22–23/51

Date of application

8 December 2022

Authorising officer

Melinda Adam, performing the duties of Commander Central Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:30 pm on 8 December 2022, Melinda Adam an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued an urgent authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

8 December 2022 to 14 December 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems to facilitate the delivery of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Engaged in 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 table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	216 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Malaysia to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One person was arrested and charged with drug-related offences. Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/53

Date of application

15 December 2022

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Authorising officer

Lesa Gale, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Operations

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 4:51 pm on 15 December 2022, Lesa Gale an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Period of effect

15 December 2022 to 7 March 2023

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 the importation of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 5:33 pm on 7 March 2023, Ian McCartney an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/55

Date of application

16 December 2022

Authorising officer

Lesa Gale, 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 6:08 pm on 16 December 2022, Lesa Gale an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

16 December 2022 to 7 March 2023

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, conspiracy to import and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

At 5:34 pm on 7 March 2023, Ian McCartney an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications with the targets in relation to the collection of cash and laundering of proceeds via exchanges of cryptocurrency. Facilitated the purchase, exchange, sale, collection, remittance, concealment and/or

movement of money, cryptocurrency and/or digital currency, reasonably suspected 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

Nature and quantity	AUD681,560
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Australia to the United States of America

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to money laundering. Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/57

Date of application

5 January 2023

Authorising officer

Jason McArthur, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:34 pm on 5 January 2023, Jason McArthur an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

5 January 2023 to 18 January 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 10:02 am on 18 January 2023, Raegan Stewart an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems to facilitate the delivery of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Ketamine 2,5-Dimethoxy-4-bromophenethylamine (2C-B)
Weight/quantity	605.8 g (net) 656.8 g (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Austria to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

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

Controlled operation number: 22–23/58

Date of application

9 January 2023

Authorising officer

Graeme Marshall, performing the duties of Commander Western Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:17 pm on 9 January 2023, Graeme Marshall an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 January 2023 to 8 February 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications to facilitate the importation and collection of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	77 kg (net)
Current location	This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(2) of the Act.
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(2) of the Act.
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(2) of the Act.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information in relation to the methodologies used by the organised crime syndicate.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/59

Date of application

13 January 2023

Authorising officer

Graeme Marshall, performing the duties of Commander Western Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:40 pm on 13 January 2023, Graeme Marshall an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

13 January 2023 to 25 January 2023

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 14 January 2023

On 14 January 2023, Graeme Marshall an AFP authorising officer, granted the urgent variation.

Date of variation application: 19 January 2023

On 19 January 2023, Graeme Marshall 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 the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 1:33 pm on 25 January 2023, Graeme Marshall an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems to facilitate the collection/delivery of consignments purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	2,403.6 g (net)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United States of America to Australia via Singapore
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One person was arrested and charged with drug-related offences and obstruction of a Commonwealth public official.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/60

Date of application

2 February 2023

Authorising officer

Graeme Marshall, performing the duties of Commander Western Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:40 pm on 2 February 2023, Graeme Marshall an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

2 February 2023 to 8 February 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 6:27 pm on 8 February 2023, Graeme Marshall an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems to facilitate the collection and delivery of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	3,4-Methylenedioxy-methamphetamine (MDMA)
Weight/quantity	8,376 g (gross)
Current location	AFP. Samples have been sent to the National Measurement Institute
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Netherlands to Australia via 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 gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/62

Date of application

6 February 2023

Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, Commander Investigations,
Eastern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:55 am on 6 February 2023, Kate Ferry an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

6 February 2023 to 16 February 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed against using a carriage service to plan or prepare to engage in sexual activity with a person under 16 years of age.

Cancellation

At 8:15 am on 16 February 2023, Kate Ferry an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications with the target in relation to facilitating a meeting for the purpose of procuring a person under the age of 16 years for sexual activity.

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 investigation was referred on to law enforcement partner agencies.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/63

Date of application

3 February 2023

Authorising officer

Raegan Stewart, Commander Investigations,
Southern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:12 pm on 3 February 2023, Raegan Stewart an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

3 February 2023 to 20 February 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 12:10 pm on 20 February 2023, Simone Butcher an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems to show a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs as held.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

This investigation concluded with no arrests or evidence being obtained.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/64

Date of application

7 February 2023

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Investigations,
Northern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:30 pm on 7 February 2023, John Tanti an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

7 February 2023 to 12 April 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 11:17 am on 12 April 2023, Adrian Telfer an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications regarding 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 gathered valuable information about the methodologies used by this syndicate to import drugs into Australia. Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/65

Date of application

9 February 2023

Authorising officer

Graeme Marshall, performing the duties of Commander Western Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 7:41 am on 9 February 2023, Graeme Marshall an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 February 2023 to 14 February 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 9:47 am on 14 February 2023, Graeme Marshall an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

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

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	18.85 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United Kingdom to Australia via Singapore
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

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

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/66

Date of application

2 February 2023

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy
Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:15 pm on 9 February 2023, Ian McCartney an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 February 2023 to 8 May 2023

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 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

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/67

Date of application

13 February 2023

Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, Commander Investigations,
Eastern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:42 pm on 13 February 2023, Kate Ferry an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

13 February 2023 to 12 March 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignments purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	720 g (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United Kingdom to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drug-related offences.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/68

Date of application

15 February 2023

Authorising officer

Simone Butcher, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:36 pm on 15 February 2023, Simone Butcher an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

15 February 2023 to 10 March 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 11:28 am on 10 March 2023, Raegan Stewart an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and manipulated computer systems in relation to the collection/delivery of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	23,958.1 g (net)
Current location	AFP. Samples have been sent to the National Measurement Institute
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Greece to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One person was arrested and charged with drug-related offences and possession of identification information with intent.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/69

Date of application

17 February 2023

Authorising officer

Simone Butcher, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:55 pm on 17 February 2023, Simone Butcher an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

17 February 2023 to 19 April 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 1:49 pm on 19 April 2023, Raymond Imbriano an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications to facilitate the transportation of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	65 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed. Samples have been sent to National Measurements Institute
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Mexico to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 22-23/70

Date of application

21 February 2023

Authorising officer

Simone Butcher, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:20 pm on 21 February 2023, Simone Butcher an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

21 February 2023 to 14 April 2023

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 17 March 2023

On 17 March 2023, Raegan Stewart 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 the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 4:17 pm on 14 April 2023, Raymond Imbriano an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and manipulated computer systems to facilitate 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 table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Liquid Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	500 L (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Iraq to Turkiye to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One person was arrested and charged with drug-related offences.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/71

Date of application

1 March 2023

Authorising officer

Raegan Stewart, Commander Investigations,
Southern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:42 pm on 1 March 2023, Raegan Stewart an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

1 March 2023 to 31 May 2023

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 14 March 2023

On 14 March 2023, Raegan Stewart an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 21 March 2023

On 21 March 2023, Simone Butcher 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 the importation and attempted possession of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications regarding transport, storage, location, availability, payment and

collection of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Liquid Methamphetamine Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	2,907 kg (gross) 200 kg (gross)
Current location	Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Unknown countries to 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

Six persons were arrested and charged with drug-related offences and remanded in custody.

The controlled operation identified other international and national targets. This investigation gathered valuable intelligence for the AFP regarding this international syndicate.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/74

Date of application

6 March 2023

Authorising officer

Andrea Humphrys, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:51 pm on 6 March 2023, Andrea Humphrys an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

6 March 2023 to 21 March 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation and attempted possession of a firearm.

Cancellation

At 12:06 pm on 21 March 2023, Craig Bellis an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and manipulated computer systems to facilitate the delivery of a consignment purporting to contain a complete firearm. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	Firearm 1 x Kel-Tec model CP33 pistol
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United States of America to Australia

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

No arrests were made as a result of the controlled operation. Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/75

Date of application

7 March 2023

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy
Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:31 pm on 8 March 2023, Ian McCartney an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

8 March 2023 to 7 June 2023

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 17 March 2023

On 22 March 2023, Lesa Gale 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 the importation and attempted possession of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to the importation, trafficking, purchase, sale and possession 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 gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/76

Date of application

16 March 2023

Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, Commander Investigations,
Eastern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 7:58 pm on 16 March 2023, Kate Ferry an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

16 March 2023 to 7 June 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 2:35 pm on 7 June 2023, Tim Stainton an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in rapport building communications with the target.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The target of the controlled operation was arrested prior to any controlled conduct.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/79

Date of application

16 March 2023

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Investigations,
Northern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 7:20 am on 16 March 2023, John Tanti an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

16 March 2023 to 22 March 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	1,956.4 g (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Canada to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One person was arrested and charged with drug-related offences.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/80

Date of application

15 March 2023

Authorising officer

Renee Colley, performing the duties of Commander Western Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:11 am on 15 March 2023, Renee Colley an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

15 March 2023 to 21 March 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems and engaged in communications to facilitate the delivery of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	4.3 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP. Samples have been sent to the National Measurement Institute
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United Kingdom to Australia via Singapore
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One person was arrested and charged with drug-related offences.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/83

Date of application

24 March 2023

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Investigations,
Northern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:10 pm on 24 March 2023, John Tanti an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

24 March 2023 to 29 March 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 1:00 pm on 29 March 2023, John Tanti an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems to facilitate the delivery of 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

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Three persons were arrested and charged with drug-related offences. The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to drug importations. Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/84

Date of application

27 March 2023

Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, Commander Investigations,
Eastern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:45 pm on 27 March 2023, Kate Ferry an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

27 March 2023 to 26 April 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and manipulated computer systems in relation to the collection/delivery of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	4.2 kg (gross)
Current location	Canada Border Service Agency, Canada
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Unknown countries to 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 remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/85

Date of application

29 March 2023

Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, Commander Investigations,
Eastern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:25 pm on 29 March 2023, Kate Ferry an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

29 March 2023 to 28 April 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

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

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Heroin Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	5,922.9 g (net) 8,170.4 g (net)
Current location	AFP. Samples have been sent to the National Measurement Institute
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Thailand to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One person was arrested in regards to drug-related offences.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/87

Date of application

6 April 2023

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Authorising officer

Krissy Barrett, 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 4:03 pm on 6 April 2023, Krissy Barrett an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Outcomes

There were no opportunities to engage in controlled conduct.

Period of effect

6 April 2023 to 5 June 2023

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 the importing and exporting of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 9:01 am on 5 June 2023, Ian McCartney an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/89

Date of application

18 April 2023

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Authorising officer

Grant Nicholls, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Crime

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Nature of application

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

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:00 am on 19 April 2023, Grant Nicholls an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information in relation to proceeds of crime and money laundering offences.

Period of effect

19 April 2023 to 6 June 2023

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 1:17 pm on 6 June 2023, Grant Nicholls an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Attempted to engage in communications with the target.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Controlled operation number: 22–23/91

Date of application

19 April 2023

Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, Commander Investigations,
Eastern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 6:29 pm on 19 April 2023, Kate Ferry an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

19 April 2023 to 18 June 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	12 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commence of the controlled operations: United Kingdom to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

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

Controlled operation number: 22–23/93

Date of application

21 April 2023

Authorising officer

Renee Colley, performing the duties of Commander Western Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:02 am on 21 April 2023, Renee Colley an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

21 April 2023 to 27 April 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and manipulated computer systems to facilitate the collection of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	3 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP. Samples have been sent to the National Measurement Institute
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: South America to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Three persons were arrested in relation to drug offences. Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/104

Date of application

26 May 2023

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner
National Security

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:45 pm on 26 May 2023, Ian McCartney an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

26 May 2023 to 16 June 2023

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 the attempted possession of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 12:25 pm on 16 June 2023, Grant Nicholls an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to the attempted possession of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	50 kg (gross)
Current location	Colombian National Police Bogota, Colombia
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	The narcotic goods did not leave Colombia. Samples were sent to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One person was arrested and charged with drug-related offences.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/107

Date of application

16 June 2023

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Investigations,
Northern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:25 am on 16 June 2023, John Tanti an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

16 June 2023 to 22 June 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems to facilitate the collection of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	571.5 g (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United Kingdom to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

This investigation concluded with no arrests or evidence being obtained.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/110

Date of application

21 June 2023

Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, Commander Investigations,
Eastern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:11 am on 21 June 2023, Kate Ferry an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued an urgent authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

21 June 2023 to 27 June 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Attempted to engage in communications in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	16.4 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Canada to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

This investigation concluded with no arrests or evidence being obtained.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/113

Date of application

24 June 2023

Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, Commander Investigations,
Eastern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:01 pm on 24 June 2023, Kate Ferry an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued an urgent authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

24 June 2023 to 30 June 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Attempted to engage in communications in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	13.89 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Republic of South Africa and United Arab Emirates to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the 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 remain ongoing.

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Schedule 2

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Major controlled operation number: 20–21/07

Date of application

20 July 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy
Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:40 pm on 21 July 2020, Ian McCartney an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

21 July 2020 to 22 July 2022

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application:

10 September 2021

On 15 October 2021, Ian McCartney an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 7 July 2022

On 8 July 2022, Ian McCartney an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 20 October 2020

On 20 October 2020, Josephine Kelly a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 20 January 2021.

Date of variation application: 18 January 2021

On 18 January 2021, Gina Lazanas a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 20 April 2021.

Date of variation application: 16 April 2021

On 16 April 2021, Brian Wade Rayment a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 20 July 2021.

Date of variation application: 15 July 2021

On 15 July 2021, Gina Lazanas a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 20 October 2021.

Date of variation application: 20 October 2021

On 20 October 2021, Josephine Kelly a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 20 January 2022.

Date of variation application: 17 January 2022

On 17 January 2022, Michael John McGrowdie a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 22 April 2022.

Date of variation application: 20 April 2022

On 20 April 2022, Linda Kirk a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 22 July 2022.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of conspiracy to import, attempt to possess, importing and trafficking of a commercial quantity of a border controlled drug; and money laundering.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in encrypted communications in relation to the purchase and importation of a border controlled drug. Engaged in a face-to-face meeting and conducted financial transactions related to encryption devices.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	AUD2,200 AUD200 2 x dedicated encrypted communications devices
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	During the controlled operation the illicit goods travelled within Australia.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 20–21/52

Date of application

22 December 2020

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy
Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:22 pm on 23 December 2020, Ian McCartney an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

23 December 2020 to 22 December 2022

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 4 February 2021

On 26 February 2021, Ian McCartney an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 5 August 2021

On 11 August 2021, Ian McCartney an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 27 July 2022

On 29 July 2022, Scott Lee an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 19 March 2021

On 19 March 2021, Michelle Evans-Bonner a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 22 June 2021.

Date of variation application: 17 June 2021

On 17 June 2021, Stephen Boyle a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 22 September 2021.

Date of variation application:

14 September 2021

On 14 September 2021, Michelle Evans-Bonner a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 22 December 2021.

Date of variation application: 15 December 2021

On 16 December 2021, Stephen Boyle a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 22 March 2022.

Date of variation application: 16 March 2022

On 16 March 2022, Stephen Boyle a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 22 June 2022.

Date of variation application: 21 June 2022

On 21 June 2022, Michelle Evans-Bonner a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 22 September 2022.

Date of variation application:

20 September 2022

On 20 September 2022, Stephen Boyle a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 22 December 2022.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and meetings in relation to the transfer and pick-up of Australian currency. Received currency and provided currency to a third party.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	AUD6,582,890
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Australia to People's Republic of China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region or Macau Special Administrative Region via hawala transfer methodology

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drug-related offences. Two targets were arrested and charged with proceeds of crime offences. The AFP identified additional targets and gathered valuable information in relation to the methodologies used by syndicates in relation to money laundering.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/27

Date of application

17 September 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy
Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:13 pm on 17 September 2021, Ian McCartney an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

17 September 2021 to 16 September 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 10 December 2021

On 10 December 2021, Peter Britten-Jones a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 16 March 2022.

Date of variation application: 10 March 2022

On 10 March 2022, Andrew Nikolic a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 16 June 2022.

Date of variation application: 10 June 2022

On 10 June 2022, Robert Cameron a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 16 September 2022.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to cash collections and remittance of currency. Met in person for cash handovers and monetary transactions.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	AUD207,500
Route through which the illicit goods travelled	During the controlled operation the illicit goods were collected in Australia and transferred electronically to accounts based in Australia and the United Arab Emirates.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to the movement of money within Australia and offshore. Some aspects of this investigation are ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/32

Date of application

29 September 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy
Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:19 pm on 6 October 2021, Ian McCartney an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

6 October 2021 to 5 July 2022

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 28 March 2022

On 1 April 2022, Ian McCartney an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 23 December 2021

On 23 December 2021, Peter McDermott a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 5 April 2022.

Date of variation application: 4 April 2022

On 4 April 2022, Theodore Tavoularis a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 5 July 2022.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to cash collections and remittance of currency. Met in person for cash handovers and monetary transactions.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	AUD575,000
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	During the controlled operation the illicit goods travelled within Australia

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Two targets were arrested and charged with proceeds of crime offences. Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/64

Date of application

24 December 2021

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy
Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:26 pm on 24 December 2021, Ian McCartney an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

24 December 2021 to 23 December 2022

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 10 February 2022

On 11 February 2022, Ian McCartney an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 4 August 2022

On 4 August 2022, Scott Lee an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 25 October 2022

On 25 October 2022, Ian McCartney an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 17 March 2022

On 17 March 2022, Brian Wade Rayment a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 23 June 2022.

Date of variation application: 20 June 2022

On 20 June 2022, Josephine Kelly a nominated Tribunal member determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 23 September 2022.

Date of variation application:

19 September 2022

On 19 September 2022, Josephine Kelly a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 23 December 2022.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and meetings with the targets in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs and tobacco products.

Manipulated computer systems to show a consignment purporting to contain illicit and narcotic goods was seized by law enforcement.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	Tobacco 39,000,000 sticks
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	People's Republic of China and United Arab Emirates to Australia

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine Cocaine
Weight/quantity	1,100 kg (gross) 451 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed. Samples have been sent to the National Measurement Institute.
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Republic of the Philippines to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to drug and illicit tobacco importations. Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/69

Date of application

17 February 2022

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy
Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:58 pm on 17 February 2022 Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

17 February 2022 to 16 November 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 16 May 2022

On 16 May 2022, Josephine Kelly, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 16 August 2022.

Date of variation application: 15 August 2022

On 15 August 2022, Josephine Kelly, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 16 November 2022.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to avoiding transactions in order to avoid tax.

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 in relation to tax evasion activities within Australia.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/84

Date of application

4 April 2022

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy
Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 7:53 am on 20 April 2022, Ian McCartney an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

20 April 2022 to 19 July 2022

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 controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/87

Date of application

20 April 2022

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy
Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:56 am on 22 April 2022, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

22 April 2022 to 20 April 2023

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 24 May 2022

On 24 May 2022 Nigel Ryan an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 16 June 2022

On 16 June 2022 Ian McCartney an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 9 September 2022

On 10 September 2022 Ian McCartney an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 5 January 2023

On 10 January 2023 Nigel Ryan an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 20 July 2022

On 20 July 2022 Linda Kirk a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 20 October 2022.

Date of variation application: 20 October 2022

On 20 October 2022 Peter Taylor a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 20 January 2023.

Date of variation application: 13 January 2023

On 13 January 2023 Josephine Kelly a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 20 April 2023.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of the conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and meetings in relation to money laundering activities. Dealt with, possessed and engaged in transactions involving currency suspected 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

Nature and quantity	AUD4,384,800
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	The illicit goods travelled from an unknown location to Australia

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Four persons were arrested and charged with money laundering offences.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/88

Date of application

6 May 2022

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy
Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:58 pm on 6 May 2022, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

6 May 2022 to 5 August 2022

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 13 May 2022

On 13 May 2022, Justine Gough 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 conspiracy to import and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs and conspiracy to traffic commercial quantity of 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 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 investigation remain ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/90

Date of application

12 May 2022

Authorising officer

Justine Gough, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:29 pm on 13 May 2022, Justine Gough an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

13 May 2022 to 12 May 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 11 August 2022

On 11 August 2022, Robert Cameron a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 12 November 2022.

Date of variation application: 10 November 2022

On 10 November 2022, Peter Britten-Jones a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 12 February 2023.

Date of variation application: 7 February 2023

On 7 February 2023, Peter Britten-Jones a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 12 May 2023.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation, possession and trafficking of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs; importation of controlled precursors; fraud and money laundering.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in meetings, discussions, negotiations and arrangements in relation to the purchase and possession of illicit goods, firearms and tobacco. Possessed, conveyed and engaged in monetary transactions in the sale of illicit goods.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

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

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information in relation to the criminal syndicate's activities.

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/92

Date of application

18 May 2022

Authorising officer

Justine Gough, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:22 pm on 18 May 2022, Justine Gough an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

18 May 2022 to 17 August 2022

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 14 July 2022

On 15 July 2022, Ian McCartney 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 the importation, attempted possession and attempted trafficking of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and meetings with the targets in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs and money laundering.

Manipulated computer systems to show the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs was cleared and ready for collection. A virtual controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	30 kg (gross)
Current location	United States of America law enforcement agency
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

The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies and persons involved in the importations of border controlled drugs. One arrest was made and one target was charged with drug-related offences. Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/93

Date of application

20 May 2022

Authorising officer

Justine Gough, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:55 pm on 20 May 2022, Justine Gough an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

20 May 2022 to 19 February 2023.

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 12 August 2022

On 14 August 2022, Scott Lee an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 18 August 2022

On 18 August 2022, Brian Wade Rayment a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 19 November 2022.

Date of variation application: 17 November 2022

On 17 November 2022, Linda Kirk a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 19 February 2023.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation, 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

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/96

Date of application

20 May 2022

Authorising officer

Raegan Stewart, Commander Investigations,
Southern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:33 pm on 20 May 2022, Raegan Stewart an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

20 May 2022 to 19 July 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to meetings and 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 investigation remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/98

Date of application

3 June 2022

Authorising officer

Raegan Stewart, Commander Investigations,
Southern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 8:43 pm on 3 June 2022, Raegan Stewart an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

3 June 2022 to 2 July 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications to facilitate the delivery of the consignment. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	1.4 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: People's Republic of China to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

One target was arrested and charged with drug and proceeds of crime-related offences.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/99

Date of application

7 June 2022

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy
Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:27 pm on 7 June 2022, Ian McCartney an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

7 June 2022 to 3 December 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 3 September 2022

On 5 September 2022, Peter William Taylor a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 3 December 2022.

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

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/100

Date of application

12 June 2022

Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, Commander Investigations,
Eastern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:00 pm on 12 June 2022, Kate Ferry an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

12 June 2022 to 7 July 2022

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 21 June 2022

On 21 June 2022, Kate Ferry an AFP authorising officer, granted the urgent variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 1:42 pm on 7 July 2022, Simone O'Mahony an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems to facilitate the delivery of a consignment purporting to contain

border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine Cocaine
Weight/quantity	230.5 kg (gross) 1.2 kg (gross)
Current location	United States of America law enforcement authorities
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Mexico to 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 with charges pending, 2 additional targets were arrested and charged with drug-related offences.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/101

Date of application

17 June 2022

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy
Commissioner Investigations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:15 pm on 19 June 2022, Ian McCartney an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

19 June 2022 to 4 February 2023

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 6 September 2022

On 7 September 2022, Ian McCartney an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 7 December 2022

On 8 December 2022, Lesa Gale an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 9 September 2022

On 9 September 2022, Robert Cameron a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 18 December 2022.

Date of variation application: 16 December 2022

On 16 December 2022, Stewart Fenwick a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 18 March 2023.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 12:37 pm on 4 February 2023, Ian McCartney an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/102

Date of application

17 June 2022

Authorising officer

Andrea Humphrys, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Eastern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:23 pm on 17 June 2022, Andrea Humphrys an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

17 June 2022 to 7 July 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 8:10 am on 7 July 2022, Simone Butcher an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications with target related to a consignment delivery. Manipulated computer systems to facilitate the delivery of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	45 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Greece to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Three targets were arrested, 2 of which were charged with drug-related offences. The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodology used in relation to the importation, attempted possession and trafficking of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/103

Date of application

27 June 2022

Authorising officer

Raegan Stewart, Commander Investigations,
Southern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:43 pm on 27 June 2022, Raegan Stewart an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

27 June 2022 to 5 August 2022

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 4 July 2022

On 4 July 2022, Simone Butcher 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 the importation and attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 1:15 pm on 5 August 2022, Anthony Hall an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and manipulated computer systems to facilitate the delivery of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine Cocaine
Weight/quantity	868 kg (gross) 70 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Malaysia to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing. The AFP gathered valuable information in relation to the crime group involved in the importation of border controlled drugs.

Controlled operation number: 21–22/104

Date of application

30 June 2022

Authorising officer

Renee Colley, performing the duties of Commander Western Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:00 pm on 30 June 2022, Renee Colley an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

30 June 2022 to 12 July 2022

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 4:00 pm on 12 July 2022, John Tanti an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation authority at the request of the principal law enforcement officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and manipulated computer systems to facilitate the collection of a consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	66 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Mexico to Switzerland to United Arab Emirates to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the operation.

Outcomes

Six targets were arrested and charged with drug-related offences.

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Information withheld under the Crimes Act 1914 (Cth)

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 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.

Excluded information

ACIC operations fully excluded

CO23013, CO23001, CO23002, CO23007, CO23010, CO23012,
CO23015, CO23016, CO23017

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, 6
ACC 2005–06/1–12
ACC 2006–07/1–4
ACC 2007–08/2–15
ACC 2008–09/1, 2, 4–7, 9–11, 13–17, 20–23
ACC 2009–10/1–4, 7–13

These authorities remain the subject of partial exclusions based on now repealed subsections 15T(93) and 15T(4) and are not reported on in this annual report.

ACIC operations partly excluded

CO21048/02/1, CO22002/01/0, CO21043/03/2, CO22024/00/0, CO22001/03/2,
CO22022/01/0, CO22033/01/1, CO22029/01/0, CO22034/01/1, CO22028/01/0,
CO22025/01/1, CO22037/00/0, CO23004/00/0, CO23003/00/0, CO23005/00/0,
CO21063/01/1, CO21044/03/3, CO22017/00/0, CO22018/00/0, CO21051/03/1,
CO22019/00/1, CO22009/01/1, CO22014/01/0, CO22005/02/1, CO22026/00/0,
CO22027/00/0, CO22020/01/1, CO22035/00/0, CO22023/01/2, CO22036/00/0,
CO22038/00/1, CO22030/01/0, CO21035/06/3, CO22031/01/0, CO23006/00/0,
CO23014/00/0, CO23008/00/0

Previously excluded information published in 2022–23

ACIC operations fully excluded – now reported in full

Nil

ACIC operations partly excluded – now reported in full

Nil

ACIC operations fully excluded – now reported in part

CO21035,	CO21043,	CO21044,	CO21048,	CO21051,	CO21063,
CO22001,	CO22002,	CO22005,	CO22009,	CO22014	

Quantitative summary

Subsection 15HM(1) of the Act stipulates that as soon as practicable after 31 December and 30 June in each financial year the chief officer of each authorising agency must submit a report to the Ombudsman setting out the details required by subsection 15HM(2). The following table sets out these details for 2022–23.

Provision	Details required	Number
Subsection 15HM(2)(a)	Formal authorities that were:	
	· granted by an ACIC authorising officer during the period	35
	· varied by an ACIC authorising officer during the period	14
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	0
	Urgent variation applications for variation of formal authorities refused by an ACIC authorising officer	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(d)	Urgent authorities that were:	
	· granted by an ACIC authorising officer during the period	1
	· varied by an ACIC authorising officer during the period	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(e)	Formal applications for urgent authorities refused by an ACIC authorising officer	0
	Urgent applications for urgent authorities refused by an ACIC authorising officer	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(f)	Formal variation applications for the variation of urgent authorities refused by an ACIC authorising officer	0
	Urgent variation applications for the variation of urgent authorities refused by an ACIC authorising officer	0
Subsection 15HM(2)(g)	Formal authorities that were varied by a nominated AAT member during the period	20
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:	
	· were cancelled by an ACIC authorising officer during the period	15
	· expired during the period	22

Some of the authorities issued during the 2022–23 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: CO21063/01/1

Date of application

14 January 2022

Authorising officer

Boyd Doherty, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:30 pm on 14 January 2022, Boyd Doherty, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

14 January 2022 to 13 July 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 10 May 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include additional law enforcement and civilian participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 13 April 2022 by Linda Kirk, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering and tax evasion.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 criminal activities, namely money laundering. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets, and resulted in the arrest of targets and the seizure of illicit goods.

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

Controlled operation number: CO21048/02/1

Date of application

14 October 2021

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:10 am on 20 October 2021, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

20 October 2021 to 18 July 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 11 February 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include additional conduct for law enforcement and civilian participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 18 January 2022 by Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 14 April 2022 by Josephine Kelly, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 18 July 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran,

performing the duties of National Manager North Operations.

The authority was cancelled as the controlled activity did not progress as expected.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 criminal activities, namely the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs.

Controlled operation number: CO22002/01/0

Date of application

7 February 2022

Authorising officer

Sharyn Matthews, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:15 am on 11 February 2022, Sharyn Matthews, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

11 February 2022 to 28 July 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 2 May 2022 by Stephen Boyle, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 28 July 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Damien Appleby, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations.

The authority was cancelled as the covert strategy did not progress as anticipated and engagement with the target ceased.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 criminal activities, namely money laundering. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets.

Controlled operation number: CO21043/03/2

Date of application

23 August 2021

Authorising officer

Thomas Hester, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:10 pm on 23 August 2021, Thomas Hester, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

23 August 2021 to 29 July 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 26 October 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Thomas Hester, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy. The authority was varied to include additional law enforcement and civilian participants, and additional conduct for new civilian participants.

Variation 2 was applied for and granted on 15 February 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Thomas Hester, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy. The authority was varied to include additional law enforcement participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 17 November 2021 by William Frost, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 11 February 2022 by William Frost, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 3) was applied for and granted on 10 May 2022 by William Frost, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation, conveyance and possession of illicit tobacco, and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 29 July 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Thomas Hester, performing the duties of Executive Director Intelligence Operations.

The authority was cancelled as a civilian participant was no longer able to engage in controlled conduct.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 criminal activities, namely money laundering and the importation of illicit tobacco. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets and resulted in the seizure of illicit goods.

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

Controlled operation number: CO21044/03/3

Date of application

15 September 2021

Authorising officer

Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:22 pm on 15 September 2021, Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

15 September 2021 to 14 September 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 16 September 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations. The authority was varied to include additional law enforcement participants.

Variation 2 was granted on 28 April 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Damien Appleby, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include additional law enforcement and civilian participants.

Variation 3 was granted on 10 May 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Damien Appleby, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include additional civilian participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 10 December 2021 by Adria Marissa Poljak, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 11 March 2022 by A.A. Nikolic AM CSC, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 3) was applied for and granted on 10 June 2022 by Robert Cameron, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 criminal activities, namely money laundering. The controlled operation contributed to the arrest of a target and the seizure of illicit goods.

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

Controlled operation number: CO22017/00/0

Date of application

5 July 2022

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Illicit goods

Nil

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Narcotic goods

Nil

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:44 pm on 5 July 2022, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled conduct was undertaken.

Period of effect

5 July 2022 to 4 October 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs, and money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Nil

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Controlled operation number: CO22018/00/0

Date of application

15 July 2022

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Authorising officer

Timothy Gresham, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy

Illicit goods

Nil

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Narcotic goods

Nil

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:34 pm on 19 July 2022, Timothy Gresham, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information in relation to the targets and their involvement in criminal activity, namely tax evasion.

Period of effect

19 July 2022 to 18 October 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering and tax evasion.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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

Controlled operation number: CO21051/03/1

Date of application

14 October 2021

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:25 am on 20 October 2021, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

20 October 2021 to 19 October 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 6 December 2021 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include an additional law enforcement participant.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 18 January 2022 by Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 14 April 2022 by Josephine Kelly, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 3) was applied for and granted on 15 July 2022 by Josephine Kelly, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs, and money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 criminal activities, namely the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets.

Controlled operation number: CO22019/00/1

Date of application

19 July 2022

Authorising officer

Damien Appleby, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:45 am on 20 July 2022, Damien Appleby, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

20 July 2022 to 19 October 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 14 September 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Sharyn Matthews, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include an additional civilian participant.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering and serious drug offences.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 criminal activities, namely money laundering.

Controlled operation number: CO22009/01/1

Date of application

27 April 2022

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 7:01 pm on 27 April 2022, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

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

Period of effect

27 April 2022 to 26 October 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 8 June 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include additional law enforcement participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 25 July 2022 by Josephine Kelly, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering and serious drug offences.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Nil

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled conduct was undertaken.

Controlled operation number: CO22024/00/0

Date of application

7 September 2022

Authorising officer

Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager Examinations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:40 pm on 7 September 2022, Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager Examinations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

7 September 2022 to 2 December 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into firearms trafficking and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 2 December 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager Examinations.

The authority was cancelled as the proposed operational strategy was no longer viable.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 criminal activities, namely firearms trafficking. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets and contributed to the seizure of illicit goods.

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

Controlled operation number: CO22014/01/0

Date of application

2 June 2022

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:37 pm on 6 June 2022, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

6 June 2022 to 5 December 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 2 September 2022 by Adria Marissa Poljak, a nominated Tribunal Member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs, and money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 criminal activities, namely the importation of border controlled drugs.

Controlled operation number: CO22005/02/1

Date of application

10 March 2022

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:46 pm on 10 March 2022, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

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

Period of effect

10 March 2022 to 9 December 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 1 April 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include additional law enforcement and civilian participants, and additional civilian participant conduct.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 7 June 2022 by Adria Marissa Poljak, a nominated Tribunal Member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 9 September 2022 by Adria Marissa Poljak, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering; the importation, trafficking and possession of border controlled drugs;

and the conveyance or possession of illicit tobacco products.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 criminal activities, namely the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets.

Controlled operation number: CO22026/00/0

Date of application

13 September 2022

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:39 pm on 13 September 2022, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

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

Period of effect

13 September 2022 to 12 December 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 criminal activities, namely money laundering. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets.

Controlled operation number: CO22027/00/0

Date of application

20 September 2022

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:21 am on 21 September 2022, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

21 September 2022 to 20 December 2022

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs, and money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 criminal activities, namely the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs.

Controlled operation number: CO22001/03/2

Date of application

24 January 2022

Authorising officer

Sharyn Matthews, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:35 am on 25 January 2022, Sharyn Matthews, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

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

Period of effect

25 January 2022 to 11 January 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 22 March 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager Examinations. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include additional law enforcement and civilian participants.

Variation 2 was granted on 20 April 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Damien Appleby, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to remove law enforcement participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 22 April 2022 by Stephen Boyle, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 21 July 2022 by Stephen Boyle, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 3) was applied for and granted on 20 October 2022 by Stephen Boyle, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs, and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 11 January 2023 by ACIC authorising officer Damien Appleby, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations.

The authority was cancelled as civilian participant engagement with targets was no longer viable due to the arrest of a target.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely money laundering and the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs. The controlled operation resulted in the identification of previously unknown targets, and contributed to the arrest of targets and the seizure of border-controlled drugs.

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

Controlled operation number: CO22020/01/1

Date of application

29 July 2022

Authorising officer

Damien Appleby, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:43 pm on 29 July 2022, Damien Appleby, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

29 July 2022 to 28 January 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 4 August 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Boyd Doherty, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include an additional law enforcement and civilian participant.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 28 October 2022 by Adria Marissa Poljak, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering and tax evasion.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 criminal activities, namely money laundering, and the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets, and resulted in the arrest of targets and the seizure of illicit goods.

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

Controlled operation number: CO22022/01/0

Date of application

10 August 2022

Authorising officer

John Arnold, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:40 am on 10 August 2022, John Arnold, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

10 August 2022 to 2 February 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 3 November 2022 by Dr. Michelle Evans-Bonner, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and possession of border controlled drugs, and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 2 February 2023 by ACIC authorising officer Damien Appleby, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations.

The authority was cancelled as the investigation was continued by an ACIC partner agency.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 criminal activities, namely the importation of border controlled drugs. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets.

Controlled operation number: CO22035/00/0

Date of application

11 November 2022

Authorising officer

Timothy Gresham, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:20 pm on 11 November 2022, Timothy Gresham, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

11 November 2022 to 10 February 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering, and the importation, conveyance and possession of illicit tobacco.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 criminal activities, namely the importation of illicit tobacco. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets.

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

Controlled operation number: CO22033/01/1

Date of application

9 November 2022

Authorising officer

Damien Appleby, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:00 pm on 9 November 2022, Damien Appleby, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 November 2022 to 10 February 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 27 January 2023 by ACIC authorising officer Douglas Miller, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include additional law enforcement and civilian participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 3 February 2023 by Dr. Michelle Evans-Bonner, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 10 February 2023 by ACIC authorising officer Jason Halls, performing the duties of National Manager Examinations.

An administrative issue was identified within the variation to this authority and as a matter of risk mitigation and best practice, the authority was

cancelled under section 15GY(1) of the Act by an ACIC authorising officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 criminal activities, namely money laundering. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets.

Controlled operation number: CO22023/01/2

Date of application

2 September 2022

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:15 pm on 2 September 2022, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

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

Period of effect

2 September 2022 to 1 March 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 19 December 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Boyd Doherty, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include additional law enforcement and civilian participants.

Variation 2 was granted on 24 January 2023 by ACIC authorising officer Boyd Doherty, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include additional law enforcement and civilian participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 25 November 2022 by Gina Lazanias, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering and serious drug offences.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 criminal activities, namely money laundering.

Controlled operation number: CO22036/00/0

Date of application

5 December 2022

Authorising officer

Timothy Gresham, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:15 pm on 5 December 2022, Timothy Gresham, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

5 December 2022 to 4 March 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering; the importation, conveyance or possession of illicit tobacco; and serious drug offences.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 criminal activities, namely money laundering. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets.

Controlled operation number: CO22038/00/1

Date of application

9 December 2022

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:15 pm on 9 December 2022, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 December 2022 to 8 March 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 14 February 2023 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include an additional law enforcement participant and additional conduct for law enforcement and civilian participants.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering, and the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 criminal activities. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets.

Controlled operation number: CO22029/01/0

Date of application

21 September 2022

Authorising officer

Timothy Gresham, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:08 am on 21 September 2022, Timothy Gresham, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

21 September 2022 to 17 March 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 14 December 2022 by William Frost, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering; the importation, conveyance or possession of illicit tobacco with intent to defraud the revenue; and serious drug offences.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 17 March 2023 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations.

The authority was cancelled after the associated ACIC project was closed.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 criminal activities, namely the importation of illicit tobacco. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets.

Controlled operation number: CO22025/01/1

Date of application

10 October 2022

Authorising officer

Timothy Gresham, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:55 am on 10 October 2022, Timothy Gresham, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

10 October 2022 to 23 March 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 19 December 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Jaci Grant, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include an additional civilian participant.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 6 January 2023 by Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering and tax evasion.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 23 March 2023 by ACIC authorising officer Thomas Hester, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy.

The authority was cancelled as engagement with the targets ceased and the civilian participant was no longer able to engage in controlled conduct.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 criminal activities, namely tax evasion. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets.

Controlled operation number: CO22028/01/0

Date of application

13 October 2022

Authorising officer

Timothy Gresham, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:29 pm on 14 October 2022, Timothy Gresham, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

14 October 2022 to 23 March 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 10 January 2023 by Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering and tax evasion.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 23 March 2023 by ACIC authorising officer Thomas Hester, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy.

The authority was cancelled as engagement with the targets ceased and the civilian participant was no longer able to engage in controlled conduct.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation provided insights into the relationships the targets maintain with respect to the ACIC's investigation into money laundering and tax evasion.

Controlled operation number: CO22034/01/1

Date of application

7 November 2022

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:50 pm on 7 November 2022, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

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

Period of effect

7 November 2022 to 24 March 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was applied for and granted on 18 November 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations. The authority was varied to include additional controlled conduct for law enforcement and civilian participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 2 February 2023 by Brian Rayment, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs, and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 24 March 2023 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran,

performing the duties of National Manager North Operations.

The authority was cancelled following the completion of the ACIC investigation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 criminal activities, namely money laundering, and the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets, and resulted in the arrest of targets and the seizure of illicit goods including border controlled drugs.

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

Controlled operation number: CO22030/01/0

Date of application

1 November 2022

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:59 pm on 1 November 2022, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

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

Period of effect

1 November 2022 to 31 March 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 31 January 2023 by Josephine Kelly, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering, tax evasion and serious drug offences.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets.

Controlled operation number: CO21035/06/3

Date of application

7 July 2021

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:47 pm on 7 July 2021, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

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

Period of effect

7 July 2021 to 6 April 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 10 May 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to remove law enforcement participants.

Variation 2 was granted on 27 May 2022 by ACIC authorising officer Greg Schott, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to include an additional law enforcement participant.

Variation 3 was applied for on 31 January 2023 and granted on 1 February 2023 by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations. The authority was varied to include additional law enforcement participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 1 October 2021 by Linda Kirk, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 4 January 2022 by Linda Kirk, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 3) was applied for on 4 April 2022 and granted on 5 April 2022 by Adria Marissa Poljak, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 4) was applied for and granted on 1 July 2022 by Josephine Kelly, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 5) was applied for and granted on 5 October 2022 by Linda Kirk, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 6) was applied for and granted on 5 January 2023 by Brian Rayment, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs, and money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 criminal activities, namely the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs.

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

Controlled operation number: CO22031/01/0

Date of application

21 October 2022

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:14 pm on 21 October 2022, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

21 October 2022 to 20 April 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 18 January 2023 by Josephine Kelly, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs, and money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 criminal activities, namely the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets.

Controlled operation number: CO22037/00/0

Date of application

24 February 2023

Nature of conduct engaged in

Nil

Authorising officer

Damien Appleby, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:03 pm on 27 February 2023, Damien Appleby, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Illicit goods

Nil

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

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled activity was conducted under this authority.

Period of effect

27 February 2023 to 27 April 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 27 April 2023 by ACIC authorising officer Brett Pattie, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations.

The authority was cancelled as there were no opportunities for controlled activity.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Controlled operation number: CO23006/00/0

Date of application

24 February 2023

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:55 pm on 24 February 2023, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

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

Period of effect

24 February 2023 to 23 May 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering, and the importation, exportation and trafficking of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 criminal activities, namely money laundering.

Controlled operation number: CO23004/00/0

Date of application

7 March 2023

Nature of conduct engaged in

Nil

Authorising officer

Timothy Gresham, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:45 pm on 7 March 2023, Timothy Gresham, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Illicit goods

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled activity was conducted under this authority.

Period of effect

7 March 2023 to 24 May 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation, conveyance or possession of illicit tobacco; serious drug offences; and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 24 May 2023 by ACIC authorising officer Boyd Doherty, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy.

The authority was cancelled as there were no opportunities for controlled activity prior to the completion of the ACIC investigation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Controlled operation number: CO23003/00/0

Date of application

14 April 2023

Nature of conduct engaged in

Nil

Authorising officer

Damien Appleby, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:30 pm on 14 April 2023, Damien Appleby, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Illicit goods

Nil

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

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled activity was conducted under this authority.

Period of effect

14 April 2022 to 30 May 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 30 May 2023 by ACIC authorising officer Damien Appleby, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations.

The authority was cancelled as the civilian participant was no longer able to engage in controlled conduct.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Controlled operation number: CO23014/00/0

Date of application

24 May 2023

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This urgent authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(b).

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:47 pm on 24 May 2023, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted an urgent authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

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

Period of effect

24 May 2023 to 30 May 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs, and money laundering.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 criminal activities, namely the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs.

Controlled operation number: CO23008/00/0

Date of application

7 March 2023

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:52 pm on 7 March 2023, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

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

Period of effect

7 March 2023 to 6 June 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into money laundering, and the importation, exportation and trafficking of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Not applicable

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 criminal activities, namely money laundering and the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs.

Controlled operation number: CO23005/00/0

Date of application

17 March 2023

Authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations

Nature of application

This formal authority was made pursuant to section 15GH(2)(a).

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:50 pm on 17 March 2023, Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, granted a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

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

Period of effect

17 March 2023 to 15 June 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support the ACIC investigation into the importation, conveyance or possession of illicit tobacco with intend to defraud the revenue; serious drug offences; and money laundering.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 15 June 2023 by ACIC authorising officer Boyd Doherty, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy.

The authority was cancelled under section 15GY(1) of the Act by an ACIC authorising officer.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of 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 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 criminal activities, namely money laundering and the importation of illicit tobacco. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets.

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