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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 December 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 2023–24*.

Pursuant to section 15HN, Part IAB, of the *Crimes Act 1914* (Cth), the report sets out the details required by subsections 15HM(2), (2A), (2B) and (2C) in relation to controlled operations for which the Australian Federal Police and the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission were the authorising agencies between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024 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
Commissioner
Australian Federal Police

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Introduction

The *Controlled Operations Annual Report 2023–24* 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).

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, authorised by the ACIC Board, into federally relevant crime which may include serious and organised crime as defined in the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002* (Cth). 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 controlled operations

This year's report provides details of controlled operations in accordance with the reporting requirements of both the current and the previous legislation. Part A describes the requirements of the current legislation. Part B describes the requirements of the legislation in effect until 18 February 2010, with these requirements still applying to certain matters.

Part A. Current legislative requirements

Crimes Act 1914 (Cth)

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

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

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

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 a Commonwealth offence that involves a matter specified by subsection 15GE(2), including theft, fraud, tax evasion, illegal gambling, extortion, bribery of a public official, people smuggling and slavery, and that is punishable on conviction by imprisonment for a period of 3 years or more.

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

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, 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 subdivision C of the Division. If a formal controlled operation authority needs to be extended then a variation application needs to be made. The variation application to extend the period of effect of a formal controlled operation authority beyond 3 months must be presented to a nominated 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 2023–24* 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

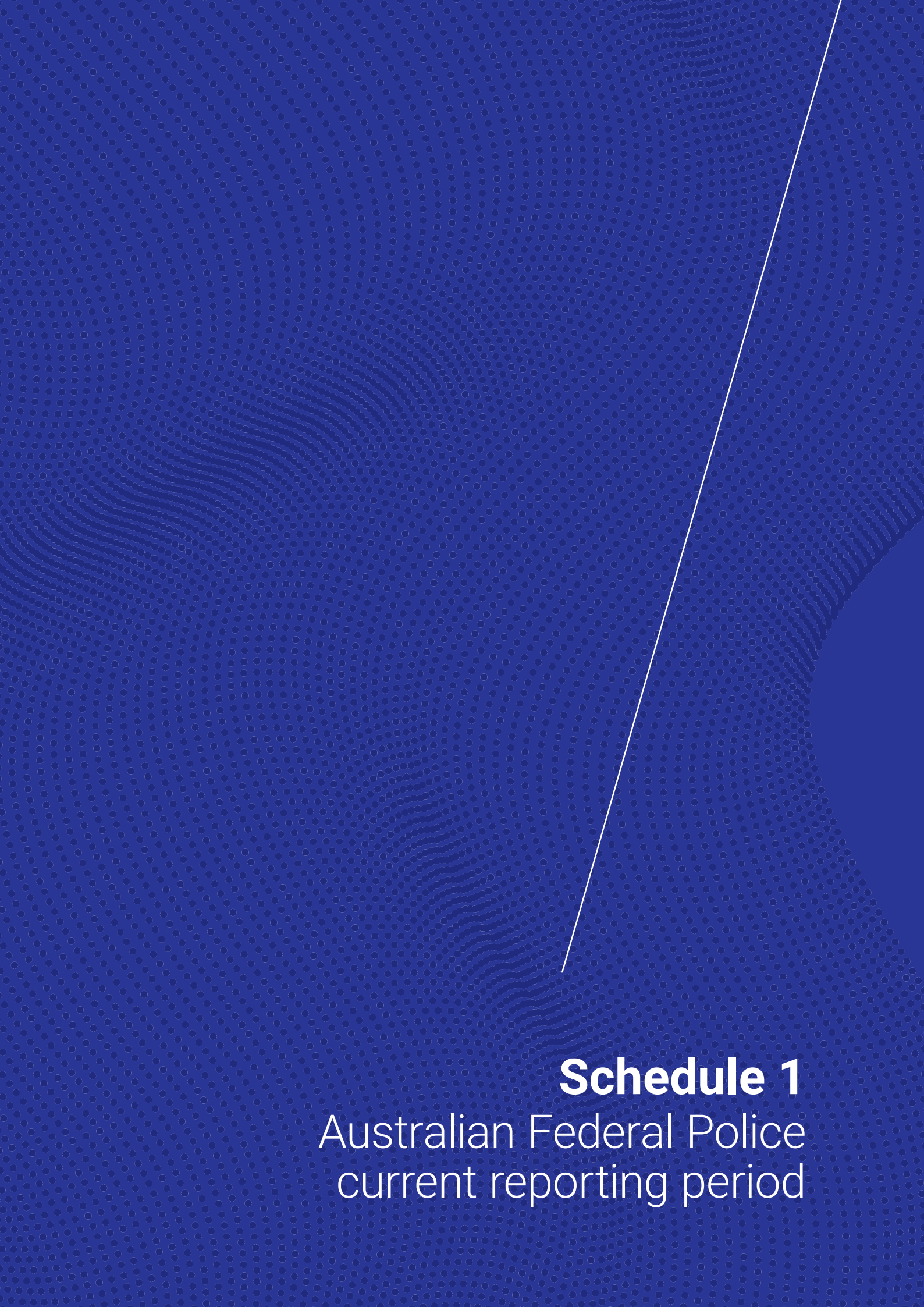
In accordance with the now repealed subsection 15T(3) of the Act, the controlled operations annual report is not to include any information about any person (including the person's name) that has not been previously published. Additionally, if the Minister believes that it is likely that the inclusion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

Acronyms

AAT	Administrative Appeals Tribunal
ACC	Australian Crime Commission
ACIC	Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission
AFP	Australian Federal Police

Additional matters

The illicit goods detailed in this report have not been destroyed 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

21–22/37	21–22/44	21–22/54	23–24/28	23–24/30	23–24/42
23–24/45	23–24/49	23–24/52	23–24/67	23–24/98	

AFP operations partly excluded

23–24/77

Previously excluded information published in 2023–24

AFP operations fully excluded – now reported in full

07–08/50	08–09/17	08–09/26	08–09/38	09–10/06	21–22/60
22–23/11	22–23/32	22–23/33	22–23/38	22–23/41	22–23/44
22–23/49	22–23/52	22–23/78	22–23/81	22–23/86	22–23/92
22–23/94	22–23/97	22–23/99	22–23/100	22–23/101	22–23/102
22–23/103	22–23/105	22–23/106	22–23/109	22–23/111	22–23/114
22–23/115	22–23/116	22–23/117			

AFP operations partly excluded – now reported in full

Nil

AFP operations fully excluded – now reported in part

22–23/96

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 2023–24.

Provision	Details required	Number
Subsection 15HM(2)(a)	Formal authorities that were:	
	• granted by an AFP authorising officer during the period	102
	• varied by an AFP authorising officer during the period	48
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:	
	• granted by an AFP authorising officer during the period	3
	• varied by an AFP authorising officer during the period	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	72
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 AFP authorising officer during the period	59
	• expired during the period	51
Not applicable	Authorities for controlled operations that were:	
	• withdrawn	0
	• did not progress to an authorising officer	0

Some of the authorities issued during the 2023–24 reporting year were still ongoing at the end of the reporting period. These authorities will be included in the first annual report after they have expired.

Controlled operation number: 23–24/01

Date of application

6 July 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 9:10 am on 7 July 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

7 July 2023 to 6 August 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

Manipulated computer systems to facilitate the movement and attempted 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
Weight/quantity	7 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Unknown location to the Kingdom of Thailand
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 23–24/02

Date of application

7 July 2023

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Authorising officer

Lesa Gale, Deputy Commissioner International and Specialist Capabilities

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Nature of application

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

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:31 pm on 7 July 2023, Lesa Gale, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Period of effect

7 July 2023 to 3 August 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 possession, producing and/or supply of data and dealing in proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

At 4:21 pm on 3 August 2023, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications using secure messaging service with suspected intermediary on the darknet marketplace.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Controlled operation number: 23–24/03

Date of application

7 July 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 4:43 pm on 7 July 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

7 July 2023 to 24 July 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 attempted possession of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 10:45 am on 24 July 2023, Raymond Imbriano, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems 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
Weight/quantity	175 kg (net)
Current location	People's Republic of China
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: People's Republic of China
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Major controlled operation number: 23–24/04

Date of application

28 June 2023

Authorising officer

Grant Nicholls, performing the duties of
Deputy Commissioner Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:32 am on 12 July 2023, Grant Nicholls,
an authorising officer within the meaning of
section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority
authorising a major controlled operation to
be undertaken.

Period of effect

12 July 2023 to 9 February 2024

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 6 October 2023

On 6 October 2023, Grant Nicholls, an AFP
authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 20 December 2023

On 21 December 2023, Grant Nicholls, an AFP
authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 10 October 2023

On 10 October 2023, Adria Marissa Poljak, a
nominated Tribunal member, determined that
the major controlled operation should remain in
effect until 11 January 2024.

Date of variation application: 10 January 2024

On 10 January 2024, Gina Lazanas, a nominated
Tribunal member, determined that the major
controlled operation should remain in effect until
11 April 2024.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 3:47 pm on 9 February 2024, Grant Nicholls,
an authorising officer, cancelled the major
controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in introductions to the targets and
engaged in cash transactions for the purchase
of cryptocurrency.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	AUD350,000 in cryptocurrency
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	The illicit goods travelled within Australia.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major
controlled operation.

Outcomes

Three persons were arrested and charged with
money laundering offences.

Controlled operation number: 23–24/05

Date of application

12 July 2023

Authorising officer

Matthew Byles, Commander Operations,
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 13 July 2023, Matthew Byles, 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 July 2023 to 19 July 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

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: 23–24/06

Date of application

13 July 2023

Authorising officer

Grant Nicholls, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:42 pm on 17 July 2023, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

17 July 2023 to 16 April 2024

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 16 October 2023

On 16 October 2023, Adria Marissa Poljak, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 16 January 2024.

Date of variation application: 12 January 2024

On 12 January 2024, Josephine Kelly, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 16 April 2024.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of conspiracy to import, importation and trafficking of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs, importing tobacco products 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 target in relation to importing tobacco products.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 23–24/07

Date of application

18 July 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 1:35 pm on 18 July 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

18 July 2023 to 17 August 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

Manipulated computer systems to facilitate the delivery and/or 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	100 kg (gross) 1.35 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Canada to Australia Hong Kong to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the illicit goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Major controlled operation number: 23–24/08

Date of application

20 July 2023

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Authorising officer

Scott Lee, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Crime

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Nature of application

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

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:44 pm on 21 July 2023, 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

21 July 2023 to 11 September 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, conspiracy to import, trafficking and the importation of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 12:05 pm on 11 September 2023, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Controlled operation number: 23–24/09

Date of application

21 July 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 8:19 pm on 21 July 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

21 July 2023 to 25 August 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 importation of prohibited tier 2 goods, namely firearms, without approval.

Cancellation

At 7:29 am on 25 August 2023, Raegan Stewart, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems to facilitate the delivery/collection of the reconstructed consignment purporting to contain firearm parts.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	3 x Glock handgun frames 1 x Glock style barrel 1 x handgun spring and internals 2 x magazines 1 x magazine loading device 1 x .22 calibre long range conversion kit 2 x Glock slides 1 x full Glock style frame 1 x full Glock style slide assembly
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	The illicit goods travelled within the United States of America.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Two persons were arrested and charged with firearm and drug-related offences.

Controlled operation number: 23–24/10

Date of application

21 July 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 4:35 pm on 21 July 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

21 July 2023 to 1 August 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 using a carriage service for child abuse material.

Cancellation

At 12:07 pm on 1 August 2023, Kate Ferry, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in online communications in relation to child abuse material.

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 child abuse material
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Communicated online

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

One person was arrested for multiple child abuse material and drug-related offences.

Major controlled operation number: 23–24/11

Date of application

21 July 2023

Authorising officer

Scott Lee, performing the duties of
Deputy Commissioner Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:02 pm on 25 July 2023, 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

25 July 2023 to 24 January 2024

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 23 October 2023

On 23 October 2023, Josephine Kelly, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 24 January 2024.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and meetings to discuss the importation and supply of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	AUD210,000
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Unknown location to Australia

Nature and quantity	AUD102,000
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	The illicit goods travelled within Australia.

Narcotic goods

Type	Pseudoephedrine
Weight/quantity	103 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	During the course of the major controlled operation: The narcotic goods travelled within Australia.
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Outcomes

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

Controlled operation number: 23–24/12

Date of application

27 July 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 3:34 pm on 27 July 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 July 2023 to 20 October 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 attempting to possess commercial quantities of imported border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 12:50 pm on 20 October 2023, Kate Ferry, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

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	52.3 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Peru
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Controlled operation number: 23–24/13

Date of application

28 July 2023

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, Commander Investigations,
Eastern Command

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the
controlled operation.

Nature of application

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

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the
controlled operation.

Decision of authorising officer

At 8:55 pm on 28 July 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.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation
remain ongoing.

Period of effect

28 July 2023 to 2 August 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 4:07 pm on 2 August 2023, Kate Ferry,
an authorising officer, cancelled the
controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in
controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Controlled operation number: 23–24/14

Date of application

31 July 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 12:00 pm on 31 July 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

31 July 2023 to 30 August 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

Manipulated computer systems to facilitate the attempted 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	3,4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA)
Weight/quantity	8 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Norway to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 23–24/15

Date of application

31 July 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 2:38 pm on 31 July 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

31 July 2023 to 30 April 2024

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 27 September 2023

On 27 September 2023, Kate Ferry, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 25 October 2023

On 25 October 2023, Josephine Kelly, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the controlled operation should remain in effect until 30 January 2024.

Date of variation application: 25 January 2024

On 25 January 2024, Adria Marissa Poljak, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the controlled operation should remain in effect until 30 April 2024.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in online communications in relation to child abuse activity and material.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 23–24/16

Date of application

30 July 2023

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, Commander Investigations,
Eastern Command

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the
controlled operation.

Nature of application

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

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the
controlled operation.

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:33 pm on 30 July 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.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation
remain ongoing.

Period of effect

30 July 2023 to 1 August 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
possession of commercial quantities of border
controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 12:07 pm on 1 August 2023,
Kate Ferry, an authorising officer,
cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in
controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Controlled operation number: 23–24/17

Date of application

1 August 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 11:40 am on 2 August 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

2 August 2023 to 1 September 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 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

Possessed, transferred and transported money purporting to be the proceeds of crime.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	AUD58,000
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Australia to an unknown location

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Controlled operation number: 23–24/18

Date of application

3 August 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 9:35 am on 4 August 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

4 August 2023 to 3 September 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 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.

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	104.4 kg (gross)
Current location	United States Customs and Border Protection
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 controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 23–24/19

Date of application

4 August 2023

Authorising officer

Grant Nicholls, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 8:45 am on 7 August 2023, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

7 August 2023 to 5 October 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 with property reasonably suspected of being proceeds of crime and trafficking and possession of commercial quantities of unlawfully imported border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 2:27 pm on 5 October 2023, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Controlled operation number: 23–24/21

Date of application

4 August 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 4 August 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

4 August 2023 to 13 September 2023

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 31 August 2023

On 31 August 2023, Kate Ferry, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 1:09 pm on 13 September 2023, Simone O'Mahony, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications to facilitate the delivery/collection of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	312 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Mexico to the United States of America
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Major controlled operation number: 23–24/22

Date of application

15 August 2023

Authorising officer

Grant Nicholls, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:05 pm on 17 August 2023, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

17 August 2023 to 16 February 2024

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 12 October 2023

On 16 October 2023, Grant Nicholls, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 15 November 2023

On 15 November 2023, Stewart Fenwick, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 16 February 2024.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of aid, abet, counsel or procure and possession of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs and tobacco products; trafficking commercial quantities of controlled substances; money laundering; and possession of firearms.

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 and communications in relation to the manufacture, trafficking and importation of illicit goods, and 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	Tobacco 202,400 sticks
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Unknown location to Australia

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Controlled operation number: 23–24/23

Date of application

17 August 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 6:54 pm on 17 August 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

17 August 2023 to 27 October 2023

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 23 August 2023

On 23 August 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 the attempted possession of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 3:31 pm on 27 October 2023, Raegan Stewart, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and 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	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	80 kg (net) 1541.6 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United States of America to Australia via Hong Kong (both)
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the illicit goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Major controlled operation number: 23–24/24

Date of application

16 August 2023

Authorising officer

Grant Nicholls, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:41 pm on 18 August 2023, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

18 August 2023 to 2 February 2024

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 8 September 2023

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

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 16 November 2023

On 16 November 2023, Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 17 February 2024.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 10:45 am on 2 February 2024, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and meetings to discuss the importation and supply of border controlled drugs and money laundering.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	USD40,000 in Bitcoin
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Unknown location to Australia

Nature and quantity	AUD127,040
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Unknown location to Australia

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Major controlled operation number: 23–24/25

Date of application

29 August 2023

Authorising officer

Grant Nicholls, performing the duties of
Deputy Commissioner Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:25 pm on 30 August 2023, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

30 August 2023 to 29 November 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 conspiracy and attempt to import a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs and dealing in proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and meetings to facilitate the importation of border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	205 kg (gross)
Current location	United States of America Drug Enforcement Administration
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the major 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 major controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Major controlled operation number: 23–24/26

Date of application

30 August 2023

Authorising officer

Grant Nicholls, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:00 pm on 31 August 2023, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

31 August 2023 to 1 March 2024

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 29 November 2023

On 29 November 2023, Stephen Boyle, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 1 March 2024.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation, attempted possession and 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 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	100 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	During the course of the major controlled operation the narcotic goods travelled from: 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 major controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 23–24/27

Date of application

7 September 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 1:42 pm on 11 September 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

11 September 2023 to 10 December 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 and giving false or misleading information that involves fraud and trafficking in controlled substances.

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 online communications and discussions in relation to drug use and general rapport building.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Outcomes

One person was arrested and charged with providing false and misleading information.

Major controlled operation number: 23–24/29

Date of application

19 September 2023

Authorising officer

Grant Nicholls, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:55 pm on 20 September 2023, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

20 September 2023 to 19 May 2024

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 30 November 2023

On 4 December 2023, Grant Nicholls, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 5 February 2024

On 9 February 2024, Grant Nicholls, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 4 March 2024

On 6 March 2024, Ian McCartney, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 16 November 2023

On 16 November 2023, Susan Trotter, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 19 February 2024.

Date of variation application: 15 February 2024

On 15 February 2024, Theodore Tavoularis, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 19 May 2024.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation, trafficking and manufacturing of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs, importing commercial quantities of precursors 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 drug importations and money laundering with various 'handles'. Attended locations and took possession of Australian currency suspected of being the proceeds of crime and being payments to facilitate 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

Nature and quantity	AUD49,900
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Unknown location to Australia

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Controlled operation number: 23–24/31

Date of application

26 September 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 11:09 am on 26 September 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

26 September 2023 to 6 October 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 12:55 pm on 6 October 2023, Simone Butcher, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications to discuss 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
Weight/quantity	697 kg (gross)
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 controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 23–24/33

Date of application

18 September 2023

Authorising officer

Grant Nicholls, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:15 am on 28 September 2023, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

28 September 2023 to 27 June 2024

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 11 March 2024

On 13 March 2024, Ian McCartney, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 21 December 2023

On 21 December 2023, Josephine Kelly, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 27 March 2024.

Date of variation application: 22 March 2024

On 22 March 2024, Adria Marissa Poljak, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 27 June 2024.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications with vendors, the collection and purchase of data, controlled and border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	SIM card activation data 10 x AU Fulls Root servers (AU) CPanels (AU) Parcel locker ID Pack 5 items (AU)
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Unknown location to Australia

Nature and quantity	USD767.80
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Australia to unknown location

Narcotic goods

Type	Heroin
Weight/quantity	0.25 g (gross)
Current location	AFP. Samples have been sent to the National Measurement Institute.
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	During the course of the major controlled operation: Unknown location to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Type	Ketamine
Weight/quantity	1 g (gross)
Current location	AFP. Samples have been sent to the National Measurement Institute.
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	During the course of the major controlled operation: Unknown location to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	0.5 g (gross)
Current location	AFP. Samples have been sent to the National Measurement Institute.
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	During the course of the major controlled operation: Unknown location to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Type	Diazepam
Weight/quantity	50 x 5 mg (gross)
Current location	AFP. Samples have been sent to the National Measurement Institute.
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	During the course of the major controlled operation: Unknown location to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Type	3,4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA)
Weight/quantity	1 g (gross)
Current location	AFP. Samples have been sent to the National Measurement Institute.
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	During the course of the major controlled operation: Unknown location to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Type	Cannabis
Weight/quantity	2 g (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	During the course of the major controlled operation: Unknown location to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to vendors on the darknet marketplaces.

Controlled operation number: 23–24/34

Date of application

26 September 2023

Authorising officer

Peter Harvey, Assistant Commissioner,
Central Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:30 pm on 26 September 2023, Peter Harvey, 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

26 September 2023 to 29 September 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 and money laundering.

Cancellation

At 5:45 pm on 29 September 2023, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in encrypted text based 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.

Controlled operation number: 23–24/35

Date of application

29 September 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 4:24 pm on 29 September 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 September 2023 to 28 October 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 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

Engaged in online communications to facilitate a meeting with targets in relation to the importation 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	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	100 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: South Africa to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Outcomes

One person was arrested for drug-related offences. The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs and money laundering.

Major controlled operation number: 23–24/36

Date of application

29 September 2023

Authorising officer

Grant Nicholls, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:46 pm on 29 September 2023, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

29 September 2023 to 28 June 2024

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 6 October 2023

On 6 October 2023, Grant Nicholls, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 13 December 2023

On 14 December 2023, Grant Nicholls, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 13 March 2024

On 13 March 2024, Ian McCartney, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 20 December 2023

On 21 December 2023, Brenton John Illingworth, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 28 March 2024.

Date of variation application: 22 March 2024

On 25 March 2024, Brenton John Illingworth, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 28 June 2024.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importation, trafficking and attempted possession of commercial quantities 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 communication with the target regarding the importation of border controlled drugs and money laundering. Facilitated the collection and dealing of money 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	AUD1,375,050
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Australia to unknown location

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Major controlled operation number: 23–24/37

Date of application

4 October 2023

Authorising officer

Grant Nicholls, performing the duties of
Deputy Commissioner Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:20 pm on 5 October 2023, Grant Nicholls,
an authorising officer within the meaning of
section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority
authorising a major controlled operation to
be undertaken.

Period of effect

5 October 2023 to 16 June 2024

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 2 January 2024

On 2 January 2024, Dr Michelle Evans-Bonner,
a nominated Tribunal member, determined that
the major controlled operation should remain in
effect until 4 April 2024.

Date of variation application: 2 April 2024

On 2 April 2024, Stephen Boyle, a nominated
Tribunal member, determined that the major
controlled operation should remain in effect
until 4 July 2024.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 12:55 pm on 16 June 2024, Ian McCartney,
an authorising officer, cancelled the major
controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications relating to money
laundering, including cash collect contracts and
wire transfers. No illicit goods were exchanged.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the major
controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major
controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation
remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 23–24/38

Date of application

5 October 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 4:15 pm on 5 October 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

5 October 2023 to 17 October 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 attempting to possess a commercial quantity of unlawfully imported border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 3:30 pm on 17 October 2023, Kate Ferry, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems to facilitate the holding and release of consignments purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	3,4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA)
Weight/quantity	41 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: France to Australia via Spain, South Africa and New Zealand
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Controlled operation number: 23–24/39

Date of application

7 October 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 12:38 pm on 7 October 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

7 October 2023 to 28 November 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 4:00 pm on 28 November 2023, Raegan Stewart, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

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

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	497.2 kg (net)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Unknown location to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Major controlled operation number: 23–24/41

Date of application

4 October 2023

Authorising officer

Neil Gaughan, Chief Police Officer for the ACT

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:00 pm on 6 October 2023, Neil Gaughan, 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 2023 to 12 December 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 supplying anabolic steroids, being a state offence involving controlled substances, and money laundering.

Cancellation

At 12:00 pm on 12 December 2023, Doug Boudry, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and agreements regarding the manufacturing, importation and sale of controlled substances.

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	Testosterone Sustanbolin Dianabol Trenbolone Anavarbol Mesterolone Methenolone Nandralone Boldenone
Weight/quantity	8 x 10 ml vials of 300 mg/mL (net) 1 x 10 ml vial of 300 mg/mL (net) 200 tablets 20 mg (net) 4 x 10 ml vials of 200 mg/mL (net) 100 tablets 20 mg (net) 100 tablets 25 mg (net) 1 x 10 ml vial of 100 mg/1mL (net) 1 x 10 ml vial of 100 mg/10mL (net) 2 x 10 ml vials of 250 mg/1mL (net)
Current location	AFP

Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	During the course of the major controlled operation the narcotic goods travelled: Within Australia (Testosterone) To an unknown location (remainder)
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Outcomes

Three persons were arrested for multiple offences including the supply of anabolic steroids and dealing in proceeds of crime exceeding AUD1,000,000. Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 23–24/43

Date of application

16 October 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 major controlled operation.

Nature of application

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

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:43 pm on 27 October 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

This investigation concluded with no arrests or evidence being obtained.

Period of effect

27 October 2023 to 19 January 2024

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 purchase and possession of unlawfully obtained software and money laundering.

Cancellation

At 11:00 am on 19 January 2024, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Controlled operation number: 23–24/44

Date of application

1 November 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 5:20 pm on 1 November 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 November 2023 to 28 November 2023

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 3 November 2023

On 3 November 2023, Donna Tankard, an AFP
authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 14 November 2023

On 14 November 2023, Donna Tankard, 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 attempted importation of
commercial quantities of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 3:39 pm on 28 November 2023,
Raegan Stewart, an authorising officer,
cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems and other
administrative procedures necessary to facilitate
the delivery of a consignment purported 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	80 kg with AFP 80 kg with the United States Homeland Security Investigations
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Mexico to the United States of America
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation
remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 23–24/46

Date of application

9 November 2023

Authorising officer

Naomi Binstead, performing the duties of Commander of South Australia and Northern Territory

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:20 pm on 9 November 2023, Naomi Binstead, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 November 2023 to 8 December 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

Facilitated the delivery of a 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

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: 23–24/47

Date of application

10 November 2023

Authorising officer

Grant Nicholls, performing the duties of
Deputy Commissioner Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:55 pm on 13 November 2023, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

13 November 2023 to 12 January 2024

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, conspiracy to import, attempted possession and trafficking of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

At 11:04 am on 12 January 2024, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications with the target regarding the importation of border controlled drugs and proceeds of crime. Attempted to arrange a meeting.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in the importation of border controlled drugs.

Major controlled operation number: 23–24/48

Date of application

9 November 2023

Authorising officer

Grant Nicholls, performing the duties of
Deputy Commissioner Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:32 am on 15 November 2023, Grant Nicholls,
an authorising officer within the meaning of
section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority
authorising a major controlled operation to
be undertaken.

Period of effect

15 November 2023 to 29 April 2024

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 16 January 2024

On 18 January 2024, Grant Nicholls, an AFP
authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 13 February 2024

On 13 February 2024, Gina Lazanas, a nominated
Tribunal member, determined that the major
controlled operation should remain in effect until
14 May 2024.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 10:26 am on 29 April 2024, Ian McCartney,
an authorising officer, cancelled the major
controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in
controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the major
controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major
controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about
the methodologies used in international money
laundering activities.

Controlled operation number: 23–24/50

Date of application

21 November 2023

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Authorising officer

Raymond Imbriano, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Nature of application

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

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:02 am on 21 November 2023, Raymond Imbriano, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Period of effect

21 November 2023 to 20 December 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

Facilitated delivery and/or collection of a consignment in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Controlled operation number: 23–24/54

Date of application

5 December 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 1:02 pm on 5 December 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

5 December 2023 to 2 January 2024

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 15 December 2023

On 15 December 2023, Raegan Stewart, 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 the importation and attempted possession of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 10:31 am on 2 January 2024, Raegan Stewart, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems and facilitated the collection and storage of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	98.8 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United Arab Emirates to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Controlled operation number: 23–24/56

Date of application

7 December 2023

Authorising officer

Raegan Stewart, Commander Investigations,
Southern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:52 pm on 7 December 2023, 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

7 December 2023 to 13 December 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 misuse of a carriage service to 'groom' another person to make it easier to procure persons under 16 years of age to engage in sexual activity.

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 text based communications to facilitate the grooming of an adult for the procurement of a child under 16 years of age for sexual activity and the transmission of text based child abuse material.

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.

Controlled operation number: 23–24/57

Date of application

18 December 2023

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Authorising officer

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

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Nature of application

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

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:04 pm on 18 December 2023, 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.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Period of effect

18 December 2023 to 31 December 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 commercial and 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

Facilitated the delivery/collection of the consignment purporting to contain border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Controlled operation number: 23–24/58

Date of application

18 December 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 10:00 am on 19 December 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 December 2023 to 18 March 2024

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 commercial quantities and attempted possession of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems to facilitate the delivery of the consignments purporting to contain border controlled drugs. Deliveries of the consignments were attempted at the delivery addresses.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See tables below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	18 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United States of America to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	30 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United States of America to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

One person was arrested overseas. The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in drug importations.

Controlled operation number: 23–24/60

Date of application

22 December 2023

Authorising officer

Rich Breiner, performing the duties of Commander Operations, ACT Policing

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:35 pm on 22 December 2023, Rich Breiner, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

22 December 2023 to 24 January 2024

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 3:20 pm on 24 January 2024, Matthew Heather, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications 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
Weight/quantity	106 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United States of America to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Controlled operation number: 23–24/61

Date of application

4 January 2024

Authorising officer

Raegan Stewart, Commander Investigations,
Southern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:53 pm on 4 January 2024, Raegan Stewart, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

4 January 2024 to 17 January 2024

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of providing and possessing false foreign travel documents.

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. 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	1 x counterfeit Dutch passport
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Indonesia to Australia

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Three persons were arrested and charged with firearms, proceeds of crime, drug and bail related offences.

Controlled operation number: 23–24/62

Date of application

4 January 2024

Authorising officer

Craig Bellis, 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 12:10 pm on 4 January 2024, Craig Bellis, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

4 January 2024 to 22 January 2024

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 attempt to possess a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 5:50 pm on 22 January 2024, Kate Ferry, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

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	95 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
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 controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Controlled operation number: 23–24/63

Date of application

3 January 2024

Authorising officer

Graeme Marshall, Commander
Western Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:06 pm on 3 January 2024, Graeme Marshall, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

3 January 2024 to 9 January 2024

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 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
Weight/quantity	1.5 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: Spain to Australia via Singapore
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Major controlled operation number: 23–24/64

Date of application

2 January 2024

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 major controlled operation.

Nature of application

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

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:37 pm on 9 January 2024, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Outcomes

This investigation concluded with no arrests or evidence being obtained.

Period of effect

9 January 2024 to 9 February 2024

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 and attempted importation of border controlled drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

At 3:45 pm on 9 February 2024, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Controlled operation number: 23–24/65

Date of application

12 January 2024

Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, Commander Investigations,
Eastern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:49 pm on 12 January 2024, Kate Ferry, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

12 January 2024 to 7 March 2024

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 11:55 am on 7 March 2024, Kate Ferry, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to 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
Weight/quantity	32.78 kg (gross)
Current location	United States Homeland Security Investigations
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 controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 23–24/66

Date of application

12 January 2024

Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, Commander Investigations,
Eastern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 6:43 pm on 12 January 2024, Kate Ferry, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

12 January 2024 to 18 January 2024

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 2:10 pm on 18 January 2024, Kate Ferry, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems 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
Weight/quantity	158 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Germany to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 23–24/69

Date of application

28 January 2024

Authorising officer

Gregory Davis, 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 10:07 pm on 28 January 2024, Gregory
Davis, an authorising officer within the meaning
of section 15GF of the Act, issued an urgent
authority authorising a controlled operation to
be undertaken.

Period of effect

28 January 2024 to 3 February 2024

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 1 February 2024

On 1 February 2024, Gregory Davis, 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 attempt
to possess commercial quantities of border
controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

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

Details of any loss of or serious
damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	139 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Brazil to Australia via Singapore
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation
remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 23–24/70

Date of application

2 February 2024

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 4:12 pm on 2 February 2024, John Tanti, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

2 February 2024 to 8 February 2024

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of importing and possessing 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 collection of a consignment.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	1 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	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 controlled operation.

Outcomes

Two persons were arrested for drug-related offences.

Controlled operation number: 23–24/71

Date of application

9 February 2024

Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, Commander Investigations,
Eastern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 6:47 pm on 9 February 2024, Kate Ferry, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 February 2024 to 8 March 2024

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 attempt to possess and import 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.

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	653.663 kg (net)
Current location	Brazil
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Brazil
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Controlled operation number: 23–24/74

Date of application

22 February 2024

Authorising officer

Donna Tankard, performing the duties of Commander Investigations, Southern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:34 pm on 22 February 2024, Donna Tankard, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

22 February 2024 to 5 March 2024

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of importing and attempt to possess commercial quantities of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 3:11 pm on 5 March 2024, Raegan Stewart, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems 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	Heroin
Weight/quantity	9.0231 kg (net)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Vietnam to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Major controlled operation number: 23–24/76

Date of application

5 March 2024

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:07 pm on 8 March 2024, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

8 March 2024 to 7 June 2024

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 27 March 2024

On 28 March 2024, Kirsty Schofield, 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, importing and attempt to possess commercial quantities 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 major controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Controlled operation number: 23–24/77

Date of application

13 March 2024

Authorising officer

Raegan Stewart, Commander Investigations,
Southern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:53 am on 13 March 2024, Raegan Stewart, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

13 March 2024 to 21 March 2024

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 10:45 am on 21 March 2024, Raegan Stewart, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Facilitated the movement of the container 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	15 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed. Sample with AFP.
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	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Controlled operation number: 23–24/78

Date of application

27 March 2024

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Authorising officer

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

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Nature of application

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

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Decision of authorising officer

At 8:40 am on 28 March 2024, Adrian Telfer, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Outcomes

This investigation concluded with no arrests or evidence being obtained.

Period of effect

28 March 2024 to 3 April 2024

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of attempt to import and possess commercial quantities of border controlled drugs and trafficking in dangerous drugs.

Cancellation

At 8:44 am on 3 April 2024, Bill Freeman, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Major controlled operation number: 23–24/79

Date of application

28 March 2024

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Authorising officer

Kirsty Schofield, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Crime

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Nature of application

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

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:54 pm on 28 March 2024, Kirsty Schofield, 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 has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in phishing campaigns.

Period of effect

28 March 2024 to 17 May 2024

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 fraud and misuse of a computer or electronic communications.

Cancellation

At 10:23 am on 17 May 2024, Kirsty Schofield, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in transactions and communications to purchase a subscription to the target site.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Controlled operation number: 23–24/82

Date of application

3 April 2024

Authorising officer

Graeme Marshall, Commander
Western Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:17 pm on 3 April 2024, Graeme Marshall, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

3 April 2024 to 9 April 2024

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 attempt to possess commercial quantities of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

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

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	2.194 kg (net)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United States of America to Australia via Singapore
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 23–24/83

Date of application

11 April 2024

Authorising officer

William Freeman, performing the duties
Commander Investigations, Northern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:49 pm on 11 April 2024, William Freeman, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

11 April 2024 to 15 April 2024

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 attempt to possess commercial quantities of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 9:15 am on 15 April 2024, John Tanti, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

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

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	289.4 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Papua New Guinea to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 23–24/88

Date of application

2 May 2024

Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, Commander Investigations,
Eastern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:52 am on 3 May 2024, Kate Ferry, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

3 May 2024 to 17 May 2024

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 commercial quantities of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 8:33 am on 17 May 2024, Kate Ferry, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and manipulated computer systems to facilitate the delivery/ 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	100 kg (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.

Controlled operation number: 23–24/89

Date of application

9 May 2024

Authorising officer

Kate Ferry, Commander Investigations,
Eastern Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:40 pm on 9 May 2024, Kate Ferry, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 May 2024 to 17 May 2024

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 attempt to import and possess a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 8:30 am on 17 May 2024, Kate Ferry, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

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	50 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Mexico to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 23–24/90

Date of application

13 May 2024

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 4:05 pm on 13 May 2024, John Tanti, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

13 May 2024 to 19 May 2024

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 attempt to possess 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 manipulate 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
Weight/quantity	35 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Unknown location to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about methodologies used in the importation of border controlled drugs.

Controlled operation number: 23–24/91

Date of application

17 May 2024

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 9:05 am on 17 May 2024, 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 May 2024 to 12 June 2024

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 3:47 pm on 12 June 2024, Raegan Stewart, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in activities and communications regarding the delivery of an item 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	6 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Unknown location 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

Two persons were arrested for drug-related offences.

Controlled operation number: 23–24/92

Date of application

22 May 2024

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 10:12 am on 22 May 2024, John Tanti, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

22 May 2024 to 28 May 2024

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of using a carriage service for possessing, controlling, producing, supplying and obtaining child abuse material and to procure a child under 16 for sexual activity.

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

Accessed accounts to monitor and review communications and discussions relating to child abuse material.

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 child abuse material
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Unknown location to Australia

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 23–24/93

Date of application

24 May 2024

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 5:00 pm on 24 May 2024, John Tanti, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

24 May 2024 to 18 June 2024

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 11:30 am on 18 June 2024, John Tanti, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and discussions with the targets about the manufacturing of controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See tables below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cannabis
Weight/quantity	45 g (gross)
Current location	Queensland Police Service
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Unknown location 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.

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	17.93 g (gross)
Current location	Queensland Police Service
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Unknown location to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Controlled operation number: 23–24/105

Date of application

24 June 2024

Authorising officer

Murray Taylor, performing the duties of Commander Western Command

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:57 pm on 24 June 2024, Murray Taylor, 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 June 2024 to 27 June 2024

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 commercial quantities of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 12:01 pm on 27 June 2024, Murray Taylor, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems and undertook administrative procedures necessary 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 tables below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	1 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Unknown location 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.

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

Outcomes

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

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Schedule 2

Australian Federal Police
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Major controlled operation number: 07–08/50¹

Date of application

14 March 2008

Authorising officer

Tony Negus, Deputy Commissioner

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15K of the (repealed) Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:45 pm on 14 March 2008, Tony Negus, Deputy Commissioner of the AFP, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15J of the (repealed) Act, issued a certificate authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

The certificate was issued for the period commencing on the date of issue until 14 September 2008.

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 border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

The following persons were named as targets on the original certificate and remained targets at the conclusion of the major controlled operation:

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15T(3) of the (repealed) Act applying prior to 19 February 2010.

The following person was identified as a target on the original certificate, however ceased to be a target at the conclusion of the major controlled operation:

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15T(3) of the (repealed) Act applying prior to 19 February 2010.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Discussed and negotiated the importation and/or possession of border controlled drugs and the dealings of proceeds of crime.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	200 kg (gross)
Current location	Hong Kong Police Force
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the major controlled operation: Argentina to Hong Kong
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	Unknown

Outcomes

Four persons were prosecuted for the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs, and money laundering. The AFP gathered valuable information about methodologies used for the importation of border controlled drugs.

¹ This operation is under historical legislative requirements and some content may differ.

Major controlled operation number: 08–09/17²

Date of application

9 October 2008

Authorising officer

Michael Keelty, Commissioner

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15K of the (repealed) Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:30 pm on 10 October 2008, Michael Keelty, Commissioner of the AFP, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15J of the (repealed) Act, issued a certificate authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

The certificate was issued for the period commencing on the date of issue until 23 December 2008.

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 trafficking of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 12:15 pm on 23 December 2008, Michael Keelty, the Commissioner of the AFP, terminated the major controlled operation certificate.

Target/s of the controlled operation

The following persons were named as targets on the original certificate and remained targets at the conclusion of the major controlled operation:

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15T(3) of the (repealed) Act applying prior to 19 February 2010.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Discussed and negotiated the importation and distribution of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	200 kg (gross)
Current location	Hong Kong Police Force
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the major controlled operation: Argentina to Hong Kong
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	Unknown

Outcomes

Four persons were prosecuted for the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs and money laundering. The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used for the importation of border controlled drugs.

² This operation is under historical legislative requirements and some content may differ.

Major controlled operation number: 08–09/26³

Date of application

22 December 2008

Authorising officer

Andrew Colvin, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15K of the (repealed) Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:06 pm on 23 December 2008, Andrew Colvin, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner of the AFP, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15J of the (repealed) Act, issued a certificate authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

The certificate was issued for the period commencing on the date of issue until 22 March 2009.

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 trafficking of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

The following persons were named as targets on the original certificate and remained targets at the conclusion of the major controlled operation:

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15T(3) of the (repealed) Act applying prior to 19 February 2010.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Discussed and negotiated the importation and distribution of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	200 kg (gross)
Current location	Hong Kong Police Force
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the major controlled operation: Argentina to Hong Kong
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	Unknown

Outcomes

Four persons were prosecuted for the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs and money laundering. The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used for the importation of border controlled drugs.

³ This operation is under historical legislative requirements and some content may differ.

Major controlled operation number: 08–09/38⁴

Date of application

19 March 2009

Authorising officer

Tony Negus, Deputy Commissioner

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15K of the (repealed) Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:45 pm on 19 March 2009, Tony Negus, Deputy Commissioner of the AFP, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15J of the (repealed) Act, issued a certificate authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

The certificate was issued for the period commencing on the date of issue until 18 September 2009.

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 trafficking of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

The following person was named as a target on the original certificate and remained a target at the conclusion of the major controlled operation:

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15T(3) of the (repealed) Act applying prior to 19 February 2010.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Discussed and negotiated the importation and distribution of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	200 kg (gross)
Current location	Hong Kong Police Force
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the major controlled operation: Argentina to Hong Kong
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	Unknown

Outcomes

Four persons were prosecuted for the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs and money laundering. The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used for the importation of border controlled drugs.

⁴ This operation is under historical legislative requirements and some content may differ.

Major controlled operation number: 09–10/06⁵

Date of application

17 September 2009

Authorising officer

Peter Drennan, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner

Nature of application

The application was made pursuant to section 15K of the (repealed) Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:23 pm on 17 September 2009, Peter Drennan, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner of the AFP, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15J of the (repealed) Act, issued a certificate authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

The certificate was issued for the period commencing on the date of issue until 16 March 2010.

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 trafficking of border controlled drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

The following persons were named as targets on the original certificate and remained targets at the conclusion of the major controlled operation:

This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15T(3) of the (repealed) Act applying prior to 19 February 2010.

Nature of conduct engaged in

Discussed and negotiated the importation and distribution of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	200 kg (gross)
Current location	Hong Kong Police Force
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the major controlled operation: Argentina to Hong Kong
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	Unknown

Outcomes

Four persons were prosecuted for the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs and money laundering. The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used for the importation of border controlled drugs.

⁵ This operation is under historical legislative requirements and some content may differ.

Major controlled operation number: 21–22/60

Date of application

20 December 2021

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 12:28 pm on 20 December 2021, 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

20 December 2021 to 19 September 2023

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 16 June 2023

On 19 June 2023, Grant Nicholls, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 16 March 2022

On 16 March 2022, Adria Marissa Poljak, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 19 June 2022.

Date of variation application: 17 June 2022

On 17 June 2022, Peter William Taylor, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 19 September 2022.

Date of variation application:

15 September 2022

On 15 September 2022, Peter William Taylor, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 19 December 2022.

Date of variation application: 13 December 2022

On 13 December 2022, Linda Kirk, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 19 March 2023.

Date of variation application: 17 March 2023

On 17 March 2023, Josephine Kelly, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 19 June 2023.

Date of variation application: 19 June 2023

On 19 June 2023, Linda Kirk, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 19 September 2023.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications, meetings, discussions and arrangements 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	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	1.01 kg (net)
Current location	Australian Border Force
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the major controlled operation: Mexico to Australia via Panama
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the major controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in the trafficking of controlled drugs, the importation of border controlled drugs and the laundering of proceeds of crime.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/11

Date of application

16 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 4:23 pm on 16 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

16 August 2022 to 10 February 2024

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 5 May 2023

On 5 May 2023, Grant Nicholls, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 20 June 2023

On 23 June 2023, Grant Nicholls, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 8 November 2023

On 9 November 2023, Grant Nicholls, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 14 November 2022

On 14 November 2022, William Frost, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 14 February 2023.

Date of variation application: 10 February 2023

On 10 February 2023, William Frost, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 11 May 2023.

Date of variation application: 11 May 2023

On 11 May 2023, William Frost, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 11 August 2023.

Date of variation application: 10 August 2023

On 10 August 2023, William Frost, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 10 November 2023.

Date of variation application: 10 November 2023

On 10 November 2023, Damien O'Donovan, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 10 February 2024.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of conspiracy and attempt to import 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 discussions regarding the importation of illicit goods. Transferred Australian currency as cryptocurrency to target in relation to the importation 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	AUD69,344.51
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Australia to an unknown location

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Outcomes

One person was arrested and charged with money laundering offences.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/32

Date of application

12 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 1:51 pm on 13 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

13 October 2022 to 12 April 2024

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 6 July 2023

On 10 July 2023, Krissy Barrett, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 26 October 2023

On 27 October 2023, Neil Gaughan, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 4 December 2023

On 20 December 2023, Ian McCartney, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 5 January 2023

On 5 January 2023, Stewart Fenwick, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 12 April 2023.

Date of variation application: 11 April 2023

On 11 April 2023, Andrew Nikolic, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 12 July 2023.

Date of variation application: 12 July 2023

On 12 July 2023, Peter Britten-Jones, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the

major controlled operation should remain in effect until 12 October 2023.

Date of variation application: 11 October 2023

On 11 October 2023, Andrew Nikolic, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 12 January 2024.

Date of variation application: 10 January 2024

On 10 January 2024, Andrew Nikolic, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 12 April 2024.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of other acts done in preparation for, or planning, terrorist acts, providing support to a terrorist organisation, associating with a terrorist organisation and financing 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 major controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gained valuable information about the target.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/33

Date of application

19 October 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 12:52 pm on 20 October 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 October 2022 to 19 July 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 17 January 2023

On 17 January 2023, Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 19 April 2023.

Date of variation application: 17 April 2023

On 17 April 2023, Josephine Kelly, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 19 July 2023.

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

Engaged in communications in relation to the transportation, related expenses and proposed meeting dates regarding the importation 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	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	576 kg (gross)
Current location	Mexico
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	During the course of the major controlled operation the narcotic goods travelled from: Mexico to an unknown location
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Outcomes

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

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/38

Date of application

4 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 5:31 pm on 4 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

4 November 2022 to 27 October 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 2 February 2023

On 2 February 2023, Brian Wade Rayment, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 3 May 2023.

Date of variation application: 3 May 2023

On 3 May 2023, Brian Wade Rayment, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 3 August 2023.

Date of variation application: 1 August 2023

On 1 August 2023, Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 3 November 2023.

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 10:27 am on 27 October 2023, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to the transport 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 major controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/41

Date of application

23 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 5:05 pm on 28 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

28 November 2022 to 27 August 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 21 February 2023

On 21 February 2023, Robert Cameron, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 27 May 2023.

Date of variation application: 24 May 2023

On 24 May 2023, Peter Britten-Jones, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 27 August 2023.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of the importing, exporting 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 and meetings in relation to the importing and exporting of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in the importation of border controlled drugs.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/44

Date of application

2 December 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 5:32 pm on 2 December 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

2 December 2022 to 23 May 2024

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 25 January 2023

On 25 January 2023, Ian McCartney, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 6 February 2023

On 6 February 2023, Lesa Gale, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 21 November 2023

On 21 November 2023, Grant Nicholls, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

Date of variation application: 28 February 2024

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

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 27 February 2023

On 27 February 2023, Peter William Taylor, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 1 June 2023.

Date of variation application: 25 May 2023

On 25 May 2023, Linda Kirk, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major

controlled operation should remain in effect until 1 September 2023.

Date of variation application: 30 August 2023

On 30 August 2023, Adria Marissa Poljak, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 1 December 2023.

Date of variation application: 28 November 2023

On 28 November 2023, Brian Wade Rayment, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 1 March 2024.

Date of variation application: 29 February 2024

On 29 February 2024, Brian Wade Rayment, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 1 June 2024.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 3:22 pm on 23 May 2024, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications in relation to facilitating 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

Nature and quantity	1 x Dedicated encryption device
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	Unknown location to Australia

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	211 kg (gross)
Current location	50 kg with Peruvian Authorities 50 kg with New Zealand Customs 111 kg with AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	During the course of the major controlled operation: Peru to Australia via Colombia, New Zealand and Jamaica
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the major controlled operation.

Type	Ketamine
Weight/quantity	30 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	During the course of the major 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 major controlled operation.

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	1247 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the major controlled operation: Panama to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the major controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in the importation of border controlled drugs.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/49

Date of application

6 December 2022

Cancellation

Nil

Authorising officer

Lesa Gale, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Operations

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of application

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Decision of authorising officer

At 8:55 am 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.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Period of effect

8 December 2022 to 7 December 2023

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

AFP variation of authority

Nil

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 7 March 2023

On 7 March 2023, Brian Wade Rayment, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 7 June 2023.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Date of variation application: 5 June 2023

On 5 June 2023, Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 7 September 2023.

Date of variation application: 6 September 2023

On 6 September 2023, Adria Marissa Poljak, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 7 December 2023.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/52

Date of application

14 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 2:42 pm on 14 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

14 December 2022 to 8 December 2023

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 7 March 2023

On 9 March 2023, Ian McCartney, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 10 March 2023

On 10 March 2023, William Frost, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 8 June 2023.

Date of variation application: 8 June 2023

On 8 June 2023, William Frost, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 8 September 2023.

Date of variation application: 7 September 2023

On 8 September 2023, William Frost, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 8 December 2023.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of conspiracy and attempted

importation 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

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	168 kg (gross)
Current location	Canada
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the major controlled operation: Unknown location
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in the importation of border controlled drugs.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/78

Date of application

13 June 2023

Authorising officer

Chris Goldsmid,
Commander Cybercrime Operations

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:28 pm on 13 June 2023, Chris Goldsmid, 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 June 2023 to 12 December 2023

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 7 September 2023

On 7 September 2023, Bradley Marden, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 8 September 2023

On 8 September 2023, William Frost, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the controlled operation should remain in effect until 12 December 2023.

Nature of criminal activities

The controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of aiding and abetting in the unauthorised modification of data to cause impairment and possession or control of data with intent to commit a computer offence.

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 online communications and discussions in relation to online infrastructure and software that has been lawfully and/or unlawfully obtained and modified.

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. The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in the target's online monikers, infrastructure and general information about the activities of initial access brokers.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/81

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 7:55 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 4 December 2023

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 16 August 2023

On 16 August 2023, Kate Ferry, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 14 June 2023

On 14 June 2023, Gina Lazanas, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the controlled operation should remain in effect until 15 September 2023.

Date of variation application: 13 September 2023

On 13 September 2023, Brian Wade Rayment, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the controlled operation should remain in effect until 15 December 2023.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 9:17 am on 4 December 2023, Kristie Cressey, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications for the purpose of soliciting child abuse material.

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 child abuse 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

One person was arrested and charged with offences relating to the use of a carriage service for child abuse material.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/86

Date of application

31 March 2023

Authorising officer

Grant Nicholls, performing the duties of
Deputy Commissioner Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:20 pm on 3 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.

Period of effect

3 April 2023 to 2 April 2024

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 21 December 2023

On 21 December 2023, Grant Nicholls, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 29 June 2023

On 29 June 2023, Susan Trotter, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 2 October 2023.

Date of variation application: 27 September 2023

On 27 September 2023, Deborah Marie Mitchell, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 2 January 2024.

Date of variation application: 2 January 2024

On 2 January 2024, Theodore Tavoularis, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 2 April 2024.

Nature of criminal activities

The major controlled operation was directed at the criminal activity of conspiracy to import commercial quantities 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, meetings and discussions about the importation of border controlled drugs and money laundering.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Outcomes

This investigation concluded with no arrests or evidence being obtained.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/92

Date of application

20 April 2023

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Investigations,
Northern Command

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the
controlled operation.

Nature of application

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

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the
controlled operation.

Decision of authorising officer

At 9:05 am on 21 April 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.

Outcomes

This investigation concluded with no arrests
or evidence being obtained.

Period of effect

21 April 2023 to 6 July 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 and money laundering.

Cancellation

At 12:10 pm on 6 July 2023, John Tanti,
an authorising officer, cancelled the
controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in
controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Controlled operation number: 22–23/94

Date of application

24 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 6:55 am on 26 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

26 April 2023 to 25 October 2023

AFP variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 24 July 2023

On 24 July 2023, Adria Marissa Poljak, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the controlled operation should remain in effect until 25 October 2023.

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 and fraud.

Cancellation

Nil

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

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

Nature and quantity	30,000,000 sticks of Tobacco
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	During the course of the controlled operation: United Arab Emirates to Australia

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the controlled operation.

Outcomes

One person was arrested and charged with importing tobacco products with the intention of defrauding the revenue.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/96

Date of application

3 May 2023

Authorising officer

Grant Nicholls, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:54 am on 4 May 2023, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

4 May 2023 to 3 August 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 importation and possession of border controlled drugs, the attempted trafficking 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 regarding the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs. A controlled delivery was conducted.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Cocaine
Weight/quantity	399.9 kg (net)
Current location	Destroyed
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	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the major controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP has gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in drug importation. Two persons were arrested and charged with drug-related offences.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/97

Date of application

24 April 2023

Authorising officer

Grant Nicholls, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:51 pm on 5 May 2023, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

5 May 2023 to 4 August 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 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 major controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/99

Date of application

8 May 2023

Authorising officer

Grant Nicholls, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:26 pm on 9 May 2023, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

9 May 2023 to 7 November 2023

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 16 October 2023

On 16 October 2023, Grant Nicholls, an AFP authorising officer, granted the variation.

AAT variation of authority

Date of variation application: 4 August 2023

On 4 August 2023, Brian Wade Rayment, a nominated Tribunal member, determined that the major controlled operation should remain in effect until 8 November 2023.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

At 12:46 pm on 7 November 2023, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications and face-to-face meetings in relation to money laundering and dealing with currency, both real and virtual, 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

No illicit goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Outcomes

Two persons were arrested and charged with money laundering offences. The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in relation to money laundering.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/100

Date of application

9 May 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 major controlled operation.

Nature of application

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

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:52 am on 9 May 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 about the methodologies used in drug importations.

Period of effect

9 May 2023 to 31 July 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 border controlled drugs and dealing in proceeds of crime.

Cancellation

At 1:10 pm on 31 July 2023, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in communications with targets regarding the importation of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/101

Date of application

11 May 2023

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Authorising officer

Scott Lee, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Crime

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Nature of application

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

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:05 pm on 12 May 2023, 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

12 May 2023 to 11 August 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, trafficking and misuse of prohibited 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

Controlled operation number: 22–23/102

Date of application

18 May 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 4:40 pm on 18 May 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

18 May 2023 to 11 July 2023

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 14 June 2023

On 14 June 2023, Kate Ferry, 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 attempted possession of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 1:39 pm on 11 July 2023, Andrea Humphrys, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Manipulated computer systems and undertook administrative duties 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	Ketamine
Weight/quantity	87.539 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: French Republic to Australia via the United Kingdom, Spain and the Republic of South Africa
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Outcomes

Two persons were arrested for drug-related offences.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/103

Date of application

18 May 2023

Authorising officer

Scott Lee, performing the duties of
Deputy Commissioner Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:43 am on 19 May 2023, 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

19 May 2023 to 2 August 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 commercial quantities of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 10:33 am on 2 August 2023, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in text-based exchange with the target regarding the importation 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

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	304 kg (gross)
Current location	Destroyed
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the major controlled operation: Mexico to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	This information has been excluded under the provisions of subsection 15HN(4) of the Act.

Outcomes

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

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/105

Date of application

2 June 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 major controlled operation.

Nature of application

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

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:10 pm on 7 June 2023, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Period of effect

7 June 2023 to 30 August 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, trafficking and possession of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs and money laundering.

Cancellation

At 3:45 pm on 30 August 2023, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/106

Date of application

9 June 2023

Authorising officer

Grant Nicholls, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:35 pm on 13 June 2023, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

13 June 2023 to 12 July 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 taking or sending a firearm or firearm part across borders.

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 face-to-face discussions and arranged for the purchase and interstate delivery of a 'Glock 17' style gel blaster pistol and associated parts and accessories. Engaged in online communications to make a bulk purchase of the 'Glock 17' style gel blaster firearm.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

Nature and quantity	1 x Army Armament R17-1 7-8mm gel blaster 'Glock 17'
Route illicit goods passed in the course of the operation, including foreign countries	The illicit goods travelled within Australia.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Outcomes

The AFP gathered valuable information about the methodologies used in cross-border trafficking of gel blaster firearms.

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/109

Date of application

19 June 2023

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Authorising officer

Ian McCartney, Deputy Commissioner
National Security

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Nature of application

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

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:59 pm on 23 June 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.

Outcomes

One person was arrested and charged with using a carriage service to cause offence as a result of an investigation not involving controlled conduct.

Period of effect

23 June 2023 to 6 September 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-related offences and the urging of violence against groups.

Cancellation

At 1:47 pm on 6 September 2023, Ian McCartney, an authorising officer, cancelled the major controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Controlled operation number: 22–23/111

Date of application

23 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 1:25 pm on 23 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

23 June 2023 to 3 July 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 attempted possession and importation of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 3:35 pm on 3 July 2023, John Tanti, an authorising officer, cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

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	Opium
Weight/quantity	74.5 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: United Arab Emirates to Australia via Iran
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Controlled operation number: 22–23/114

Date of application

27 June 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 5:07 pm on 27 June 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

27 June 2023 to 18 July 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 attempted possession of commercial quantities of border controlled drugs.

Cancellation

At 4:58 pm on 18 July 2023,
Raegan Stewart, an authorising officer,
cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

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

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Liquid Methamphetamine
Weight/quantity	325 kg (gross)
Current location	Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Canada
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

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

Major controlled operation number: 22–23/115

Date of application

27 June 2023

Authorising officer

Grant Nicholls, performing the duties of Deputy Commissioner Crime

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:30 pm on 29 June 2023, Grant Nicholls, an authorising officer within the meaning of section 15GF of the Act, issued a formal authority authorising a major controlled operation to be undertaken.

Period of effect

29 June 2023 to 28 September 2023

AFP variation of authority

Date of variation application: 14 August 2023

On 15 August 2023, Grant Nicholls, 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 of a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs, importation of prohibited imports with intent to defraud revenue 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 online communications in relation to the importation of prohibited imports and border controlled drugs, and the collection and delivery of large sums of currency.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the major controlled operation.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

Controlled operation number: 22–23/116

Date of application

3 July 2023

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Authorising officer

John Tanti, Commander Investigations,
Northern Command

Illicit goods

No illicit goods were involved in the
controlled operation.

Nature of application

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

Narcotic goods

No narcotic goods were involved in the
controlled operation.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:35 pm on 3 July 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.

Outcomes

Some aspects of this investigation
remain ongoing.

Period of effect

3 July 2023 to 19 July 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 12:00 pm on 19 July 2023, John Tanti,
an authorising officer, cancelled the
controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

There was no opportunity to engage in
controlled conduct.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Controlled operation number: 22–23/117

Date of application

30 June 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 2:42 pm on 30 June 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

30 June 2023 to 14 July 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 3:57 pm on 14 July 2023,
Raegan Stewart, an authorising officer,
cancelled the controlled operation.

Target/s of the controlled operation

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

Nature of conduct engaged in

Engaged in the manipulation of computer systems to facilitate the delivery of border controlled drugs.

Details of any loss of or serious damage to property

Nil

Details of any personal injuries

Nil

Illicit goods

See table below for narcotic goods.

Narcotic goods

Type	Ketamine
Weight/quantity	80 kg (gross)
Current location	AFP
Route through which the narcotic goods travelled	Prior to the commencement of the controlled operation: Spain to Australia
Possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation	No persons had possession of the narcotic goods during the course of the controlled operation.

Outcomes

Three persons were arrested with drug-related offences. Some aspects of this investigation remain ongoing.

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Schedule 3
Australian Criminal
Intelligence Commission
current reporting period

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

CO23021

ACIC operations partly excluded – not to be reported

ACC SOC 002	ACC 2003–04/6	ACC 2003–04/9	ACC 2003–04/10	ACC 2003–04/11
ACC 2003–04/13	ACC 2003–04/14	ACC 2003–04/15	ACC 2003–04/19	ACC 2004–05/1
ACC 2004–05/2	ACC 2004–05/3	ACC 2004–05/6	ACC 2005–06/1	ACC 2005–06/2
ACC 2005–06/3	ACC 2005–06/4	ACC 2005–06/5	ACC 2005–06/6	ACC 2005–06/7
ACC 2005–06/8	ACC 2005–06/9	ACC 2005–06/10	ACC 2005–06/11	ACC 2005–06/12
ACC 2006–07/1	ACC 2006–07/2	ACC 2006–07/3	ACC 2006–07/4	ACC 2007–08/2
ACC 2007–08/3	ACC 2007–08/4	ACC 2007–08/5	ACC 2007–08/6	ACC 2007–08/7
ACC 2007–08/8	ACC 2007–08/9	ACC 2007–08/10	ACC 2007–08/11	ACC 2007–08/12
ACC 2007–08/13	ACC 2007–08/14	ACC 2007–08/15	ACC 2008–09/1	ACC 2008–09/2
ACC 2008–09/4	ACC 2008–09/5	ACC 2008–09/6	ACC 2008–09/7	ACC 2008–09/9
ACC 2008–09/10	ACC 2008–09/11	ACC 2008–09/13	ACC 2008–09/14	ACC 2008–09/15
ACC 2008–09/16	ACC 2008–09/17	ACC 2008–09/20	ACC 2008–09/21	ACC 2008–09/22
ACC 2008–09/23	ACC 2009–10/1	ACC 2009–10/2	ACC 2009–10/3	ACC 2009–10/4
ACC 2009–10/7	ACC 2009–10/8	ACC 2009–10/9	ACC 2009–10/10	ACC 2009–10/11
ACC 2009–10/12	ACC 2009–10/13			

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

CO23013/00/0	CO23001/01/0	CO23012/01/2	CO23015/00/1	CO23017/00/0
CO23028/00/0	CO23019/00/0	CO23020/01/0	CO23024/00/0	CO23016/01/0
CO23007/02/3	CO23025/00/0	CO23010/02/1	CO23026/01/0	CO23033/00/0
CO23002/04/3	CO23022/02/1	CO24005/00/0		

Previously excluded information published in 2023–24

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

CO23002	CO23010	CO23026	CO23022	CO23033
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Quantitative summary

Subsection 15HM(1) of the Act stipulates that as soon as practicable after 31 December and 30 June in each financial year the chief officer of each authorising agency must submit a report to the Ombudsman setting out the details required by subsection 15HM(2). The following table sets out these details for 2023–24.

Provision	Details required	Number
Subsection 15HM(2)(a)	Formal authorities that were:	
	• granted by an ACIC authorising officer during the period	10
	• varied by an ACIC authorising officer during the period	12
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	0
	• 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	14
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	9
	• expired during the period	9

Some of the authorities issued during the 2023–24 reporting year were still ongoing at the end of the reporting period. These authorities will be included in the first annual report after they have expired.

Controlled operation number: CO23013/00/0

Date of application

26 April 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) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:35 pm on 26 April 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.

Period of effect

26 April 2023 to 17 July 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 17 July 2023, by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North 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

There were no outcomes as no controlled conduct was undertaken.

Controlled operation number: CO23001/01/0

Date of application

3 February 2023

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) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:40 pm on 3 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.

Period of effect

3 February 2023 to 18 July 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 1 May 2023, by Dr Michelle Evans-Bonner, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 18 July 2023, 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 about the targets and their involvement in criminal activities. 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: C023012/01/2

Date of application

21 April 2023

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) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 5:52 pm on 21 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.

Period of effect

21 April 2023 to 31 August 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 1 June 2023, 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 2 was granted on 16 June 2023, 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 and remove civilian participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 20 July 2023, by Stephen Boyle, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 31 August 2023, by ACIC authorising officer Susan Ruddock, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations.

The authority was cancelled and a new authority was sought due to a change in direction of the investigation requiring a change in nature of conduct under a new authority.

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 about 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, contributed to the arrest of targets and the seizure of illicit goods and drugs.

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

Controlled operation number: CO23015/00/1

Date of application

5 June 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) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 3:44 pm on 5 June 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.

Period of effect

5 June 2023 to 4 September 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 13 June 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 civilian 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 an 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

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information about the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely money laundering and the importation of border controlled drugs. 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: CO23017/00/0

Date of application

23 June 2023

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) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:05 am on 23 June 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.

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled conduct was undertaken.

Period of effect

23 June 2023 to 22 September 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an 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

Controlled operation number: CO23028/00/0

Date of application

4 October 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) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:41 pm on 4 October 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.

Period of effect

4 October 2023 to 13 October 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 13 October 2023, by ACIC authorising officer Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations.

The authority was cancelled due to resource considerations.

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

There were no outcomes as no controlled conduct was undertaken.

Controlled operation number: CO23019/00/0

Date of application

21 July 2023

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) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:41 pm on 21 July 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.

Period of effect

21 July 2023 to 20 October 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the illicit drug supply chain, including the importation 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

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

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information about the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely the importation of border controlled drugs. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets and resulted in the seizure of illicit drugs.

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

Controlled operation number: CO23020/00/0

Date of application

10 August 2023

Authorising officer

Boyd Doherty, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:30 pm on 10 August 2023, Boyd Doherty, 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 August 2023 to 9 November 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the illicit tobacco and illicit drug supply chain, which includes the offences of importation, conveyance and possession of illicit tobacco with intent to defraud the revenue, 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

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information about the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely the importation of illicit tobacco.

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

Controlled operation number: CO23024/00/0⁶

Date of application

25 August 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) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 12:27 pm on 25 August 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.

Period of effect

25 August 2023 to 24 November 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the importation, conveyance and possession of illicit tobacco with intent to defraud the revenue, customs offences including evade payment of duty, 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

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

There were no outcomes as no controlled conduct was undertaken.

⁶ The controlled operation application and authority was determined to be invalid. There was no controlled conduct undertaken. The ACIC disclosed the matter to the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman once it was determined to be invalid.

Controlled operation number: CO23016/01/0

Date of application

15 June 2023

Authorising officer

Boyd Doherty, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:50 am on 15 June 2023, Boyd Doherty, 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

15 June 2023 to 1 December 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 13 September 2023, by Stewart Fenwick, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into the illicit tobacco and illicit drug supply chain which includes the offences of importation, conveyance and possession of illicit tobacco with intent to defraud the revenue, money laundering and serious drug offences.

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 1 December 2023, by ACIC authorising officer Anita van Hilst, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy.

The authority was cancelled due to resolution activity undertaken by a 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

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 about 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 an arrest 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: CO23007/02/3

Date of application

2 March 2023

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) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 11:33 am on 2 March 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.

Period of effect

2 March 2023 to 1 December 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was applied for on 22 June 2023 and granted on 23 June 2023, by ACIC authorising officer Damien Appleby, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations. The authority was varied to include additional conduct for civilian participants.

Variation 2 was granted on 21 August 2023, by ACIC authorising officer Susan Ruddock, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to add an additional law enforcement participant.

Variation 3 was granted on 7 November 2023, by ACIC authorising officer Simon Warwick, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations. The authority was varied by the authorising officer's own initiative to add an additional law enforcement participant.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for on 30 May 2023 and granted on 31 May 2023, by Marten Kennedy, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for on 28 August 2023 and granted on 30 August 2023, by Marten Kennedy, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into money laundering derived from drug trafficking activity.

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 about the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely money laundering.

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

Controlled operation number: CO23025/00/0

Date of application

28 September 2023

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) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 8:01 pm on 28 September 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.

Period of effect

28 September 2023 to 8 December 2023

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 8 December 2023, 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 about the target 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: C023010/02/1

Date of application

20 April 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) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:03 pm on 20 April 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.

Period of effect

20 April 2023 to 10 January 2024

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 13 October 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 remove a law enforcement participant.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 17 July 2023, by Adria Marissa Poljak, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 17 October 2023, by Josephine Kelly, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 10 January 2024, by ACIC authorising officer

Darshana Sivakumaran, performing the duties of National Manager North Operations.

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

Nil

Narcotic goods

Nil

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information about 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: CO23026/01/0

Date of application

8 September 2023

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) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:58 pm on 11 September 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.

Period of effect

11 September 2023 to 23 January 2024

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 4 December 2023, by Stephen Boyle, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 23 January 2024, by ACIC authorising officer Damien Appleby, performing the duties of National Manager South Operations.

The authority was cancelled after the civilian participant was deemed unsuitable to undertake the approved 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 about 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.

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

Controlled operation number: CO23033/00/0

Date of application

16 November 2023

Authorising officer

Anita van Hilst, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy

Nature of application

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

Decision of authorising officer

At 2:20 pm on 16 November 2023, Anita van Hilst, 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

16 November 2023 to 1 February 2024

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

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

Cancellation

The authority was cancelled on 1 February 2024, by ACIC authorising officer Anita van Hilst, performing the duties of National Manager Operational Strategy.

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 about the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely money laundering.

Controlled operation number: CO23002/04/3

Date of application

10 February 2023

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) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 1:34 pm on 10 February 2023, 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

10 February 2023 to 9 May 2024

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 17 April 2023, 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 law enforcement and civilian participants.

Variation 2 was granted on 11 July 2023, 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 law enforcement and civilian participants as well to remove some civilian participants.

Variation 3 was granted on 11 December 2023, 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 and civilian participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 8 May 2023, by Stephen Boyle, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 8 August 2023, by Dr Michelle Evans-Bonner, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 3) was applied for and granted on 2 November 2023, by Dr Michelle Evans-Bonner, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 4) was applied for and granted on 9 February 2024, by Dr Michelle Evans-Bonner, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an 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

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

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information about the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely money laundering and the importation and trafficking of border controlled drugs. Previously unknown targets were identified as a result of information received during this controlled operation.

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

Controlled operation number: CO23022/02/1

Date of application

14 November 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) of the Act.

Decision of authorising officer

At 4:35 pm on 14 November 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.

Period of effect

14 November 2023 to 28 May 2024

ACIC variation of authority

Variation 1 was granted on 11 April 2024, 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 and remove law enforcement participants.

AAT variation of authority

Variation (Extension 1) was applied for and granted on 13 February 2024, by Dr Michelle Evans-Bonner, a nominated Tribunal member.

Variation (Extension 2) was applied for and granted on 11 April 2024, by Stephen Boyle, a nominated Tribunal member.

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into trafficking of border controlled drugs, pre-trafficking controlled precursors, import and export offences 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

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

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information about the targets and their involvement in criminal activities, namely the importation and trafficking of precursor chemicals and border controlled drugs and money laundering. The controlled operation identified previously unknown targets and resulted in the seizure of precursor chemicals and illicit drugs.

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

Controlled operation number: CO24005/00/0

Date of application

27 March 2024

Details of personal injuries

Nil

Authorising officer

Boyd Doherty, 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) of the Act.

Narcotic goods

Nil

Decision of authorising officer

At 10:15 am on 27 March 2024, 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.

Outcomes

The controlled operation obtained valuable information about the targets and their involvement in criminal activities.

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

Period of effect

27 March 2024 to 26 June 2024

ACIC variation of authority

Nil

AAT variation of authority

Nil

Nature of criminal activities

The purpose of the controlled operation was to support an ACIC investigation into national security.

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

