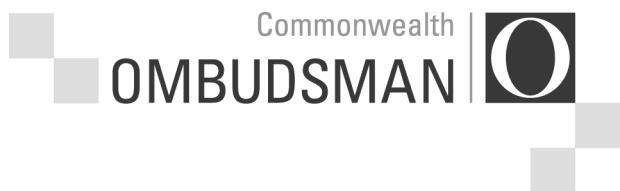


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REPORTING PERIODS

1.1 Under s 40XD of Part V of the *Australian Federal Police Act 1979* (the Act), I am required to prepare a report of the Ombudsman’s work and activities during the preceding 12 months as soon as practicable after 30 June each year. That report must include comments on the comprehensiveness and adequacy of the administration of Divisions 3 and 4 of Part V by the Australian Federal Police (AFP), which relate to the management of complaints about AFP conduct and practice issues and Ministerially directed inquiries.

1.2 Under s 40XA I am required to inspect AFP records at least once every ‘review period’ for the purposes of reviewing the AFP’s administration of Part V of the Act. The Act defines a review period as a period of 12 months starting on the date the *Law Enforcement (AFP Professional Standards and Related Measures) Act 2006* commenced, that is 30 December 2006, and each succeeding period of 12 months.

1.3 Under s 40XB I may conduct ‘ad hoc’ inspections of AFP conduct and AFP practices issues dealt with under Divisions 3 and 4 of Part V at any time.

1.4 My annual report to the Presiding Officers will cover my activities under s 40XA for the 12-month period commencing on 1 July and ending on 30 June each year, notwithstanding that this period does not coincide with the ‘review period’ as defined in the Act.

INITIAL REPORT

1.5 In the period between the commencement of my responsibilities under Part V of the Act on 30 December 2006 and 30 June 2007, my office developed a methodology for its first inspection under s 40XA of the Act. This involved:

- discussions with the AFP to clarify our respective responsibilities under the Act
- developing draft guidelines, instructions and checklists to assist inspection staff to conduct reviews under the Act.

1.6 Our initial review of the administration of Part V of the Act commenced on 28 May 2007 and is expected to be finalised in November 2007. This review and other reviews completed in the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 will be the subject of my next report to the Presiding Officers on my work and activities under Division 7 of Part V of the Act.

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