



Australian Government

**Australian Commission for
Law Enforcement Integrity**

SUMMARY OF REPORT 01/2012

An investigation into the actions of Australian Federal Police (Australian Capital Territory Policing) appointees concerning alleged “tip-offs” to a criminal and related integrity matters

Regulation 20(e) of the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Regulations 2006* requires a summary of the outcomes of the investigations completed during the reporting period, together with any recommendations and any action taken as a result of the investigations, to be presented in the Integrity Commissioner’s annual report.

Report 01/2012 was provided to the Minister for Home Affairs and Justice on 29 June 2012 and has not been made public. A summary of the report appears in chapter six of the Integrity Commissioner’s 2011–12 annual report, available at www.aclei.gov.au, and is reproduced below.

This investigation concerns two related corruption issues. The information received suggested that ACT Policing officers—who are appointees of the AFP—had inappropriately provided information (tip-offs) to a known criminal.

The investigation did not reveal any evidence that law enforcement information had been provided to the criminal.

Several corruption risks that were identified by the investigation—relating to variation in recordkeeping practices of police officer contact with ‘persons of interest’ generally, and in the context of prison visits specifically—were raised with ACT Policing. Satisfied that the Chief Police Officer of ACT Policing is aware of these corruption risks and is considering their implications, the Integrity Commissioner made no recommendations.

During the course of the investigation, the Integrity Commissioner identified an additional corruption issue, as provided for by section 38 of the LEIC Act. The Integrity Commissioner referred the issue for investigation to the AFP under sub-section 26(1)(c)(iii) of the LEIC Act.

As a measure to protect the identity of witnesses, the report into this investigation has not been made public.

ACT Policing response

The Chief Police Officer of ACT Policing has since written to the Integrity Commissioner to inform him of specific measures taken to address the corruption risks identified in Report 01/2012. Processes to record visits to the ACT’s adult prison, the Alexander Maconochie Centre, by ACT Policing members on official business have been put into practice and other accountability measures are under consideration.

As an additional assurance measure, the Chief Police Officer also reviewed existing AFP and ACT Policing record-keeping policies and guidelines to ensure they are appropriate and sufficient for addressing the general risks observed in the investigation. The review concluded that the current guidance was appropriate.