1. ACT Victims of Crime Legislation

The ACT Government has proposed a raft of amendments to the current ACT Victims of Crime Legislation. The ACT government proposes to remove the current 'special victim' protections for police injured in the course of their duties.

The AFPA has renewed its call for the Government to acknowledge the role of Police and Emergency Services members and their acts of great personal courage and sacrifice in the formal victim compensation schemes. Members can read the AFPA’s submission to Government [here](#).

Given the proposed changes to the scheme, the AFPA encourages all members who sustain a criminal injury during the course of exercising their duties to apply for special compensation for pain and suffering. Details can be found in the AFPA’s Employment Alert [here](#).

Members are encouraged to contact the AFPA for more information by clicking [here](#).

2. Intelligence Vault Closures

On Friday 30 May, the AFPA met with the AFP to discuss the Intel Vault Closures.

The decision to close the Intelligence Vaults was due to the 2014 Federal budget and that ‘Tied Funding’ being used to provide the service has been expended. The AFPA understands the inconvenience the removal of this service will cause and want to ensure that staff involved are looked after appropriately in accordance with the AFP Workforce Adjustment requirements.

As such, the AFPA will continue to work with the AFP to ensure members are informed of their rights and responsibilities. If a member has received a letter informing them they are ‘potentially excess’ and has any questions, they are encouraged to log their queries through our [website](#).

3. Proposed changes to Comcare

The Federal Government has introduced the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Bill 2014 and recommended a number of amendments, which may have an adverse impact on AFP appointees.

The AFPA has responded to these proposed amendments by way of a formal submission, which can be found [here](#).

The AFPA appeared before the Senate Committee on Friday 20 June 2014.

4. Hobart withdrawal

On Monday 2 June the AFPA CEO met with members at Hobart Airport who will be affected by the AFP withdrawal from that location. Members expressed their views on the issue and, in particular, the process by which the AFP withdrawal is affecting the members involved was discussed. Those issues will be raised with Aviation management accordingly.