



Australian Federal Police Association

MEDIA STATEMENT

\$321m FUNDING BOOST TO AFP IS NOT ALL IT SEEMS

The Australian Federal Police Association Vice President Graeme Cooper says the Government's announcement today of an additional \$321.4 million to fund up to 300 extra specialist personnel should be examined a lot closer to accurately identify what this investment will really achieve in relation to resourcing the AFP in the future.

"While the AFPA welcomes this funding boost announced today, it should be acknowledged that this investment in real terms will be used by the AFP to replace experienced personnel who have separated from the AFP, rather than expanding the AFP as reported," said Mr Cooper.

The AFPA through its own analysis has identified that since mid-2015 there has been approximately 220 officers separate from the AFP, that is more than 100 officers each year.

"The notion that there will be an additional 300 specialist AFP officers at the ready, to deal with the increasing threats facing Australia is nonsensical. This funding over four years, will in no way significantly increase the personnel and capability of the AFP if the current annual attrition rates remain steady," he said.

The Association does not see this investment making any real difference to members' current workloads or their capacity to get the job done.

This comes at a time where AFP staff who have not had a pay rise for over two years, will soon be asked by the Government and the AFP to accept an enterprise agreement that will see them worse off by slashing their pay and conditions.

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