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Dear Ms Sandy,

Re: Freedom of Information Act application

In reference to your application made pursuant to the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 1991, access was sought to:

"I'm seeking documents, specifically reports, audits, correspondence including emails, meeting minutes, executive briefings and attachments relating to one or more of the following: 1. Unidentified human remains; 2. The National DNA Program for Unidentified and Missing Persons. Please exclude duplicates, documents that have already been publicly released, media reports/article/statements and any correspondence with media. I consent to edited copies of documents/video with exempt material redacted/pixilated. Please note, I do not consent to documents or information in documents being deemed irrelevant without consultation. Please limit searches to the Commissioner, the head of the Missing Persons Unit and the Deputy Commissioner in charge of the Missing Persons Unit. Timeframe: 1 August, 2020 to the date of the (sic) this application."

On 30 October 2020 a Notice of Estimated Charges was sent advising the words 'Unidentified human remains' and 'National DNA' would be used as search terms.

In an email on 12 January 2021 I sought your views regarding excluding the personal affairs of third parties. On 12 January 2021 you replied, *"I'm happy to have personal details of third parties deemed irrelevant except for the names of people missing."* These personal affairs of third parties have been redacted and marked *Out of Scope*.

Pursuant to Section 25 of the FOI Act, consultation was undertaken with Australian Federal Police and the South Australian Attorney General's Department regarding the release of information contained in documents. Their views have been taken into account when making this determination.

South Australia Police (SAPOL) has located documents that are associated with the wording of your FOI application. The documents are numbered and described in the following schedule. The schedule contains the details of the determination in compliance with section 23. In particular, note the grounds on which access has been refused, including the reasons which are contained in the schedule.

This determination was made on 25 February 2021.



SA POLICE - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION UNIT SCHEDULE				
No.	Document Description	Status	Act	Reason
1	Commissioners Briefing Paper - Subject: Australian Federal Police – National DNA Program for Unidentified Human Remains and Missing Persons unsigned consisting 2 pages	Full Release		A portion of the text has been redacted and marked Out of Scope as it relates to the personal affairs of third parties and does not fall within the narrowed scope of your request
2	Email from AFP dated 3 August 2020 consisting of 2 pages with the following attachment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Terms of Reference -National DNA Program for Unidentified and Missing Persons</i> 	Full Release		A portion of the text has been redacted and marked Out of Scope as it relates to the personal affairs of third parties and does not fall within the narrowed scope of your request
2A	Attachment relating to document 2: Terms of Reference -National DNA Program for Unidentified and Missing Persons	Full Release		A portion of the text has been redacted and marked Out of Scope as it relates to the personal affairs of third parties and does not fall within the narrowed scope of your request
3	Email – last in chain from Detective Sergeant Anthony Van Der Stelt dated 6 August 2020 consisting of 3 pages.	Full Release		A portion of the text has been redacted and marked Out of Scope as it relates to the personal affairs of third parties and does not fall within the narrowed scope of your request
4	Email from Senior Constable Trevor Schneider dated 17 August 2020 consisting on 1 page with the following attachment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Program Summary _National DNA Program for UHR</i> 	Full Release		A portion of the text has been redacted and marked Out of Scope as it relates to the personal affairs of third parties and does not fall within the narrowed scope of your request
4A	Attachment relating to document 4: Program Summary _National DNA Program for UHR	Full Release		A portion of the text has been redacted and marked Out of Scope as it relates to the personal affairs of third parties and does not fall within the narrowed scope of your request
5	Email – last in the chain from AFP dated 19 August 2020 consisting of 4 pages.	Full Release		A portion of the text has been redacted and marked Out of Scope as it relates to the personal affairs of third parties and does not fall within the narrowed scope of your request

6	<p>Email from AFP dated 19 August 2020 consisting of 4 pages with the following attachments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>AFP Letter to Commissioner Grant Stevens dated 24 July 2020 signed by Commissioner Reece Kershaw APM with attachment A and B</i> ➤ <i>Memorandum of Understanding between Commonwealth Department and Australian Federal Police HR project – dated 18 October 2019 (refer doc 18)</i> ➤ <i>National DNA Program for Unidentified and Missing Persons Forensic Techniques (refer doc 19)</i> 	Full Release		<p>A portion of the text has been redacted and marked Out of Scope as it relates to the personal affairs of third parties and does not fall within the narrowed scope of your request</p>
6A	<p>Attachment relating to document 6: AFP Letter to Commissioner Grant Stevens dated 24 July 2020 signed by Commissioner Reece Kershaw APM with attachment A and B</p>	Full Release		<p>A portion of the text has been redacted and marked Out of Scope as it relates to the personal affairs of third parties and does not fall within the narrowed scope of your request</p>
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8	Email - last in chain from Senior Constable Trevor Schneider dated 20 August 2020 consisting of 5 pages	Part Release	Clauses: 4(2)(a)(iii) 4(2)(b)	<p>A portion of the redacted text relates to SAPOL's obligation for preventing, detecting, investigating, or dealing with contravention of the law. I have formed the view disclosure of such information, would on the balance, be contrary to public interest.</p> <p>A portion of the text has been redacted and marked Out of Scope as it relates to the personal affairs of third parties and does not fall within the narrowed scope of your request</p>
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10	<p>Email – last in chain from Detective Sergeant Anthony Van Der Stelt dated 14 September 2020 consisting of 4 pages with the following attachment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Jurisdiction Progression Report_template_September</i> 	Part Release	Clauses: 4(2)(a)(iii) 4(2)(b)	<p>A portion of the redacted text relates to SAPOL's obligation for preventing, detecting, investigating, or dealing with contravention of the law. I have formed the view disclosure of such information, would on the balance, be contrary to public interest.</p> <p>A portion of the text has been redacted and marked Out of Scope as it relates to the personal affairs of third parties and does not fall within the narrowed scope of your request</p>
10A	Attachment relating to document 10 Jurisdiction Progression Report_template_September	Full Release		<p>A portion of the text has been redacted and marked Out of Scope as it relates to the personal affairs of third parties and does not fall within the narrowed scope of your request</p>
11	Email – last in chain from Detective Superintendent Des Bray dated 16 September 2020 consisting of 3 pages.	Full Release		<p>A portion of the text has been redacted and marked Out of Scope as it relates to the personal affairs of third parties and does not fall within the narrowed scope of your request</p>
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14	Email – last in chain from Detective Inspector Brett Featherby dated 21 September 2020 consisting of 5 pages	Full Release		A portion of the text has been redacted and marked Out of Scope as it relates to the personal affairs of third parties and does not fall within the narrowed scope of your request
15	Email – last in chain from AFP dated 21 September 2020 consisting of 4 pages	Full Release		A portion of the text has been redacted and marked Out of Scope as it relates to the personal affairs of third parties and does not fall within the narrowed scope of your request
16	Email – last in chain from AFP dated 30 September 2020 consisting of 2 pages .	Full Release		A portion of the text has been redacted and marked Out of Scope as it relates to the personal affairs of third parties and does not fall within the narrowed scope of your request
17	AFP Letter to Commissioner Grant Stevens dated 24 July 2020 signed by Commissioner Reece Kershaw APM	Full Release		A portion of the text has been redacted and marked Out of Scope as it relates to the personal affairs of third parties and does not fall within the narrowed scope of your request
18	Memorandum of Understanding between Commonwealth Department and Australian Federal Police HR project – dated 18 October 2019	Access Refused	Clauses: 5(1)(a)(i) 5(1)(b)	This document contains information which could undermine the ability of the AFP and Government on the development of new policing initiatives. I have formed the view disclosure of such information, would on the balance, be contrary to public interest.
19	National DNA Program for Unidentified and Missing Persons Forensic Techniques	Access Refused	Section: 20(1)(b)	This document has been published by the Australian Federal Police and can be located at https://www.afp.gov.au

20	Ward_2017_Best practice recommendations for the establishment of a national DNA identification program for missing persons: A global perspective	Access Refused	Section: 20(1)(b)	This document has been published can be found at www.elsevier.com/locate/fsigss
21	Ward_2018_The past, present and future state of missing persons investigations in Australia	Access Refused	Section: 20(1)(b)	This document has been published can be found at https://doi.org/10.1080/00450618.2018.1466535

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Clause 4(2)(a)(iii) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

"A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice the effectiveness of any lawful method or procedure for preventing, detecting, investigating or dealing with any contravention or possible contravention of the law (including any revenue law)."

Clause 4(2)(b) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

"A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest."

Clause 5(1)(a)(i) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

"A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to cause damage to intergovernmental relations."

Clause 5(1)(b) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

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Section 20(1)(b) of Part 3, Division 1 of the FOI Act 1991 which states:-

"An agency may refuse access to a document if it is a document that is available for inspection at that or some other agency (whether as part of a public register or otherwise) in accordance with Part 2, or in accordance with a legislative instrument other than this Act, whether or not inspection of the document is subject to a fee or charge."

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application, and the documents to which you are given access, will be published on the SAPOL website Disclosure Log. A copy of PC045 can be found at https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0019/20818/PC045-Disclosure-Log-Policy.pdf. If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by **16 April 2021**.

Your rights to review

If you are dissatisfied with this determination you are entitled to exercise your right of internal review in accordance with section 29(1) of the FOI Act by completing a PD362 Application for Internal Review form which can be downloaded from <https://www.police.sa.gov.au/services-and-events/freedom-of-information> or available upon request at your nearest police station. Alternatively, an application may be made in

writing to the SAPOL Freedom of Information Unit. This application must be lodged within 30 (calendar) days after you receive this letter with a fee of \$37.50 if applicable.

Yours sincerely,



Sergeant Sandra Watson
Freedom of Information Unit
(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

16 March 2021

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING PAPER

SUBJECT: Australian Federal Police – National DNA Program for Unidentified Human Remains and Missing Persons

BACKGROUND:

In August 2020 the Australian Federal Police (AFP) National Missing Persons Coordination Centre (NMPCC) was provided \$3.594 million under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 to undertake a National DNA program for missing persons (MP) and unidentified human remains (UHR).

RELEVANT POINTS:

- The NMPCC is leading the program in consultation with ^{OUT OF SCOPE} who is an Australian internationally recognised expert in the DNA identification of missing persons. The program is being supported by existing national databases developed by the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission.
- It is intended that required testing will be conducted at the AFP Forensic Complex in Canberra by DNA specialists with expertise in the DNA identification of skeletal remains.
- MCIB have been briefed by the NMPCC and ^{OUT OF SCOPE} regarding the intent and scope of the program. In support of the program MCIB have provided the NMPCC statistics regarding UHR and long term missing persons (LTMP).
- There are currently 19 UHR on file with Missing Persons Investigation Section (MPIS). SAPOL have been engaged with Forensic Science South Australia (FSSA) since 2018 as part Operation Persevere to identify UHR by uploading DNA from the remains to the National DNA database.
- MPIS are managing 139 LTMP and have had work conducted on LTMP in an attempt to obtain suitable DNA profiles for uploading to the National Criminal Investigation DNA database (NCIDD). To date DNA of about 45 LTMP have been uploaded. MCIB are in the process of back capturing further DNA samples obtained from relatives of LTMP for uploading to the NCIDD.
- All UHR and LTMP profiles are uploaded to the National Missing Persons and Victims System database.

- MCIB have consulted Forensic Science South Australia (FSSA) and MPIS intend to continue to meet with FSSA to discuss and progress individual cases as required.
- The intention of the National initiative is supported and it is intended that MPIS will continue to manage LTMP and UHR in consultation with FSSA and engage the AFP on a needs basis where circumstances require testing that falls outside the current capacity of FSSA.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The Commissioner notes the content of this paper.

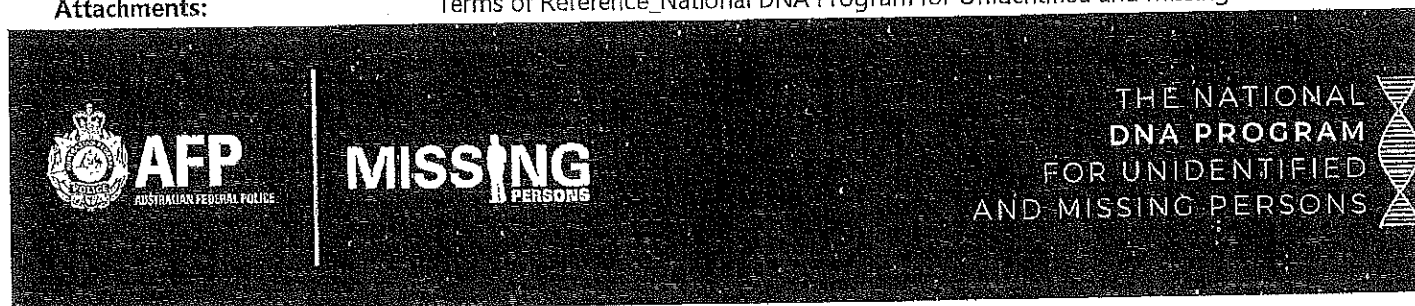
Prepared by: Detective Inspect Brett Featherby
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 Reference: PCO 2020/2209
 Date: 21 October 2020

Approved:

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 Peter Harvey APM
 Assistant Commissioner (Crime)
 October 2020

Featherby, Brett (SAPOL)

From: OUT OF SCOPE @afp.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 3 August 2020 2:33 PM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] National DNA Project for Unidentified and Missing Persons - Steering Committee [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: Terms of Reference_National DNA Program for Unidentified and Missing



Good afternoon,

Steering Committee membership for the National DNA Program for Unidentified and Missing Persons

As you may be aware, the Australian Federal Police, through the National Missing Persons Coordination Centre (NMPCC) has received funding to implement a National DNA Program for Unidentified and Missing Persons.

The Program, which received funding from 1 July, 2020 for 2.5 years, will use contemporary forensic techniques to support law enforcement to:

- establish the identity, and cause and manner of death of Australia's unidentified human remains
- solve long-term cold cases of missing and deceased Australians
- provide answers to Australian families with missing relatives, and
- facilitate the burial of human remains long-held in custody.

The Project team, led by OUT OF SCOPE would welcome your membership on the project Steering Committee to provide strategic direction and support for the development and implementation of the project aims for its duration.

Please refer to the attached Terms of Reference for information on what membership to the Steering Committee entails, including proposed members, meeting frequency and member responsibilities.

I would be grateful if you could please advise the NMPCC if you are interested in joining the Steering Committee by Friday 14 August to allow planning for the initial meeting.

Please contact myself or OUT OF SCOPE if you require any further information, and we look forward to working with you on this ground-breaking initiative.

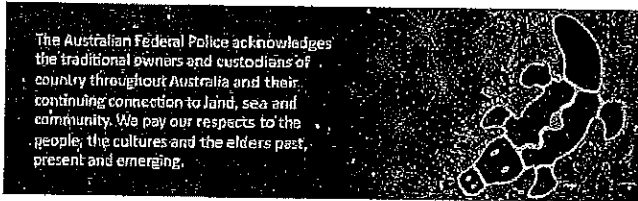
Kind regards,

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National DNA Program for Unidentified and Missing Persons – Steering Committee

Terms of Reference

NMPCO – National Missing Persons Coordination Centre

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GLOSSARY

Term	Description
UHR	Unidentified Human Remains
POCA	Proceeds of Crime Act 2002
NMPCC	National Missing Persons Coordination Centre
SRO	Senior Responsible Officer
ToR	Terms of Reference

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1. PURPOSE

The AFP's National Missing Persons Coordination Centre (NMPCC) has been granted funding under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 Criminal Asset Account (CAA) to undertake a National DNA Program for Unidentified and Missing Persons (Unidentified Human Remains Project).

The Unidentified Human Remains Project (UHR Project) will use contemporary forensic techniques to support law enforcement to:

- establish the identity, and cause and manner of death, of Australia's unidentified human remains
- solve long-term cold cases of missing and deceased Australians
- provide answers to Australian families with missing relatives
- facilitate the burial of human remains long-held in custody.

The purpose of the UHR Project Steering Committee is to provide direction and support for the development, implementation and overall strategic direction of the UHR Project and allocation of POCA funding.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 MEMBERSHIP

Role	Name, Position, Organisation
Chair and SRO	OUT OF SCOPE
Deputy Chair	
Member	
Member	
Member	
Member	
Member	
Member	
Non-member	
Non-member	
Non-member	
Observers	
Police Consultative Group on Missing Persons members	

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2.2 RESPONSIBILITIES

The UHR Project Steering Committee provides direction, implementation support and mitigates risks and issues by supplying appropriate resources to establish and develop capability within the restraints of the approved POCA funding.

The Steering Committee will achieve this by:

- making decisions and authorising any necessary scope changes
- adequately representing the business, user and supplier interests
- providing guidance, assurance and resolving any issues
- approving the appropriate allocation of resources to the project(s)
- monitor the progress to ensure the required outcomes and benefits are achieved and are in line with the approved bid.

It should be noted that the Steering Committee will focus on project delivery elements and not the operational or day-to-day business interactions of the Project.

2.2.1 Chair responsibilities

- Take advice from the members, but make decisions according to their delegations, subject matter expertise and responsibilities.
- Nominate a delegate in the event they or the Deputy Chair are unable to attend.

2.2.2 Secretariat

The Secretariat and their responsibilities will be decided and directed by the Chair and currently these duties are undertaken by AFP Project Manager within the National Missing Persons Coordination Centre.

2.2.3 Member's Responsibilities

- Review meeting papers – all members to contribute to meeting outcomes
- ~~Report by exception – ensure status updates are not the main focus~~
- Make informed decisions, based on best information at the time
- Understand and articulate decisions and their related impact to scope, schedule, risk, cost, and or quality
- Ensure urgent and critical issues are managed out of session
- Consistently provide sound, comprehensive, and timely advice
- Nominate an appropriately qualified delegate in the event a Member is unable to attend
- Ensure actions and decisions are recorded and addressed in a timely manner
- Ensure respective portfolios or organisations are adequately briefed on outcomes, if requested.

2.2.4 Roles and Responsibilities

The Chair – also the Senior Responsible Officer (SRO), has direct responsibility for the success of the project ensuring it is delivered on time, on budget and within scope.

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Responsibilities of the SRO:

- Ensure the delivery of the project outcomes and the realisation of the benefits
- Take ownership of the resolution of risks and issues that threaten the delivery of the project
- Consult, engage and inform key senior stakeholders and building support
- Foster and promote productive relationships across project teams
- Confirm clearance of any externally issued communications on relevant outcomes.

2.3 ACCOUNTABILITY

2.3.1 Accountable To

The Steering Committee is accountable internally to the Capability Board.

2.3.2 Accountable For

The Steering Committee is responsible for communication between the Capability Board and stakeholders.

3. ADMINISTRATION

3.1 MEETING DETAILS – FREQUENCY

Meetings will take place once every two months or as deemed necessary by the Chair.

3.2 DECISION AUTHORITY

The membership will consistently provide sound, comprehensive, and timely advice to the Chair to ensure decision making is as informed as possible. Decisions will be made by the Chair.

3.3 MEETING PAPERS

Papers to be distributed at least three working days prior to the meeting include:

1. Agenda
2. Previous Minutes as per template - Including Decisions and Actions Log
3. Project Status Report from Strategy Dot Zero (Internal Project Management software)
4. Project Schedule & Timeline
5. Project Business Outcomes and Benefits
6. Communication Register

Output papers from meetings will include:

- Minutes – Including Decisions and Action's Log

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3.4 OUT OF SESSION PROCEDURES

Project documentation requiring approval out of session must be sent to all Steering Committee Members and relevant Managers/Commanders for review and approval.

Where there is a dependency/impact on other projects, documentation must also be provided to affected Portfolios.

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE REVIEW

The NMPCC will annually review the Terms of Reference (ToR) in consultation with the Steering Committee.

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From: Van Der Stelt, Anthony (SAPOL)
Sent: Thursday, 6 August 2020 2:35 PM
To: Bray, Desmond (SAPOL); Featherby, Brett (SAPOL); SAPOL:Missing Persons
Subject: Re: National DNA Project for Unidentified and Missing Persons - Steering Committee [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

I don't think we should.

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Subject: RE: National DNA Project for Unidentified and Missing Persons - Steering Committee [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Do we want to be represented on committee.
 -- Either way Brett this may need updated briefing paper to A/C.
 I tend to think we don't as we only have a small number – happy to discuss.

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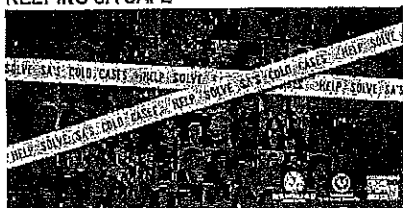
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To: SAPOL:Missing Persons
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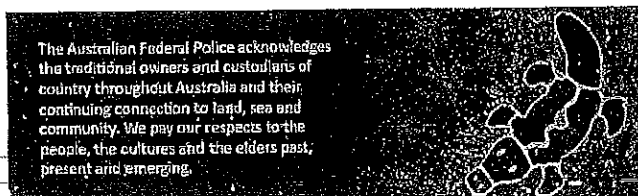
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From: Schneider, Trevor (SAPOL)
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To: Featherby, Brett (SAPOL)
Subject: UHR DNA program
Attachments: Program Summary_National DNA Program for UHR_.pdf

Good Morning Boss,

Have you seen the attached program summary for the National DNA program? This is the only information sheet about the program that I have seen.

Regards Trevor

National DNA Program for Unidentified and Missing Persons

Program Justification:

The *National DNA Program for Unidentified and Missing Persons* will use contemporary forensic techniques to support law enforcement to:

- Establish the identity, and cause of death, of Australia's unidentified human remains
- Solve long-term cold cases of missing and deceased Australians
- Provide answers to Australian families with missing relatives
- Facilitate the burial of human remains long-held in their custody

Research¹ shows 38,000 Australians are reported missing each year. A small percentage of those reported missing have never been located. Currently in Australia, it is estimated that there are approximately 2600 active long-term missing persons cases and 500 sets of untested unidentified human remains. However, the majority of these remains have been archived as cold cases for decades and have never been examined using the most up-to-date forensic techniques, including current DNA technologies.

In 2015, the Australian and New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency (ANZPAA) published a Missing Persons Policy² for police, with the aim of providing national consistency in the management and investigation of missing persons cases. The policy advocates "a coordinated, national and cross-jurisdictional approach between police, government and private sector organisations is essential for the effective management and resolution of missing persons cases".

The Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) unveiled the National Missing Persons and Victim System (NMPVS) this same year. The NMPVS provides police and other law enforcement agencies with the ability to conduct national searches of the metadata (i.e. non-genetic data) associated with unidentified human remains and long-term missing persons.

When a person is reported missing or human remains are found, the national centralisation and comparison of the genetic data associated with these cases is also crucial for making identifications. INTERPOL recommends³ that member countries should provide adequate resources to implement a national DNA identification program to identify their missing and deceased persons.

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(Forensic DNA Identification Specialist, NSW Health Pathology & University of Technology Sydney) published⁴ recommendations for the establishment of an Australian DNA identification program based on international best practice.

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proposed national program is modelled on the University of North Texas Center for Human Identification program for the identification of missing and unidentified persons in the United States. This facility processes up to 1000 bone samples and 2000 family reference samples per year, resulting in the identification of over 2000 missing persons to date.

Modern DNA techniques now enable the successful recovery and profiling of DNA from old and degraded human remains. This program will perform nuclear, mitochondrial and Y chromosome DNA testing of bones and associated reference samples using state-of-the-

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art equipment to deliver a high-throughput, cost-effective and genetically informative identification workflow.

This DNA-led identification approach relies on relevant reference DNA samples being available for comparison to DNA recovered from the human remains. To facilitate the collection of direct or relative reference samples, this program could assist State and Territory Police organise a meeting in each capital city where relatives will be invited to provide DNA reference samples in the form of buccal swabs or personal effects from their missing relative, dental records (or dentist details), and biographical information for direct entry into the NMPVS. This model has been used successfully in the United States to further missing persons investigations.

In June 2018, the ACIC released an enhanced National Criminal Investigation DNA Database (NCIDD) capability termed NCIDD Integrated Forensic Analysis (NCIDD-IFA), which will facilitate the national searching of DNA profiles from unknown deceased, missing persons and their relatives. This is the first time Australian forensic agencies have had the capability to perform kinship searches of DNA profiles from unknown deceased and relatives of missing persons.

The NMPVS and NCIDD-IFA will facilitate the national sharing, comparing and matching of both metadata and genetic data associated with missing persons casework. However, the efficacy of these databases will be dependent on the quality and quantity of information entered, and how efficiently that information is made available for searching. It is essential that both of these databases be imminently populated with data from all of Australia's unidentified human remains and long-term missing persons (or their relatives) in order for identifications to be made.

DNA testing remains the only solution for determining if any of Australia's long-term missing children and adults are represented amongst these untested bones. Additionally, a DNA-led program would realise valuable savings in police resources required to investigate these cold cases, by providing timely and definitive DNA identifications in the absence of any other intelligence information.

The program will also facilitate the anthropological and odonotological examination of the remains to not only assist with establishing identity, but the cause and manner of death where possible, offering support to criminal and death investigations. For those human remains that cannot be identified through DNA matching, other forensic techniques will be applied to offer new investigative leads. These include radiocarbon dating, forensic DNA phenotyping, craniofacial reconstructions and forensic genetic genealogy.

¹ Bricknell S & Renshaw L. Missing persons in Australia, 2008-2015. Canberra (Australia): Australian Institute of Criminology; 2016

² Australia New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency [ANZPAA]. Missing persons: A policy for Australian policing – 2015. Melbourne (Australia): ANZPAA; 2015

³ INTERPOL (DNA Monitoring Expert Group). Best practice principles: Recommendations on the use of DNA for the identification of missing persons and unidentified human remains. Lyon (France): INTERPOL; 2015

⁴ Ward J. The past, present and future state of missing persons investigations in Australia. Australian Journal of Forensic Sciences. 2018;50(6):708-722

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Program Proposal:

The AFP's National Missing Persons Coordination Centre (NMPCC) submitted a bid for funding from the Confiscated Assets Account for a *National DNA Program for Unidentified and Missing Persons*.

The AFP is the Sponsoring Agency of the program and the NSW Forensic and Analytical Science Service (FASS) will be the main DNA testing service provider.

The program will run for 2.5 years, commencing in Jan 2020.

The program will have four dedicated staff:

- Program Lead
- 3x DNA Analysts

Specialist forensic experts will be contracted as required.

Aims:

The objective of this program is to forensically examine and identify Australia's unidentified human remains using a combination of forensic human identification techniques.

The specific aims of this program are:

1. To audit all active unidentified human remains and long-term missing persons cases in each jurisdiction, with the metadata entered into the NMPVS.
2. To conduct anthropological and odontological examinations of unidentified human remains (if not examined previously), with results entered into the NMPVS.
3. To collect direct and/or relative DNA reference samples for each long-term missing person for entry into the NCIDD-IFA.
4. To assist police organise an event for families and friends of the missing to facilitate collection of ante-mortem data.
5. To conduct DNA testing (including nuclear DNA, mitochondrial DNA and Y chromosome DNA testing) of missing person-related reference samples (if not subject to the full complement of DNA testing previously), with results entered into the NCIDD-IFA.
6. To conduct DNA testing (including nuclear DNA, mitochondrial DNA and Y chromosome DNA testing) of unidentified human remains (if not subject to the full complement of DNA testing previously), with results entered into the NCIDD-IFA.
7. To submit missing person-related DNA profiles to the INTERPOL DNA Database for international searching via the AFP DNA Gateway.
8. To conduct radiocarbon dating of selected unidentified human remains to assist to determine date of birth and death.
9. To conduct forensic DNA phenotyping of selected unidentified human remains to assist to determine genetic ancestry, hair colour, eye colour and skin colour.

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10. To conduct craniofacial reconstructions of selected unidentified human remains to assist to determine facial appearance.
11. To conduct forensic genetic genealogy of selected unidentified human remains to assist to identify relatives.

State and Territory Police Support:

1. Complete an audit of all active unidentified human remains and long-term missing persons cases and ensure the relevant metadata for each case (including ante-mortem dental records) is entered into the NMPVS for national searching and matching purposes within approx. 3 months of the commencement of the program.
2. Submit all unidentified human remains to FASS for forensic examination and testing within approx. 6 months of the commencement of the program. Prior to DNA testing, the program team will arrange for the human remains to be examined by a Forensic Anthropologist and/or Odontologist either within each jurisdiction or at FASS. Where possible, a Forensic Anthropologist will determine the sex, ancestry, stature, age at death, time since death, and detect any skeletal damage that may be attributable to cause and manner of death and upload this information to the NMPVS for national searching and matching purposes. A Forensic Odontologist will conduct a dental examination and upload the post-mortem dental record to the NMPVS for national searching and matching purposes. After DNA testing, the program team will enter the DNA profiles into the NCIDD-IFA for national searching and matching purposes.
3. Collect direct (e.g. newborn screening cards) and/or suitable family reference samples (as advised by the program team) for each long-term missing person and submit them to FASS for DNA testing within approximately 12 months of the commencement of the program. The program team will enter the DNA profiles into the NCIDD-IFA for national searching and matching purposes. The program team could also assist police organise an event for families of the missing to facilitate collection of family reference samples and other relevant ante-mortem information to aid investigations. This could coincide with National Missing Persons Week 2020.
4. Organise and fund the transport of unidentified human remains and DNA reference samples to and from FASS.
5. Prepare the necessary documentation for the coronial process in their jurisdiction if a DNA match report is provided to them from FASS (or their local forensic DNA laboratory based on DNA testing results from FASS).
6. Consider additional specialist forensic testing for those human remains that are not identified during the program as advised by the program team (if such testing is not able to be conducted as part of the program).
7. Consider exhumations of: a) unidentified human remains that were interred without a biological sample ever being collected, stored or tested (and therefore have no DNA profile on record); and b) relative/s of those long-term missing persons that have no living relatives to provide a family reference sample for comparison.

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Morning Brett,

I've tried to call you a few times but unfortunately keep missing you.

I'll send through a meeting request as per the below including a Zoom link.

Please feel free to call me if this time doesn't suit.

will also send through some discussion points/questions early next week that will inform the session. If you have any questions please feel free to send them through so we can address those.

Thank you,

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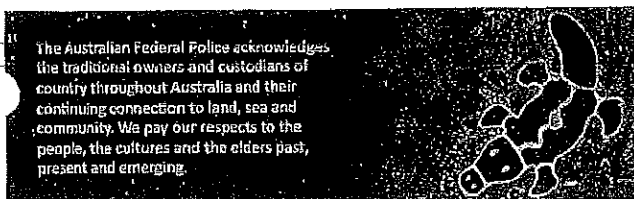
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That should be fine, give me a call when you are back in next week to discuss.

Thanks

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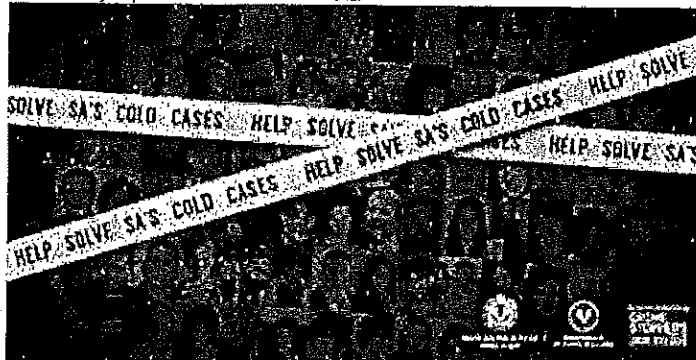
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Hi Brett,

I tried to call you earlier in regards to the below but you were unavailable.

Does **Tuesday 25 August at 2pm** suit you for the Q&A Session regarding the National DNA Program?

We can be somewhat flexible timings, so please let me know if this doesn't suit.

I am out of the office for the rest of the week, but please call

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if you would like to discuss further.

Thanks,

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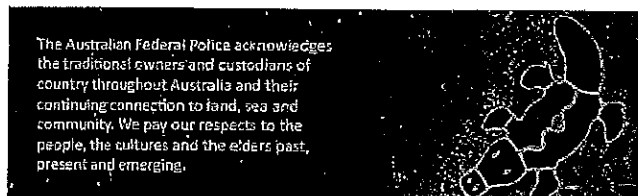
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Good morning PCGMP members,

Q&A Session update

After receiving feedback from several of you in regards to the format of the Q&A Session with ^{OUT OF SCOPE} we have decided to move to individual sessions with each jurisdiction.

This will allow each jurisdiction to have ample time to discuss the Program, as well as raise any concerns or questions with ^{OUT OF SCOPE} directly.

The sessions will be for one hour via a video-conference link and will take place over the next fortnight—I will give you a call today to confirm a suitable time.

We encourage you to invite relevant team members, or your Forensic counterparts who may also have questions relating to the Program.

Prior to your allocated session we will provide some points that will be discussed and also ask that you send through any questions you have to ensure we are able to address your concerns in the meeting.

Chat soon!

Thanks,

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Hi Brett,

My initial email bounced back – I had too many attachments!

Please see below and attached. I'll send through a follow up email with two more attachments.

Thanks,

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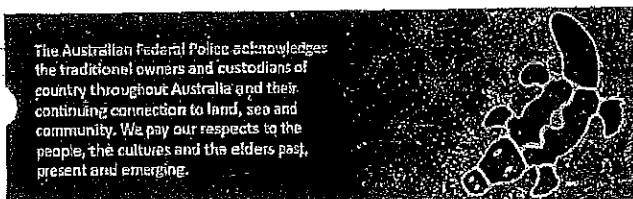
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Hi Brett,

Thanks for your time earlier today. I've spoken to ^{OUT OF SCOPE} and she had received a request from Billy for the Commissioner's letter, so she had forwarded it on to him (see below). Apologies this never made its way to you.

I have now attached the letter along with the Project Funding MOU from the Department of Home Affairs for your reference (not for further dissemination). Hopefully this provides you with a good understanding of the Program objectives and what assistance we're seeking from the jurisdictions.

General information on the Program can also be found at this link on our website:

<https://missingpersons.gov.au/national-dna-program-unidentified-and-missing-persons>

Please note, this content is targeted towards family members but it still useful for stakeholders. The attached factsheet may also be beneficial.

Lastly, I have attached some journal articles published by ^{OUT OF SCOPE} [which are referenced in the Commissioner's letter), that provide some background/context to best practice recommendations in this space.

I hope this is beneficial.

I am out of the office for the rest of the week, please contact ^{OUT OF SCOPE} if you have any questions or would like to discuss further.

I will send through a meeting request for Thursday next week – let me know if it suitable for you and your forensic partners.

Thanks again,

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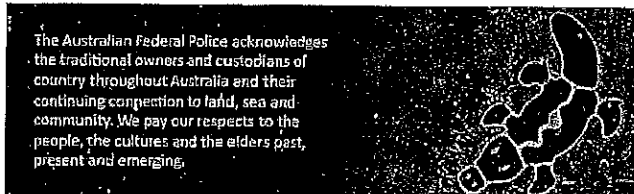
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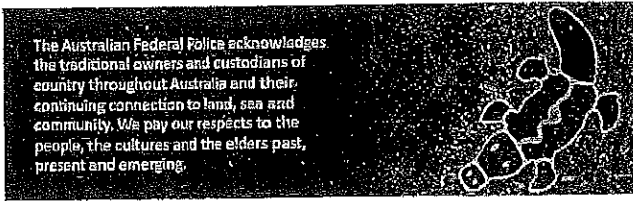
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Hi Billy,

As requested please see attached a copy of the letter the AFP Commissioner sent through to the SAPOL Commissioner.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Regards,

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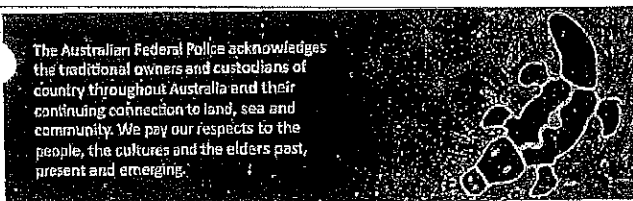
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Can you please give me a call.

Thanks

Billy

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24 July 2020

Mr Grant Stevens APM
Commissioner
South Australia Police

Via email: Commissioner@police.sa.gov.au

Dear Commissioner

Grant,

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) National Missing Persons Coordination Centre (NMPCC) has recently been provided \$3.594m under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 to undertake a National DNA Program for Unidentified and Missing Persons (the Program). The 2.5 year Program commenced on 1 July 2020 and uses contemporary forensic techniques to support law enforcement to:

- establish the identity, and cause and manner of death, of Australia's unidentified human remains;
- solve long-term cold cases of missing and deceased Australians;
- provide answers to Australian families with missing relatives; and
- facilitate the burial of human remains long-held in custody.

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an Australian internationally recognised expert in the

DNA identification of missing persons, has been engaged by the AFP to lead the Program. The Program will adhere to OUT OF SCOPE published best practice recommendations for the establishment of a national DNA program for unidentified and missing persons, and strengthen the cross-jurisdictional response needed to solve these cold cases.

Testing will be conducted at the AFP Forensic Complex in Canberra using methodology outlined in the attached Program summary (Attachment A).

The Program will be supported by existing national databases developed by the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC), and their enhanced use will facilitate the national sharing, comparing and matching of both metadata and genetic data associated with unidentified and missing persons cases. The databases include the:


- National Missing Persons and Victim System (NMPVS);
- National Criminal Investigation DNA Database (NCIDD); and
- NCIDD-Integrated Forensic Analysis (NIFA).

The funds provided by the Federal Government, while significant, will not cover the total costs of a program of this scale. We will require cross-jurisdictional collaboration to ensure the success of the Program. Attachment B details the assistance we are requesting from South Australia Police.

The NMPCC, as the chair of the Police Consultative Group on Missing Persons (PCGMP), has been liaising with State and Territory Police Missing Persons Units in relation to this Program and their involvement since November 2019. I understand that all Australian Jurisdictions agreed to support this Program once funded.

I look forward to hearing from you and partnering on this ground-breaking initiative that has the potential to provide long awaited answers for hundreds of families and friends of missing persons in Australia.

Yours sincerely



Reece P Kershaw APM
Commissioner

Attachment A

National DNA Program for Unidentified and Missing Persons Program Summary

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) National Missing Persons Coordination Centre (NMPCC) has recently received funding under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 to undertake a National DNA Program for Unidentified and Missing Persons. The Program will use contemporary forensic techniques to support law enforcement to:

- establish the identity, and cause and manner of death, of Australia's unidentified human remains;
- solve long-term cold cases of missing and deceased Australians;
- provide answers to Australian families with missing relatives; and
- facilitate the burial of human remains long-held in custody.

Testing will be conducted at the AFP Forensic Complex in Canberra, ACT by DNA specialists with expertise in the DNA identification of skeletal remains. The specialists will perform autosomal, mitochondrial, and Y chromosome DNA testing of human remains and associated reference DNA samples using state-of-the-art genotyping and sequencing equipment to deliver a high output, cost-effective and genetically informative identification workflow.

The Program will also facilitate the examination of the human remains by Forensic Odontologists and Anthropologists to not only assist with establishing identity, but the cause and manner of death where possible, offering support to criminal and death investigations. For those human remains that cannot be identified through dental or DNA matching, other forensic techniques will be applied to offer new investigative leads. These may include radiocarbon dating, isotope analysis, DNA phenotyping, craniofacial reconstructions and forensic genetic genealogy.

The Program aims to:

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1. Audit all active unidentified human remains and long-term missing persons cases in each jurisdiction and enter relevant case data (including dental charts if available) into the National Persons and Missing Persons Victim System (NMPVS) for national searching.
 2. Conduct odontological examinations of missing persons dental records, with dental charts entered into the NMPVS for national searching.
 3. Conduct odontological examinations of unidentified human remains, with dental charts entered into the NMPVS for national searching.
 4. Conduct anthropological examinations of unidentified human remains, with relevant anthropological data entered into the NMPVS for national searching.
 5. Collect optimal biological sample/s for DNA testing from each set of unidentified human remains.
 6. Collect suitable direct and/or family reference DNA samples for each long-term missing person.

7. Organise a range of public engagement activities to promote unidentified and missing persons cases and facilitate collection of missing persons details for entry into the NMPVS and relevant ante-mortem data for forensic testing.
8. Conduct DNA testing (including autosomal, mitochondrial and Y chromosome DNA testing) of direct and/or family reference DNA samples, with DNA profiles entered into the National Criminal Investigation DNA Database (NCIDD) and/or NCISS-Integrated Forensic Analysis (NIFA) for national searching.
9. Conduct DNA testing (including autosomal, mitochondrial and Y chromosome DNA testing) of unidentified human remains, with DNA profiles entered into the NCIDD and/or NIFA for national searching.
10. Submit DNA profiles from direct and/or family reference DNA samples and unidentified human remains to the INTERPOL DNA Database via the AFP DNA Gateway for International searching.
11. Apply specialist forensic techniques to select unidentified human remains to provide investigative leads, such as radiocarbon dating, isotopic analysis, DNA phenotyping, craniofacial reconstructions and forensic genetic genealogy.
12. Develop, implement and promote best practices for a nationally coordinated, consistent and collaborative investigative approach for the forensic human identification of unidentified and missing persons in Australia.

Attachment B

National DNA Program for Unidentified and Missing Persons Jurisdictional Assistance Requirements

1. Conduct an audit of all active unidentified human remains and long-term missing persons cases and enter the metadata for each case (including the entry of dental charts if available) into the NMPVS within approximately 3 months of the commencement of the Program.
2. Submit optimal biological samples from each set of unidentified human remains to AFP Forensics for DNA testing within approximately 6 months of the commencement of the Program (note: this is to occur after the Program has arranged for the human remains to be examined locally by a Forensic Odontologist, Forensic Anthropologist and DNA Specialist).
3. Collect suitable direct and/or family reference DNA samples for each long-term missing person and submit them to AFP Forensics for DNA testing within approximately 12 months of the commencement of the Program.
4. Assist with the submission of DNA profiles to state, national and international DNA databases.
5. Participate in a range of public engagement activities coordinated by the NMPCC, including a Family and Friends of Missing Persons Day to be held in each State and Territory.
6. Organise and fund the transport of unidentified human remains and reference DNA samples to and from the AFP Forensics Complex.
7. Support the use of specialist forensic techniques for select unidentified human remains that are not able to be positively identified using dental or DNA matching.
8. Commence the coronial process according to jurisdictional procedures if human remains are identified using forensic techniques applied during the Program.
9. Support to review relevant State, Territory and/or Commonwealth legislation to improve national searching and cross-referencing of data associated with unidentified and missing persons cases.

Featherby, Brett (SAPOL)

From: OUT OF SCOPE @afp.gov.au>
 Sent: Wednesday, 19 August 2020 3:05 PM
 To: Featherby, Brett (SAPOL)
 Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2: National DNA Program - info kit [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
 Attachments: Ward_2017_Best practice recommendations for the establishment of a national DNA identification program for missing persons.pdf; Ward_2018_The past, present and future state of missing persons investigations in Australia.pdf

Importance: High

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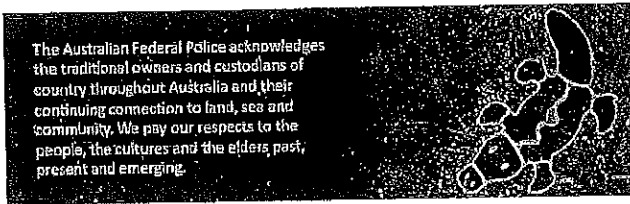
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 Cc: OUT OF SCOPE @afp.gov.au>
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Subject: National DNA Program - info kit [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
 Importance: High

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Hi Brett,

Thanks for your time earlier today. I've spoken to OUT OF SCOPE and she had received a request from Billy for the Commissioner's letter, so she had forwarded it on to him (see below). Apologies this never made its way to you.

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General information on the Program can also be found at this link on our website:

<https://missingpersons.gov.au/national-dna-program-unidentified-and-missing-persons>

Please note, this content is targeted towards family members but it still useful for stakeholders. The attached factsheet may also be beneficial.

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Lastly, I have attached some journal articles published by [redacted] which are referenced in the Commissioner's letter), that provide some background/context to best practice recommendations in this space.

I hope this is beneficial.

I am out of the office for the rest of the week, please contact [redacted] if you have any questions or would like to discuss further.

I will send through a meeting request for Thursday next week – let me know if it suitable for you and your forensic partners.

Thanks again,
Bec

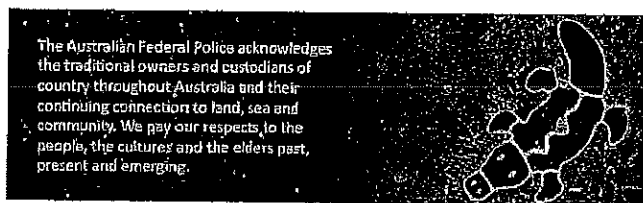
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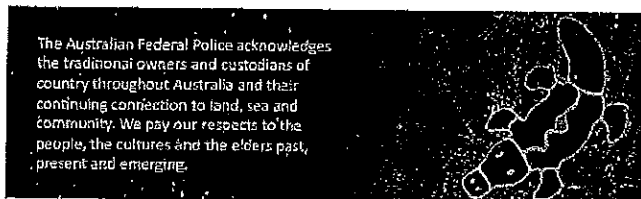
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Subject: FW: Query Regarding ^{OUT OF SCOPE} Project [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
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Hi Billy,

As requested please see attached a copy of the letter the AFP Commissioner sent through to the SAPOL Commissioner.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Regards,

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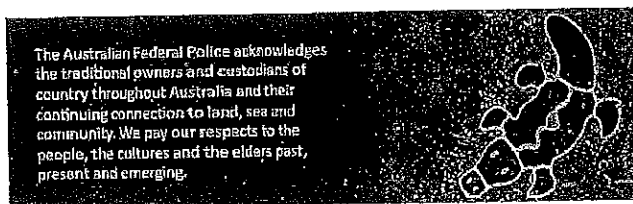
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Sent: Thursday, 30 July 2020 12:00 PM
To: ^{OUT OF SCOPE} @afp.gov.au; ^{OUT OF SCOPE} @afp.gov.au
Subject: Query Regarding ^{OUT OF SCOPE} Project
Importance: High

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Can you please give me a call.

Thanks

Billy

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Featherby, Brett (SAPOL)

From: Schneider, Trevor (SAPOL)
Sent: Thursday, 20 August 2020 9:29 PM
To: Featherby, Brett (SAPOL)
Subject: Re: National DNA Program: Q&A session update [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Good evening Boss,

The following is a list of potential questions that could be asked during the Q&A session with ^{OUT OF SCOPE}

- What are the expectations of SAPOL to have undertaken at this time, besides an audit of our active UHR and LTMP cases on NMPVS ?
- What ongoing support/assistance will be required from SAPOL during the duration of the project?
- What are the timelines for the progress of this project given the impact of Covid?
- What percentage of funding has been allocated to SA cases? How will the funding for the investigation into UHR and LTMP cases be distributed?
- In addition to the NMPVS data, what other information will likely be requested by the Project Team for each case eg Skeletal remains reports, post-mortem reports?
- What consultation will occur with FSSA regarding the availability of DNA profiles for each case and any progress that they have made up until this time?
- What consultation will occur with SA Anthropology ^{OUT OF SCOPE} and SA Odontology ^{OUT OF SCOPE} regarding what examinations have already been undertaken?
- Who will conduct any further anthropological and odontological examinations for SA UHR's? Will this responsibility remain with SA specialists or be sent to FASS as proposed?
- If remains are sent to FASS as proposed, who will make the arrangements and which organisation will be responsible the transportation costs?
- How will a determination be made on which cases to target?
- What say do SAPOL get in which cases are prioritised?
- What upcoming publicity about the project is planned?
- Should we commence a DNA LTMP relative sampling program now, or wait for a national approach and the associated publicity?
- Are the proposed state events to facilitate relative DNA sampling still likely to occur and when?
- What support will the project team likely provide for these proposed events?
- How will information about possible matches be disseminated to stakeholders?
- Will the project team have any contact with the families or will this be each states responsibility?
- Will only cases where a DNA profile has been uploaded onto NCIDD be primarily considered?
- How will remains be selected for radio-carbon dating, DNA phenotyping craniofacial reconstructions?
- What percentage of remains will have forensic genetic genealogy completed?
- In SA we currently have seven UHR cases actively being progressed by FSSA, will the responsibility for continuing examination remain with FSSA or be assumed by the project team?

I will let you know if any more spring to mind. Do you have any idea on when this meeting may occur?

Regards, Trevor

From: Featherby, Brett (SAPOL)
Sent: Thursday, 13 August 2020 4:00 PM

To: Schneider, Trevor (SAPOL)

Subject: RE: National DNA Program: Q&A session update [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Trev,

Will make sure it is at a time that you are available.

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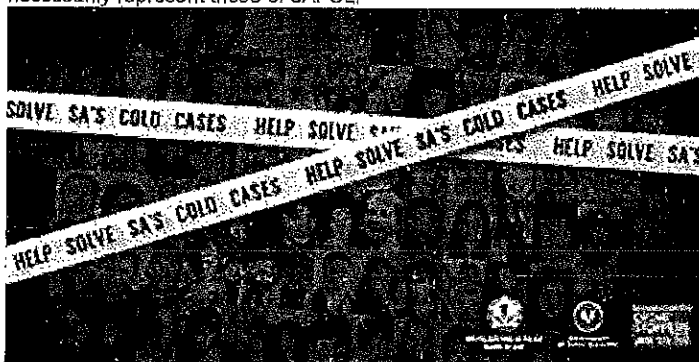
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From: Schneider, Trevor (SAPOL)

Sent: Wednesday, 12 August 2020 1:35 PM

To: Featherby, Brett (SAPOL)

Subject: Fw: National DNA Program: Q&A session update [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Good afternoon Boss,

When I commenced my secondment at MPIS, previous Insp Billy THOMPSON gave me the task of updating the NMPVS database for all of our South Australia LTMP and UHR's. EXEMPT

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I have enjoyed updating this information and now keen to further the review process through OUT OF SCOPE DNA program. I believe the NMVPS project gives us a unique opportunity to ensure the SA LTMP and UHR profiles can potentially be matched nationally and/or other critical information can be obtained via DNA testing using modern methods this program hopes to employ. The benefits to the families of LTMP/UHR's who have been seeking answers for decades could be enormous. Any successful matching would also significantly enhance the reputation of SAPOL and particularly MCIB if critical work on these long overdue profiles continues and are investigated properly.

During this review I have been in contact with OUT OF SCOPE and OUT OF SCOPE from FSSA and OUT OF SCOPE from Odontology to not only update the NMPVS data, but what quickly became apparent was that a lot of the spread sheets and information shared between FSSA, Odontology and SAPOL was no

longer current. It was obvious that not only the NMPVS database needed a complete review but also everything else MPIS uses in relation to LTMP and UHR's. ^{EXEMPT}

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I am very keen to participate in any meetings in relation to NMPVS if you feel its warranted. I can come in at most times, providing it works with ^{OUT OF SCOPE} commitments. I am also happy to provide you with any information you require about NMPVS or about the South Australian LTMP and UHR's.

During my review I have also discovered several other LMTP and UHR's which were not previously known about, and can either speak to you in person or provide you with a briefing paper if required.

For your consideration,

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To: Van Der Stelt, Anthony (SAPOL); SAPOL:Missing Persons

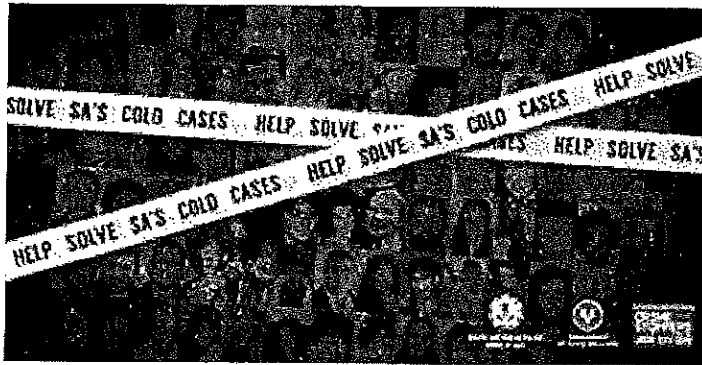
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OUT OF SCOPE @police.vic.gov.au; OUT OF SCOPE @police.vic.gov.au; Featherby, Brett (SAPOL)
Cc: OUT OF SCOPE
Subject: [EXTERNAL] National DNA Program: Q&A session update [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Good morning PCGMP members,

Q&A Session update

After receiving feedback from several of you in regards to the format of the Q&A Session with OUT OF SCOPE we have decided to move to individual sessions with each jurisdiction.

This will allow each jurisdiction to have ample time to discuss the Program, as well as raise any concerns or questions with OUT OF SCOPE directly.

The sessions will be for one hour via a video-conference link and will take place over the next fortnight—I will give you a call today to confirm a suitable time.

We encourage you to invite relevant team members, or your Forensic counterparts who may also have questions relating to the Program.

Prior to your allocated session we will provide some points that will be discussed and also ask that you send through any questions you have to ensure we are able to address your concerns in the meeting.

Chat soon!

Thanks,
OUT OF SCOPE

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Featherby, Brett (SAPOL)

From: Van Der Stelt, Anthony (SAPOL)
Sent: Tuesday, 25 August 2020 11:21 AM
To: Featherby, Brett (SAPOL); SAPOL:Missing Persons
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] SAPOL - Q&A Session National DNA Program [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Brett,

I would think that ^{OUT OF SCOPE} would be the first port of call but they are moving her from the UHR/MP role in FSSA. I don't know who is replacing her but given her time in the role for some time now, I think she would be a good candidate. In addition, I think ^{OUT OF SCOPE} should attend so she is across it and maybe ^{OUT OF SCOPE} from a database perspective.

Perhaps also consider ^{OUT OF SCOPE} for a DNAMS perspective too.

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From: Featherby, Brett (SAPOL)
Sent: Tuesday, 25 August 2020 11:07 AM
To: SAPOL:Missing Persons
Cc: Van Der Stelt, Anthony (SAPOL)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] SAPOL - Q&A Session National DNA Program [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Fred/Trevor,

Can you please advise who the appropriate person from FSSA is so we can include them in this meeting.

Best we meet with them prior to.

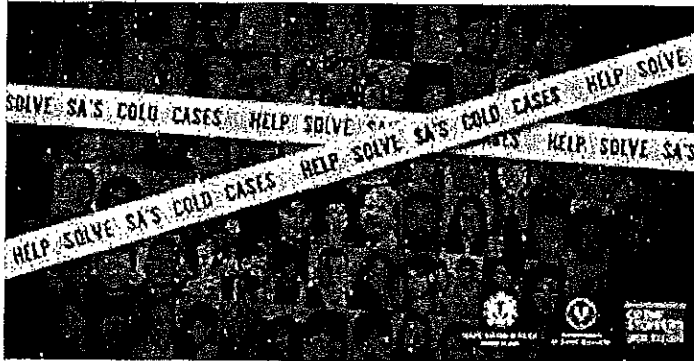
Thanks

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From: Featherby, Brett (SAPOL)

Sent: Tuesday, 25 August 2020 11:06 AM

To: OUT OF SCOPE

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] SAPOL - Q&A Session National DNA Program [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Should be fine will check with our Forensic Science, book it in and if there is an issue will let you know.

Thanks

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Sent: Monday, 24 August 2020 1:54 PM

To: Featherby, Brett (SAPOL)

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] SAPOL - Q&A Session National DNA Program [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Brett,

Any chance next Thursday 3 September at 9.30am (AEST) works for you?

... If this time doesn't suit, we'll have to schedule something for the following week.

Thanks,
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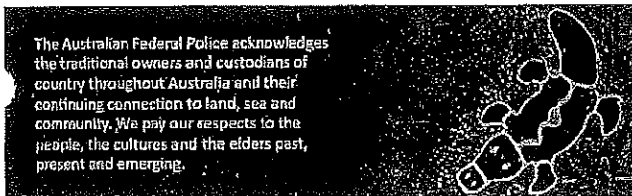
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From: Featherby, Brett (SAPOL) <Brett.Featherby@police.sa.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 24 August 2020 1:51 PM

To: @afp.gov.au>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] SAPOL - Q&A Session National DNA Program [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Thanks

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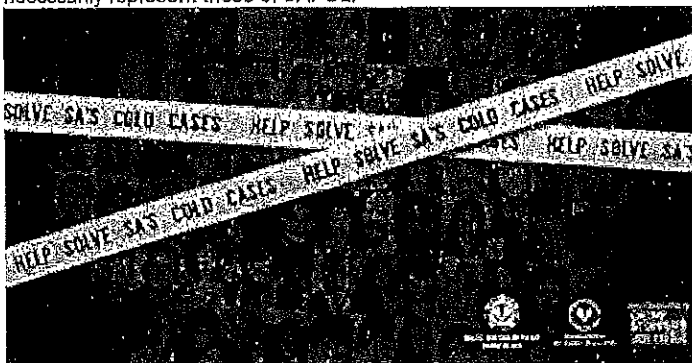
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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] SAPOL - Q&A Session National DNA Program [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Morning Brett,

Leave it with me and I will see when the team is available to meet next week.

I'll be in touch!

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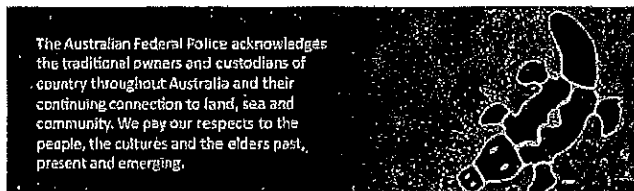
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Sent: Friday, 21 August 2020 7:44 AM

To: OUT OF SCOPE

Subject: Declined: [EXTERNAL] SAPOL - Q&A Session National DNA Program [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

When: Thursday, 27 August 2020 2:00 PM-3:00 PM (UTC+10:00) Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney.

Where: Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89679295549>

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Could we please move this to early the following week due to availability in our office.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

Brett

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Featherby, Brett (SAPOL)

From: Van Der Stelt, Anthony (SAPOL)
Sent: Monday, 14 September 2020 11:36 PM
To: Featherby, Brett (SAPOL)
Cc: Schneider, Trevor (SAPOL)
Subject: FW: National DNA Program - Jurisdictional Report [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Attachments: JURISDICTIONAL PROGRESS REPORT_TEMPLATE_SEPTEMBER.docx

Brett,

Please refer below and to the attached.

Trevor has completed the questionnaire from the NMPCC. It is their expectation that this will be done every three months. I am not sure we can commit to that.

We have also been invited to the first steering committee meeting on 22/9 as an observer. Please feel free if you like.

Trevor has pointed out one UHR that we have in SA that is of interest to us.

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In any case, we think that this is a good case for us to ask the NMPCC to do phenotyping. Given that the tourist have declined to supply a sample of DNA for comparison, phenotyping might at least give an indication of nationality. If it is not the tourist, we should really do that anyway to get what we think is a likelihood of the UHR.

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Fred.

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Sent: Monday, 14 September 2020 10:12 PM
To: Van Der Stelt, Anthony (SAPOL)
Subject: RE: National DNA Program - Jurisdictional Report [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hello Fred,

Our SA Progress Report for September is attached. If approved should be forwarded to NMPCC by Friday the 18th of Sept.

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Also, during our online meeting with the UHR Project team on Thursday the 3rd of Sept^{OUT OF SCOPE} asked if our Odontology check both Public and Private dental records. I spoke with^{OUT OF SCOPE} last weekend and confirmed that they do search both.^{OUT OF SCOPE} also stated they check the SA Radiology database for not only dental records, but also find skeletal x-ray and other imaging which SAPOL can then obtain for identification comparisons.

Kindest regards,
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Sent: Friday, 11 September 2020 7:52 AM
To: Featherby, Brett (SAPOL)
Cc: SAPOL:Missing Persons; Schneider, Trevor (SAPOL)
Subject: RE: National DNA Program - Jurisdictional Report [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Trevor,

Can you please complete the attached form. I think we will also need to send it to Pam for her to add in the FSSA parts.

Fred.

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All,

For comment and how long this will take to complete so I can discuss with Doc.

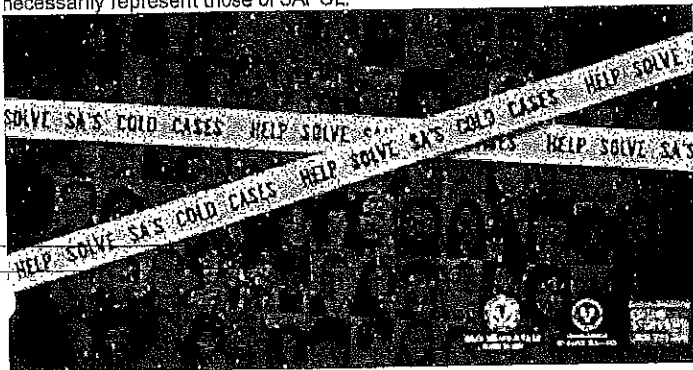
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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PROGRESS REPORT SEPTEMBER 2020

LONG-TERM MISSING PERSONS (LTMP)

Audit Complete: ☒ YES ☐ NO

% Complete: 100 %

Current # LTMP Cases: 138

NMPVS DATA ENTRY

Data	Total
LTMP uploaded to NMPVS - shell only	0
LTMP uploaded to NMPVS - all available case information entered (i.e. circumstantial, demographic, physical)	137
LTMP uploaded to NMPVS - all available case <u>and</u> forensic information entered (i.e. medical, dental, DNA)	DNA info needs to be re-checked
LTMP not yet uploaded to NMPVS	1

DENTAL RECORDS COLLECTION

Data	Collected	To be collected	Not available	Not yet checked if available	Uploaded to NMPVS	Not yet uploaded to NMPVS
AM dental records [^]	52	0	85	1	52	0

[^] Ideally dental records should be collected, examined and uploaded to NMPVS for each LTMP if available


DNA COLLECTION

Data	Collected	To be collected	Not available	Not yet checked if available	DNA sample info on NMPVS	Uploaded to NCIDD/ NIFA	Not yet uploaded to NCIDD/ NIFA
Direct DNA samples [#]	32		106		TBA	32	



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Data	Collected	To be collected	Not available	Not yet checked if available	DNA sample info on NMPVS	Uploaded to NCIDD/NIFA	Not yet uploaded to NCIDD/NIFA
Familial DNA samples *	24	Ongoing		82	TBA	24	

* Ideally at least 1x direct reference sample should be collected, tested and uploaded to NCIDD/NIFA for each LTMP if available

* Ideally at least 2x family reference samples (1x maternal & 1x paternal) should be collected, tested and uploaded to NCIDD/NIFA for each LTMP if available

UNIDENTIFIED HUMAN REMAINS (UHR)

Audit Complete: YES ☒

% Complete: 80%

Current # UHR Cases: 19

NMPVS DATA ENTRY

Data	Total
UHR uploaded to NMPVS - shell only	0
UHR uploaded to NMPVS - all available case information entered (i.e. circumstantial)	17
UHR uploaded to NMPVS - all available case and forensic information entered (i.e. anthropological, medical, dental, DNA)	0
UHR not yet uploaded to NMPVS	2

SAMPLE COLLECTION

Data	Total
UHR cases with complete remains available for testing	15
UHR cases with only leftover DNA extract or testing by-products available for testing (e.g. bone powder/chips)	0
UHR cases interred with no stored PM samples available for testing	4
UHR cases interred with stored PM samples available for testing	0
UHR cases cremated with no stored PM samples available	0
UHR cases cremated with stored PM samples available for testing	0



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TESTING COMPLETED

UHR Case	Sex (if known)	Skull present	Teeth present	CT scan	Anthropology	Odontology	atDNA	Y-DNA	mtDNA	Other testing completed [®]
49/01	M	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	OUT OF SCOPE
52/01	F	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	OUT OF SCOPE
65/01	M	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	OUT OF SCOPE
75/01	M	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	OUT OF SCOPE
75/04	M	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	
77/01	M	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	
78/01	Unkn	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	
78/02	M	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	
82/01	M	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	
82/02	M	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	
84/01	M	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	
85/01	M	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	



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96/01	M	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	
00/01	M	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	
08/01	M	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	
08/02	F	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	
10/01	F	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	
11/01	M	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	
17/01	Unkn	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	

** Other testing may include: radiocarbon dating, isotope testing, forensic DNA phenotyping, forensic genetic genealogy, craniofacial reconstruction*

OTHER NOTES (i.e. challenges, updates, opportunities):

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Report completed by: Senior Constable Trevor SCHNEIDER

SA Missing Persons Investigation Section

Date: 14th September 2020

Featherby, Brett (SAPOL)

From: Bray, Desmond (SAPOL)
Sent: Wednesday, 16 September 2020 11:09 AM
To: Featherby, Brett (SAPOL)
Subject: RE: National DNA Program - Jurisdictional Report [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

We will need to provide this to the AC once we have feedback from the office and to meet with him to discuss what we are thinking, and then do a BP for COP. While we will try to progress this it will not be a high priority with covid lingering but we will try to still keep it moving.

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Doc,

For discussion regarding your thoughts on your return next week.

Detective Inspector Brett Featherby

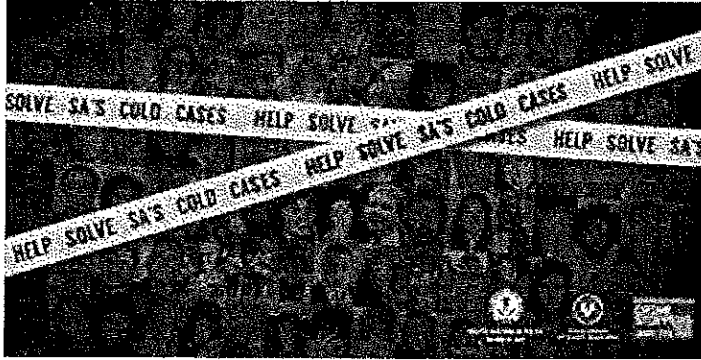
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To: Featherby, Brett (SAPOL)
Cc: OUT OF SCOPE
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: National DNA Program - Jurisdictional Report - SA [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Hi Brett

I just tried to call you but was told you are in a meeting, please feel free to call me on OUT OF SCOPE

Kind Regards

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Kind Regards

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Thanks in advance,

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Featherby, Brett (SAPOL)

From: Van Der Stelt, Anthony (SAPOL)
Sent: Saturday, 19 September 2020 2:00 PM
To: Featherby, Brett (SAPOL)
Cc: Schneider, Trevor (SAPOL)
Subject: FW: National DNA Program - Jurisdictional Report [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Brett,

It turns out that our system of numbering the UHR prior to Shield is actually the way that they have been numbered previously too. For that reason, FSSA and other records have the UHR under the reference numbers on that sheet. I recommend that we maintain those numbers.

There are still a couple of UHR that have not been put on Shield and that will need to be done ASAP.

Fred.

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Sent: Saturday, 19 September 2020 8:47 AM
To: Van Der Stelt, Anthony (SAPOL)
Subject: RE: National DNA Program - Jurisdictional Report [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Good morning Fred,

SAPOL and FSSA both continue to use the UHR numbers rather than the SAP number for the UHR cases. In fact only 14 of the 19 current profiles have SAP numbers. I think referencing the SAP numbers to the UHR project team would only confuse them, because our SAPOL UHR profiles on the NMPVS database are all referred to by the UHR number. We have continued to use the UHR number because all of the old FSSA records use this number, this is the reference number used in old SAPOL records/gazettes, and it has quite often been written on bones/skulls to assist with identification of the remains. I can send you an updated report, but I see little value in it and may well cause confusion. Let me know. Trevor

From: Van Der Stelt, Anthony (SAPOL)
Sent: Friday, 18 September 2020 5:50 PM
To: Schneider, Trevor (SAPOL)
Subject: RE: National DNA Program - Jurisdictional Report [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hello Trev,

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Can you please amend this report again and put the SAP numbers in for our UHR rather than the other reference number and then return to me and Feathers.

Thanks.

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Hello Fred,

Our SA Progress Report for September is attached. If approved should be forwarded to NMPCC by Friday the 18th of Sept.

EXEMPT

Also, during our online meeting with the UHR Project team on Thursday the 3rd of Sept, I ^{OUT OF SCOPE} asked if our Odontology check both Public and Private dental records. I spoke with ^{OUT OF SCOPE} last weekend and confirmed that they do search both. ^{OUT OF SCOPE} also stated they check the SA Radiology database for not only dental records, but also find skeletal x-ray and other imaging which SAPOL can then obtain for identification comparisons.

Kindest regards,

Senior Constable Trevor SCHNEIDER

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Fred.

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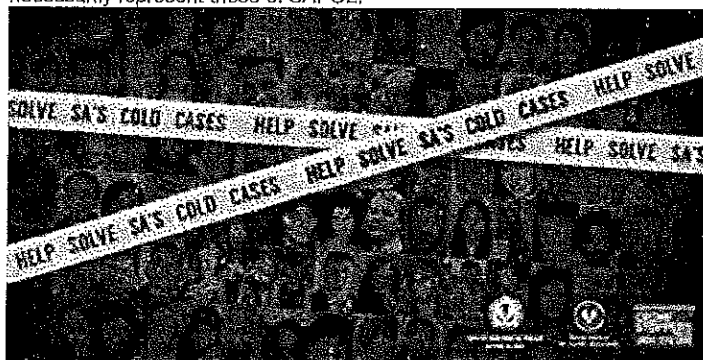
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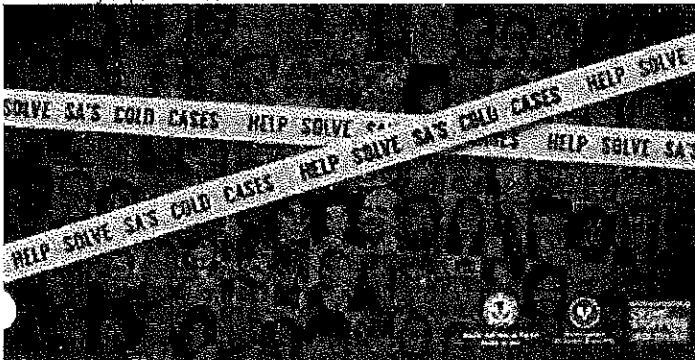
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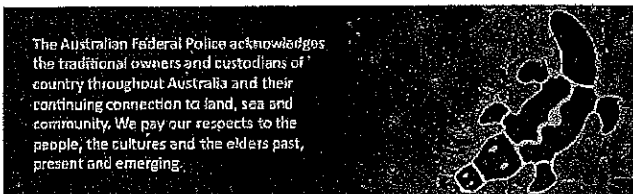
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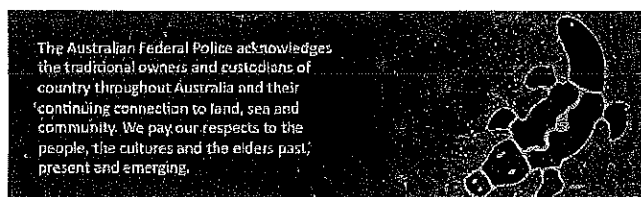
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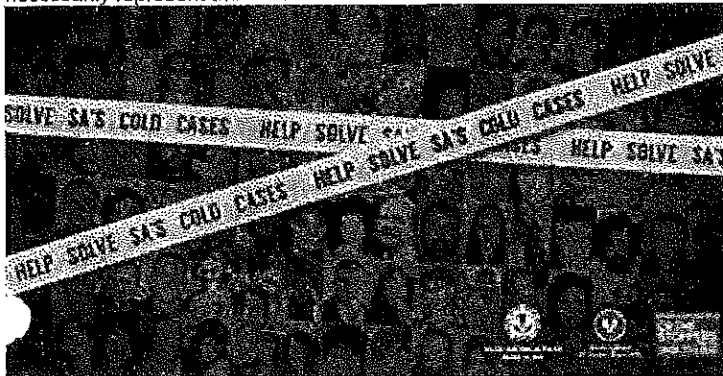
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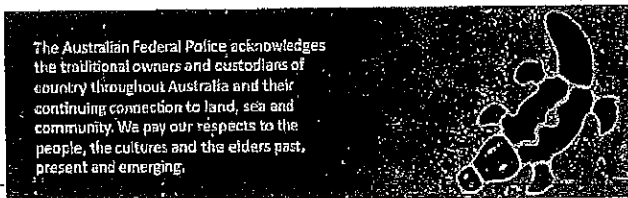
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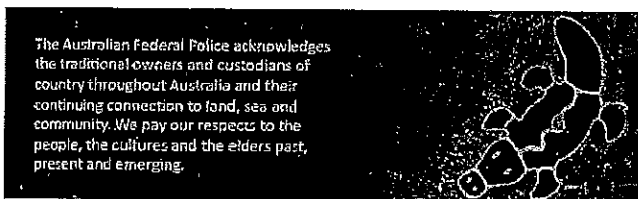
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For those who aren't aware, today is my last day with the NMPCC before going on

It's been a pleasure working with you over the past few months and contributing to the establishment of the National DNA Program.

(CC'd) will take over as the Project Manager for the Program and will be your best point of contact, along with and moving forward.

I wish you all the best of luck and look forward to seeing the progress and results of the Program when I return next year.

Take care,

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Dear Commissioner Stevens,

I am writing to you in relation to correspondence from the Australian Federal Police (AFP) Commissioner dated 24 July 2020 regarding the establishment of the AFP-led National DNA Program for Unidentified and Missing Persons.

In my role as Assistant Commissioner Specialist Protective Command, I am responsible for overseeing this Australian-first Program which will use contemporary forensic techniques to support law enforcement to:

- establish the identity, and cause and manner of death, of Australia's unidentified human remains
- solve long-term cold cases of missing and deceased Australians
- provide answers to Australian families with missing relatives
- facilitate the burial of human remains long-held in custody

The AFP's National Missing Persons Coordination Centre (NMPCC) is leading the Program in partnership with Associate Professor ^{OUT OF SCOPE} and has engaged with representatives of your Missing Person's Unit to continue discussions around the Program and required support from your agency and forensic service provider to assist in achieving the aims of the program.

As the Program is now officially underway, I wanted to follow up on Commissioner Kershaw's initial correspondence and reiterate the importance of this Program, and the support it can provide to your jurisdiction in relation to specialist forensic testing for unidentified and long-term missing persons.

I would also like to establish a quarterly conference call with your nominated senior executive representative to support and be briefed on the Program as it progresses. This would also provide an opportunity to disseminate the outcomes of the bi-annual Police Consultative Group on Missing Persons (PCGMP) meeting at an Executive level.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts on the Program and partnering with the AFP on this initiative. If you would benefit from a further briefing with myself or the Program team, I would be happy to make arrangements for this to occur.

Yours sincerely,

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