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Ms Isabel Dayman
ABC News
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Dear Ms Dayman

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 specifically seek access to:

- 1. All internal correspondence between SA Police's Far North Local Service Area, executive staff and the Deputy Commissioner regarding police resourcing issues in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, sent/received between March 2016 and the date this request is processed.*
- 2. All internal correspondence between SA Police's Far North Local Service Area, executive staff, and the Deputy Commissioner regarding internal reporting and recording of domestic violence incidents in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, sent/received between March 2016 and the date this request is processed.*
- 3. Any internal reviews commissioned following the death of outback nurse Gayle Woodford in March 2016."*

On 28 May 2018 I spoke with you via telephone and you clarified the scope of Part 3 of your request to:

"Exclude documents relating to the SA Police investigation into the death of Mrs Gayle Woodford and this includes all documents created for the purposes of court proceedings and the State Coroner.

Include documents created in response to Mrs Gayle Woodford's death that relate to SA Police responses, including general patrols, to incidents involving remote area emergency health care nurses."

On 17 August 2018 I spoke with you via telephone regarding consultation pursuant to section 25 and 26 of the FOI Act 1991. You excluded the following from the scope of your application:

“Personal affairs of third parties and information that may lead to their identity as well as the affairs of all law enforcement, Government agencies and others with the exception of SA Police.”

In relation to Part 1 & 2 of your request:

- “... 1. All internal correspondence between SA Police’s Far North Local Service Area, executive staff and the Deputy Commissioner regarding police resourcing issues in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, sent/received between March 2016 and the date this request is processed.*
- 2. All internal correspondence between SA Police’s Far North Local Service Area, executive staff, and the Deputy Commissioner regarding internal reporting and recording of domestic violence incidents in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, sent/received between March 2016 and the date this request is processed...”*

South Australia Police (SAPOL) has located documents that fall within the scope of your request. 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.

SA POLICE - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION UNIT SCHEDULE				
No.	Document Description	Status	Act	Reason
1	Assistant Commissioner’s Briefing Paper – dated 15 September 2016 and consisting of 1 page ➤ Including attachment dated 22 September 2016 and consisting of 3 pages.	Full Release		Please note that a portion of text has been redacted and marked Out-of-Scope as it does not fall within the clarified and narrowed scope of your application.
2	Commissioners Briefing Paper – Subject Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands – Policing of the Pipalyatjara Community – dated 6 August 2017 and consisting of 8 pages	Part Release	Clauses: 9(1)(a)(i) 9(1)(b) 16(1)(a)(iv) 16(1)(a)(v) 16(1)(b)	Please note that a portion of text has been redacted and marked Out-of-Scope as it does not fall within the clarified and narrowed scope of your application. Clause 9(1)(a)(i) & 9(1)(b) Portions of text have been redacted and marked as exempt as they contain opinion, advice and recommendations that was obtained and prepared for the sole purpose of enabling SAPOL to make decisions with respect to its current review regarding the provision of SAPOL services

			<p>across the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>I have established that the review is still in progress and no decisions have been made regarding future directions.</i> • <i>The report recommendations are still to be considered by the Commissioner of South Australia Police; and</i> • <i>Wider consultation with internal and external stakeholders is yet to be undertaken.</i> <p>It is my opinion that disclosure of the exempted portions, would on balance, be contrary to the public interest. The following factors were considered as to whether or not it would be contrary to the public interest to disclose:</p> <p>Factors in favour of disclosure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Meeting the objects of the FOI Act;</i> • <i>Promoting public participation in government; and</i> • <i>Disclosure of documents that may be of a general interest to the community.</i> <p>Factors that favour non-disclosure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Disclosure would hinder SAPOL ability to efficiently and effectively conduct the review;</i> • <i>Disclosure would effect the capability of SAPOL decision making functions;</i> • <i>Views of internal and external stakeholders are yet to be sought and taken into account.</i> <p>Clause 16(1)(a)(iii), 16(1)(a)(v) & 16(1)(b) Portions of text have been redacted and marked as exempt as disclosure could reasonably be expected to have a substantial</p>
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				<p>adverse effect on the ability of SAPOL to effectively perform its functions and on industrial relations. It is my opinion that disclosure of the exempted portions, would on balance, be contrary to the public interest. The following factors were considered as to whether or not it would be contrary to the public interest to disclose:</p> <p>Factors in favour of disclosure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Meeting the objects of the FOI Act;</i> • <i>Promoting public participation in government; and</i> • <i>Disclosure of documents that may be of a general interest to the community.</i> <p>Factors that favour non-disclosure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Disclosure would hinder SAPOL's ability to carry out its decision making and implementation functions;</i> • <i>Views of internal and external stakeholders are yet to be sought and taken into account;</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>With respect to internal stakeholders and an external stakeholder the likely consequence of disclosure will have a substantial and adverse effect on industrial relations.</i> • <i>The consultation process may elicit other recommendations or options that could be explored as part of the review; and</i> • <i>Disclosure of recommendations that may or may not be implemented would lead to unnecessary discontent for persons affected both internal and external to SAPOL.</i>
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				It is my view that the public interest in non disclosure far outweighs your individual interest.
3	Email from Operations Inspector Humby to Chief Superintendent Miller - dated 27 January 2017 and consisting of 1 page	Full Release		Please note that a portion of text has been redacted and marked Out-of-Scope as it does not fall within the clarified and narrowed scope of your application.
4	Commissioners Briefing Paper – Subject Policing presence at Fregon Community APY Lands – dated 7 July 2017 and consisting of 2 pages	Full Release		Please note that a portion of text has been redacted and marked Out-of-Scope as it does not fall within the clarified and narrowed scope of your application.
5	Domestic Violence Statistics – Highest 30 Ranked Suburbs 2014-2015 – rate per 1,000 population – page 45 – undated and consisting of 1 page	Full Release		
6	Report to Assistant Commissioner State Operations Service – Subject Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands Staffing Proposal – dated 18 January 2018 and consisting of 23 pages	Access Refused	Clauses: 9(1)(a)(i) 9(1)(b) 16(1)(a)(iv) 16(1)(a)(v) 16(1)(b)	Please note that a portion of text in Document 6 and 7 are Out-of-Scope as the text does not fall within the clarified and narrowed scope of your application. Clause 9(1)(a)(i) & 9(1)(b) Documents 6 and 7 are exempt as they contain opinion, advice and recommendations that was obtained and prepared for the sole purpose of enabling SAPOL to make decisions with respect to its current review regarding the provision of SAPOL services across the APY Lands;
7	Report to Assistant Commissioner State Operations Service – Subject Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands Staffing Proposal – dated 18 January 2018 and consisting of 24 pages			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have confirmed that Documents 6 and 7 are 'discussion papers' which were prepared for the sole purpose of the review; • I have established that the review is still in progress and no decisions have been made regarding future directions; • The report recommendations are still to be considered by the

				<p><i>Commissioner of South Australia Police; and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Wider consultation with internal and external stakeholders is yet to be undertaken.</i> <p>It is my opinion that disclosure of Documents 6 and 7, would on balance, be contrary to the public interest. The following factors were considered as to whether or not it would be contrary to the public interest to disclose:</p> <p>Factors in favour of disclosure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Meeting the objects of the FOI Act;</i> • <i>Promoting public participation in government; and</i> • <i>Disclosure of documents that may be of a general interest to the community.</i> <p>Factors that favour non-disclosure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Disclosure would hinder SAPOL's ability to conduct the review with respect to carry out its decision making and implementation functions;</i> • <i>Views of internal and external stakeholders are yet to be sought;</i> • <i>Recommendations may or may not be implemented;</i> • <i>It was considered improbable that the exempt portions are already in the public domain; and</i> • <i>There is potential for the exempt portions to be disseminated to other parties or published.</i> <p>Clause 16(1)(a)(iv), 16(1)(a)(v) & 16(1)(b)</p> <p>Documents 6 and 7 are exempt as disclosure could reasonably be expected to have a substantial adverse effect on the ability of SAPOL to effectively perform its functions and on industrial</p>
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				<p>relations. It is my opinion that disclosure of the documents, would on balance, be contrary to the public interest. The following factors were considered as to whether or not it would be contrary to the public interest to disclose:</p> <p>Factors in favour of disclosure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Meeting the objects of the FOI Act;</i> • <i>Promoting public participation in government; and</i> • <i>Disclosure of documents that may be of a general interest to the community.</i> <p>Factors that favour non-disclosure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Disclosure would hinder SAPOL's ability to carry out its decision making and implementation functions;</i> • <i>Views of internal and external stakeholders are yet to be sought and taken into account;</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>With respect to internal stakeholders and an external stakeholder the likely consequence of disclosure will have a substantial and adverse effect on industrial relations.</i> • <i>The consultation process may elicit other recommendations or options that could be explored as part of the review; and</i> • <i>Disclosure of recommendations that may or may not be implemented would lead to unnecessary disquiet for persons affected both internal and external to SAPOL.</i> <p>It is my view that the public interest in non disclosure far outweighs your individual interest.</p>
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CLAUSES FOR REFUSAL

Clause 9(1)(a)(i) Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

"A document is an exempt document if it contains matter that relates to any opinion, advice or recommendation that has been obtained, prepared or recorded in the course of, or for the purpose of, the decision-making functions of the Government, a Minister or an agency".

Clause 9(1)(b) 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 16 (1)(a)(iv) 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 have a substantial adverse effect on the effective performance by an agency of the agency's functions;"

Clause 16 (1)(a)(v) 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 have a substantial adverse effect on the conduct of industrial relations by an agency;"

Clause 16 (1)(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".

In relation to Part 3 of your request:

"... 3. Any internal reviews commissioned following the death of outback nurse Gayle Woodford in March 2016."

No documents could be located that fell within the scope of Part 3 of your request.

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 <http://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>. If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by 28 September 2018.

Your rights to review

If you are dissatisfied with the determination for access to SAPOL records, 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 days from the date of this determination with a fee of \$34.25. Such a fee may be waived in the event of an exemption being claimed.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracy Gentgall', written over a circular stamp.

Senior Sergeant Tracy Gentgall
Officer in Charge
Freedom of Information Unit
(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

31 August 2018

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S BRIEFING PAPER

SUBJECT: South Australian Out of Scope 22
September 2016

BACKGROUND:

The Out of Scope
Out of Scope

A request has been made by the Chair of the Out of Scope for the undersigned, and the Officer in Charge, Far North LSA, to attend their next meeting to discuss Out of Scope
Out of Scope Information for an agenda paper has been requested.

RELEVANT POINTS:

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- The next meeting of the Out of Scope is scheduled for 1500 hrs on Thursday 22 September 2016 and the chair has requested for the undersigned and the Officer in Charge, Far North LSA, to attend their next meeting to discuss Out of Scope
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- Attached (attachment A) is draft information for the agenda paper, to be distributed to the committee prior to the meeting.
- I agree with the content provided by Officer in Charge, Far North LSA and recommend it be forwarded to Out of Scope

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Assistant Commissioner, State Operations Service 1) note the content of the briefing paper and 2) endorse for the attached information to be forwarded to Out of Scope secretariat for distribution prior to the meeting.

Contact: Dean Miller
Coordinator, State Operations Service
Telephone: Out of Scope
Date: 15 September 2016

Noted

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Bronwyn Killmier
Assistant Commissioner
State Operations Service
September 2016

South Australian Government's Strategic Priorities in Out of Scope

Out of Scope

Purpose

To provide the South Australian Out of Scope with a summary of South Australia Police (SAPOL) commitment to policing of remote Aboriginal Communities in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands.

Background

SAPOL has maintained a continual presence on the APY Lands since 1986 when Community Constables and Community Constable Supervisors were first appointed. Until August 2003, and the commencement of the Marla Support Plan, Community Constables on the Lands were supported by sworn police officers from Marla. However, the capacity of Marla police to provide an appropriate level of support challenging.

Since 2003 the level of police commitment into the APY Lands has steadily increased t.

Discussion

- SAPOL has 20 permanent sworn police positions on the APY Lands within the communities of Amata (4 general patrol members), Ernabella (4 general patrol members), Mimili (4 general patrol members), Murputja (3 general patrol members), and Umuwa (1 Officer in Charge, 1 detective, 2 family violence investigators and 1 intelligence officer).
- These members provide an operational, intelligence, family violence and criminal investigation response across all APY communities and homelands.
- The Fregon community is serviced by police officers stationed from the Mimili Police Station with support from other locations including Ernabella and Umuwa. The next largest community is Pipalyatjara which is serviced by police officers from Murputja with support from Amata.
- Five permanent sworn police positions are based at Marla and provide policing services to the APY communities of Indulkana and Mintabie.
- A further three sworn police positions are on secondment and based at Umuwa. These members provide additional investigative capacity to address sexual abuse issues on the APY Lands.
- There are ten Traditional Community Constable positions allocated to the APY Lands. However, despite continued efforts by SAPOL, only three are currently filled.
- A Police Aboriginal Liaison Officers (PALO) role was introduced as a supplementary method to work in partnership with sworn police officers and the community. SAPOL has a PALOs employed at Amata and another at Ernabella.
- SAPOL has an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employee Coordinator who continues to work closely with key stakeholders and the communities to actively identify potential Community Constables and PALOs.

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Community Engagement

- SAPOL continues to be actively engaged in various community safety programs including the community patrol program managed by the Out of Scope Out of Scope
- Community Safety Meetings in each major community continue to be coordinated by the Officer in Charge APY Lands. These meetings are designed to encourage Anangu people to work with SAPOL to find solutions to crime and disorder issues within their communities.
- Police participate in a regular radio segment on APY radio. This provides a medium to communicate police related issues to individuals and communities across the Lands.
- SAPOL developed Community Safety Plans in each of the major communities across the APY Lands. The Plans are a guide for community members on how they should respond in the event of an emergency including: fire, storm, earthquake and flood and the support they can expect from emergency response and support services.
- Police continue to promote Blue Lights activities throughout the APY Lands and these activities are well attended and frequently conducted in association with Out of Scope Out of Scope youth programs team and school holiday activity coordinators. The Out of Scope agency that provides support and programs for families, children and victims of domestic violence across the APY Lands.

Cross Border Activities

- Generic legislation exist that enable SAPOL, WAPOL and NTPOL to police across the entire NPY Aboriginal Lands of central Australia without restrictions of State boundaries. This is supported by corresponding judicial processes. A memorandum of understanding exists between jurisdictions and police now regularly engage in cross border policing activities in accordance with the *Cross Border Justices Act 2009* and operational protocols.
- The Cross Border Enforcement Team is a Commonwealth funded partnership between the jurisdictions with the objective to detect and prevent substance abuse within the NPY Lands. Based in Alice Springs team and supported by officers across the region, they work together to coordinate resources and intelligence to focus upon the disruption, detection and apprehension of persons engaged in the smuggling and disbursement of alcohol, petrol, cannabis and other illicit drugs amongst communities within the NPY Lands region.

Child Abuse

- One of the most significant areas of concern for police on the APY lands is that of domestic violence and child sexual abuse.
- SAPOL work closely with Out of Scope Out of Scope Out of Scope to provide a coordinated investigative and welfare response to reported incidences of domestic violence and child sexual abuse.
- Regular strategy meetings are held between the agencies to address issues surrounding adult offending against partners and children, and children engaged in problematic sexualised behaviour.
- In addition, police coordinate child safety meetings that involve various government and non-government agencies. These meetings are designed to encourage the assistance of other agencies towards a more therapeutic response to dealing with high risk children and high risk adults that can potentially cause harm to children.

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Recommendation

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That notes the information provided within this document.

Approved by:	Assistant Commissioner Bronwyn Killmier SA Police	Prepared by:	Chief Superintendent Dean Miller SA Police
		Out of Scope	

COMMISSIONER'S BRIEFING PAPER

SUBJECT: Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands – Policing of the Pipalyatjara community

1. BACKGROUND:

On 7 June 2017, the Commissioner of Police met with the Out of Scope One of the discussion points was in relation to Exempt

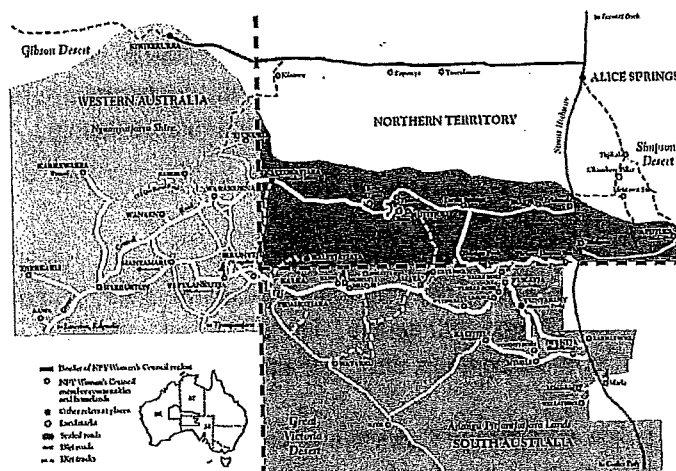
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2. RELEVANT POINTS

2.1 General Information

- The APY Lands cover an area of 93,379 square kilometres in the North West of South Australia (SA), adjoining the Northern Territory (NT) and Western Australia (WA) borders. The APY Lands are part of the Ngaanyatjarra, Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Lands, home to 11 communities and 70 outstations, which extend some 350,000 square kilometres across the borders of SA, the NT and WA.

Map of NPY Lands



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- In 2008 the Commonwealth Government allocated a funding package of \$15 million to enhance police infrastructure across the APY Lands, and included the construction of Police, Court and residential facilities at Pukatja (Ernabella), Amata and Mimili.

2.2 SAPOL Operational Capacity

- SAPOL maintains a constant police presence across the APY Lands through an ongoing weekly FIFO (fly in, fly out) program. Police stations are located at Amata, Mimili and Pukatja (Ernabella). As of March 2017, there are 23 sworn Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions and ten (10) Community Constable FTE positions based on the APY Lands. The Officer in Charge of the APY lands works from the police administration building in Umuwa.
- The 23 FTE sworn positions include three (3) temporary positions comprising one Criminal Investigation Branch Investigator and two Senior Constable Victim Management Investigators to the APY Lands. These additional positions were placed on the APY Lands, at the police administration buildings in Umuwa, in response to recommendations of the *'2008 Children on APY Lands Commission of Inquiry: a Report into Sexual Abuse'* (the Mullighan Inquiry).
- Included in the 23 FTE sworn positions is the police presence in Murputja (3 FTE staff) which encompasses the communities of Murputja, Kalka, Kanpi, and Pipalyatjara. Murputja was chosen as the most appropriate location to place SAPOL officers in the western part of the APY Lands as it is approximately half way between Amata and Pipalyatjara. From this location the staff provide a general patrol response to the communities to the west including Kalka, Kanpi, and Pipalyatjara (106 kilometres west), but also a relatively quick backup response capacity for SAPOL officers located at Amata (100 kilometres east).
- In addition, there are five sworn police FTE positions at Marla. Whilst the Marla Police Station is not physically located on the APY Lands, the members are responsible for policing the Indulkana Aboriginal community and Mintabie Township.

2.3 Pipalyatjara

- Pipalyatjara is the most western major community within the APY Lands and has a population of between 200 and 300 people. The community, by road, is approximately 880 kms south west of Alice Springs, and 1735 kms North West of Adelaide.
- There is a small police complex at Pipalyatjara (tin shed). However, on inspection, it is in need of some minor refurbishment to make it fit for purpose as a police office.

- The nearest police stations geographically to Pipalyatjara (refer to previous map -yellow flag) are:
 - Blackstone (red flag) in Western Australia (70 kilometres to the west); and
 - Amata (red flag) in South Australia (206 kilometres to the east).
- As detailed previously, and while no police station exists, a police response (3 FTE staff) is available from Murputja (orange flag) (106 kilometres to the east). Travel time from Murputja to Pipalyatjara is between 45 minutes and 1 hour, dependent on road conditions. The road is a graded non-constructed dirt/sand road that can become impassable in adverse weather conditions or at the very least increase travel times significantly.
- Whilst the current Cross Border Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has no provision for Western Australian Police (WAPOL) to provide a specific response to the western portion of the South Australian APY Lands, WAPOL do provide operational support to the region.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Commissioner of Police:

1. Note the contents of this briefing paper.

Noted

2. Endorsed that the content of the paper be used to brief the

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Endorsed / Not endorsed

Contact: Dean Miller
Rank: Chief Superintendent
Acting Assistant Commissioner
State Operations Service
Telephone: Out of Scope
Date: 6 August 2017

Noted

By

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Bronwyn Killmier
Assistant Commissioner
State Operations Service
August 2017

Endorsed

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Commissioner of Police
August 2017

Gentgall, Tracy (SAPOL)

From: Humby, Ian (SAPOL)
Sent: Friday, 27 January 2017 3:08 PM
To: Miller, Dean (SAPOL)
Cc: Gray, Robert (SAPOL); Roberts, Paul (SAPOL); Barnes, Joanne (SAPOL)
Subject: Assault at [Out of Scope]

Dean – brief details of a serious assault at [Out of Scope]

- On Wednesday 25 January 2017 clinic staff at [Out of Scope] advised police that [Out of Scope] [Out of Scope] reportedly inflicted by [Out of Scope] injuries were not life threatening and [Out of Scope] was treated by clinic staff. Murputja police responded.
- Prior to their arrival however, [Out of Scope] was released by the clinic, went home and was further assaulted. [Out of Scope] again presented to the Clinic, was [Out of Scope] and with a [Out of Scope] [Out of Scope]
- Police arrived and assisted by conveying the [Out of Scope] [Out of Scope] The victim has since been flown to Alice Springs hospital and admitted and arrangements made for Northern Territory police to attend the hospital and take a statement from [Out of Scope] [Out of Scope] [Out of Scope]
- There is conflicting information about what happened from the [Out of Scope] including that [Out of Scope] second assault was inflicted by [Out of Scope] While officers are continuing inquiries [Out of Scope] the perpetrator will be arrested. APY Lands Domestic Violence Section [Out of Scope] is aware and an intervention order submitted.

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COMMISSIONER'S BRIEFING PAPER

SUBJECT: Policing presence at FREGON community APY Lands

BACKGROUND:

The members of the Fregon community have raised the issue of a need for a permanent police station in their Community in the APY lands. This issue has been raised previously a number of times and more recently with the Out of Scope

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It has also been raised with individual Out of Scope

RELEVANT POINTS:

Fregon community is situated around 80 kms from the Mimili community in the APY lands. The policing of the Fregon Community is the responsibility of the Mimili based police officers. Police officers based and living in Umuwa also attend in response to significant issues and incidents in Fregon. There have been a number of significant issues in the previous 12 months that has required the attendance of officers from both Mimili and Umuwa to Fregon.

If there is a general police response required to Fregon then the Mimili officers are the initial responders. The Mimili officers also service Fregon community with motor vehicle and Licence enquires and they also attempt to resolve any disputes between local community members through mediation and consultation. They also hold community safety meetings and promote dialogue between Police and community members.

The response and attendance time at Fregon can take the local officers out of the Mimili community for 4 to 8 hours. This can also depend on the nature of the incident and the road and weather conditions at the time of the response. There are Community Night Patrol officers working in Fregon. One of their roles is to advise police if they consider a police response is required to a situation or incident.

There is no police compound in Fregon community or permanent police accommodation. There is a "police shed" which provides basic amenities for visiting officers and provides a location for the taking of statements and meeting community members. There is no provision for overnight accommodation for police at Fregon.

After hours calls for police assistance to Fregon normally come through the Officer in Charge of the APY lands. The calls and requests for assistance are assessed and the appropriate response determined and provided. The calls may come direct from Fregon community members, from Port Augusta Police Station or the police Communications Centre.

There is no additional police on the APY lands that can provide a continuous policing presence in Fregon. Currently there are no plans to provide a police station or permanent police officers to the Fregon Community.

RECOMMENDATION:

- That the COP accepts the contents of this Briefing Paper.

Contact: Senior Sergeant Mick EVERLYN - Officer in Charge APY lands.
Telephone: 89548200
Date: 7th of July 2017

Approved

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Assistant Commissioner/Director

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Police statistics show that most domestic violence offending occurs in a dwelling, with the category of house alone accounting for 71% in 2014-15, 72% in 2013-14 and 69% in 2012-13.

Domestic Violence predominantly occurs behind closed doors.
We need to remain active in reporting and supporting victims to speak up.
Domestic violence is everybody's business.

Figure 17 compiled by SAPOL shows the 30 suburbs in South Australia that recorded the highest number of offences flagged as domestic violence per 1,000 population (according to the ABS 2006 Census) in 2014-15. By converting the information in this way, there are meaningful comparisons across suburbs of different populations.

SAPOL also notes that to ensure sufficient analytic meaning, only suburbs with a minimum of 10 recorded offences flagged as domestic violence in 2014-15 have been included in the analysis. This excludes suburbs that may have a comparatively high rate of offences flagged as domestic violence where this is driven by a low number of offences and low population. The Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands were therefore excluded.

Figure 17: Highest 30 Ranked Suburbs 2014-15 – rate per 1,000 population

