ACC
AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

ACC has a legislative mandate to maintain the national picture of serious and organised crime

Where we are now:

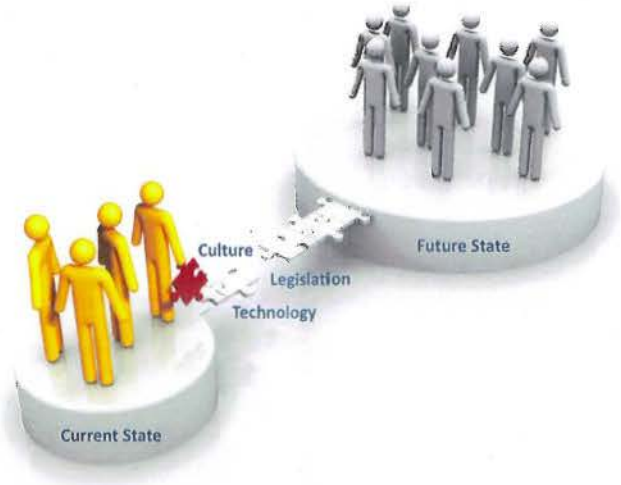
- The ACC holds only a portion of Australia's collective criminal intelligence holdings
- Access to intelligence between agencies is often inefficient, sporadic and untimely
- Intelligence collected is often not fully exploited
- Fusion Capability has highlighted the value of enhanced data access and exploitation.

Challenges experienced:

- Limited availability and accessibility of current and complete criminal intelligence
- Inconsistent approach to the way in which Australian agencies collect, collate, analyse, produce and share criminal intelligence.

Leading to:

- Duplication of effort and inefficiency among Australian agencies in understanding the threat posed by, and most effective response to, organised crime.



HOW WE GET THERE

Australian Criminal Intelligence Model & Strategy promotes effective and efficient management of intelligence assets to support information sharing, fit for purpose technologies and a culture which recognises the responsibility to provide and share intelligence.

Where we want to be – in an optimal state:

- Criminal intelligence will be treated as a national asset and agencies will have a responsibility to provide information and intelligence for the benefit of all
- Contemporary fit for purpose technology will exist across agencies and jurisdictions providing efficiencies and cost savings
- Legislation frameworks will enable the free flow of intelligence across agencies and jurisdictions
- Organisational culture to ensure correct balance between the principles of 'need to know' and 'responsibility to provide'.

Identified Outcomes:

- People, culture, policy, legislation and technology that support the free flow of criminal intelligence across relevant domains
- Intelligence viewed as a national asset that should be collected once and shared often.

Leading to:

- Improved understanding of, and more effective responses to, the threat and impact of serious and organised crime.

High Level Requirements

- Technology to facilitate information sharing through more complimentary systems
- Commitment by agencies to quickly and effectively collect, analyse and share relevant intelligence, and
- A collaborative culture of intelligence sharing to support decision making across agencies and across operating domains.

Five key initiatives that go to the national interest

1. The Australian Criminal Intelligence Model
2. An upgrade of Australian Criminal Intelligence Database, which is essential in order to ensure it is capable of maintaining and exploiting national criminal intelligence holdings as envisaged in the ACC Act, noting that resources will be required to realise such an upgrade.
3. A nationally coordinated RFI (Request For Information) capability, facilitated by the ACC.
4. Legislative change to remove barriers to sharing of intelligence, particularly to those agencies that can help deliver long-term prevention outcomes.
5. An administrative mechanism to ensure high levels of accountability are placed upon agencies to contribute intelligence to the national holdings.

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