

EXTRAORDINARY POLICE MINISTERS COUNCIL 3 APRIL 2023

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

The extraordinary Police Ministers Council was held on 3 April 2023 in Sydney. The meeting was chaired by the Hon Mark Dreyfus KC MP, Commonwealth Attorney-General. All jurisdictions were represented by Ministers or Senior Officials.

NATIONAL FIREARMS REGISTER

Summary of Decisions

Participants:

- (a) endorsed the policy outcomes and key capabilities of the National Firearms Register as outlined in the agenda paper, with the inclusion of tracking ammunition as part of the 'additional capabilities' to be considered in the development of options,
- (b) agreed that the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission develop costed options for implementing the policy outcomes and key capabilities for consideration by Police Ministers and National Cabinet in mid-2023,
- noted that states and territories will remain responsible for licence and registration services,
- (d) noted the ongoing work by the Firearms and Weapons Policy Working Group to address inconsistences with the National Firearms Agreement, and
- (e) **agreed** that the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department consult publicly on a National Firearms Register by releasing the consultation paper.

OTHER BUSINESS

Participants agreed that the first full official meeting of the Police Ministers Council would be held in June 2023.

The department will circulate a draft Terms of Reference for consideration in advance of the first full meeting.