



**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by Ms GIULIA JONES on 13 June 2014: Mr GLENN took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: ACT Policing

I am interested in culture and whether you have made any recommendations around change to culture and whether they have been taken up.

Mr Glenn: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

In relation to complaints about the AFP, which includes ACT Policing, we have not made any recommendations relating to culture in this financial year.

Our functions in relation to the AFP, are governed by the Ombudsman Act 1976 (CTH) and the Australian Federal Police Act 1979 (CTH). Therefore these functions are performed within the Commonwealth jurisdiction rather than the ACT.

When we investigate complaints about ACT Policing, we focus initially on the manner in which the AFP managed the complaint. When we investigate these complaints about the AFP, we do not conduct a fresh investigation of the incident that gave rise to the complaint. However, if we form the view that the AFP investigation of the matter overlooked a particular issue, our office may investigate that issue or refer it back to the AFP for investigation. In certain circumstances we may investigate a complaint where the complainant has not approached the AFP in the first instance.

It is open to the Ombudsman to investigate any administrative action by the AFP under his own motion powers under the Ombudsman Act 1976, and if we were to form the view that there was a significantly serious issue relating to the culture in the AFP, the Ombudsman may exercise his own motion powers to investigate such a matter.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2014-2015

Signature: 

Date: 27.6.14

By the Deputy Ombudsman, Mr Richard Glenn