

Office of Crime Prevention Review summary

As part of the 2009-10 budget process, the Commissioner of Police committed to a review of the Office of Crime Prevention (OCP) to identify potential savings through the amalgamation of functions and services.

Key outcomes

- The review reaffirms crime prevention is a core policing function.
- The OCP will become a branch of the WA Police, located within the Strategy and Performance Directorate.
- The name will remain as Office of Crime Prevention.
- Some positions within the OCP will be abolished to ensure streamlined and efficient service delivery. Permanent staff located in these positions will be redeployed within WA Police. The agreed structure includes 23 of the 30 current permanent OCP positions.
- Existing projects and functions of the OCP will be retained. (Note, the Designing out Crime position has replaced by a new Urban Crime and Disorder Initiative (CCTV) in delivery of election commitments. The review supports the mainstreaming of broader Designing out Crime functions within machinery of Government, and this will be progressed alongside the new Urban Crime and Disorder Initiative.)
- A Community Engagement Office will be created in the same portfolio to link the local government partnerships, Crime Prevention and Diversity Officers, and PCYC and Juvenile Justice Teams.
- The portfolio will be co-located to provide better integration between programs (OCP will advise stakeholders of change of address and phone contacts details when confirmed).
- The Media and Public Affairs Unit will take on all advertising and marketing functions generated by the OCP.

Structure and strategic alignment

The review provides for the formation of a proactive crime prevention portfolio within WA Police which develops policy; supports district crime prevention resources in working with local government and communities; and provides strategic direction for state wide programs and projects.

The OCP and broader portfolio will:

- Continue to drive state crime prevention efforts;
- Connect the engagement and diversion activities of PCYC and Juvenile Justice Teams with the broader crime prevention agenda; and
- Engage with indigenous, culturally diverse and emerging communities to reduce marginalisation and assist in the delivery of appropriate and equitable policing services.

Key Dates

- August 2009 - Review endorsed by Minister and Commissioner and Cabinet advised.
- 1 October 2009 – Transition to take effect.

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