

ISSUE COVER SHEET

File No: SDU 0801005

Issue:

SDU Source Management File – 21803838. Request for approval to change source registration number

Background:

Registered human source 21803838 has been an active registered human source for Victoria Police since 16 September, 2005. This source has been highly productive over a long period of time having provided intelligence regarding serious organised crime groups within Australia. This intelligence has been provided primarily to the Purana Task Force and numerous persons have been arrested and convicted as a result of the intelligence being acted upon.

As a consequence of the long period of deployment of the source the registered number also appears on affidavits for surveillance devices, telephone intercepts and search warrants and briefing papers, investigator's notes and other administrative documents held by investigators. An unacceptable number of investigators have become aware of the current registration number of this source.

Comment:

The source number is more widely known than is desirable, and as a consequence, the potential exists for persons to identify the source through the fact that one individual (the source) is the common denominator in a large number of investigations. This would be particularly high risk should some of these documents be released into the public forum, either intentionally via the court processes or accidentally.

I therefore request that approval be given to changing the source registration number. An alteration to the data input to the source code generator, such as changing the sex from female to male, will result in the following source registration number: 11792958. This registration number is substantially different to the current registration number and would suffice.

Recommendation:

In view of the high risk category of this source, and the ongoing long term deployment, the changing of the source registration number is a valid risk management strategy designed to protect the source from being identified. I therefore recommend this course of action. The Source Management Log held at the SDU will reflect this decision and this report should be attached to the source management file held at the HSMU in order that this action will be auditable and that the relevant registration numbers will be linked.

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