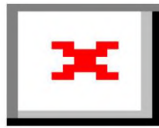


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Minutes

Date: **Friday – 21 October, 2011**

Present: Det Sup't Doug FRYER; Det Insp Mick FREWEN; A/C POPE, A/C ASHTON, A/C DUNNE, D/S/SGT BUICK

Apologies: Supt Clive RUST

These minutes are to be read in conjunction with Management Report tabled at each meeting

1	BUSINESS ARISING/SUMMARY
	MEETING COMMENCED AT 0830
1.1	Previous Action Items
	Action Item 1 - Ongoing Liaison with Commonwealth DPP re Dale Prosecution – carried over as advice has not been received back re same from Chris Beal @ Comm DPP
	Action Item 2 -
2	DECISIONS TAKEN
2.1	Nil
3	DECISIONS / DIRECTIONS REQUIRED.
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4	ISSUES – NOTIFIED / OTHER

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	Nil issues raised, overview of investigations as per weekly Driver Management Report (speak to this agenda)
4.1	Summary of current Driver Task Force Investigations per weekly management report. Nil issues arising
4.2	Discussion re Witness F & matters pertaining around disclosure provisions to Commonwealth DPP as per their current practice. Ongoing discussion around the fact that if Witness F was called to give evidence and then cross examined, there may be a heightened risk to the witnesses safety; also notwithstanding any PII claim made and subsequently made by Victoria Police, could still leave no doubt about the level of engagement witness F could have had with other criminal matters. Discussion regarding the forensic need to subpoena such material as the argument of relevance would be run by prosecution. Counsel and VGSO advice is that most likely all material would need to be provided before any argument could be mounted = risk to Witness F. FREWEN informed committee that Comm DPP was still awaiting written advice from senior prosecutor Chris BEAL regarding this issue. One issue that has been clarified is that Commonwealth need Witness F to give evidence for the prosecution to proceed. Tabled letter written by Witness F for consideration. CARRY OVER AGENDA ITEM is that once clarification is provided by Chris Beal, this letter for obtained by Driver then meeting be convened by ASHTON, FRYER & Shane Kearn of Commonwealth DPP to discuss further options. (FREWEN)
4.3	Discussion re Op Cotton and potential source ██████ that has been engaged by the Driver Task Force. Ongoing dialogue has been held with ██████ regarding potential intelligence and evidence that ██████ could assist in. From a credibility point of view ██████ is well placed and held in high regards amongst peers and subject of Op Cotton. The financial circumstances of ██████ at the moment are not good and ██████ was seeking assistance to pay a medical bill to the amount of 2K. There was some discussion of the merit of this, however having regard to the potential benefit this was a small price to pay to potentially progress the investigation on a number of fronts. A/C POPE directed that ██████ to be handled and managed by the source until status of witness or source is clarified. FREWEN stated that provided the payment was recorded and transparent and justifiable this should proceed. Having regard to this A/C ASHTON requested further research be undertaken regarding this matter and the implications MOTI'S case (QLD) has on this activity, pending any payment and methodology of payment being made. Action Item 2 - FREWEN
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5	ADMINISTRATION
5.1	Staffing:- Nil
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	ACTION ITEMS
6.1	Action Item 1 - FREWEN to chase up legal advice from Chris BEAL (commonwealth DPP)
6.2	Action Item 2 – FREWEN to contact Finn McCrae @ Legal Services and seek clarification on the MOTI case and any effect it has on proposal to remunerate [REDACTED] for Op Cotton investigation.