



**NSW Police Force**

## **SLED ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Communiqué Meeting 21 – 22 August 2017**

Cameron Smith, Director, Security Licensing & Enforcement Directorate (SLED) opened the meeting and introduced Ms Lisa Stockley, General Manager, Industry Regulation.

Mr Smith advised members that SLED and the Firearms Registry will be transferring to Corporate Services under the NSW Police Force (NSWPF) re-engineering project. Ms Rosemary Milkins, PSM has been appointed to Deputy Commissioner Corporate (civilian) effective 20 September 2017. Under the re-engineering project the Alcohol & Licensing Enforcement Command (ALEC) will provide a support role to the Regions/Local Area Commands with the transition of operational resources underway.

Members were notified that the repeal of the commercial and private inquiry agents (CAPI) legislation, scheduled for the end of 2017, has been deferred to 1 March 2018. In addition, the Commissioner of Police has endorsed the NSWPF position that SLED take on full responsibility for the regulation of the tattoo parlour industry. The proposal is currently with the Office for Police (OfP).

The issue of qualification requirements for locksmith licences was raised. Mr Smith advised the issue had previously been discussed as part of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) harmonisation of security industry regulation and national consensus was that probity requirements would be the focus of regulation of the technical sector. Council members were reminded that Government policy issues are outside the scope of the Council.

Ms Michelle Morgan, General Manager, Operations advised members that security licence applications are currently being processed within 10-12 weeks of receipt due to a number of internal issues that are being managed.

Members were informed that following the review by the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) of Peacemakers Security Pty Ltd, SLED has written to 90 licensees who obtained their NSW licence under mutual recognition principles to 'show cause' why their licence should not be revoked based on the cancellation of their qualification for their Queensland licence.

Ms Lisa Stockley, General Manager, Industry Regulation informed members that:

- The draft Fact Sheet for security door installers is to be finalised and distributed through security industry and trade associations. Further Fact Sheets will be developed in areas where non-compliance appears to arise from ignorance or misunderstanding of licensing requirements.
- SLED has received a number of uniform queries that have prompted the need to review the current Commissioner's Policy determination to establish if all requirements remain relevant. Industry input will be sought during this process.
- Research is being undertaken by SLED to gauge the percentage of people that obtain and use the Certificate IV in Security and Risk Management for security licensing purposes and determine the requirement for course content/assessment to be mandated and regulated by SLED. Mr Smith informed current members that on 5 March 2015, the Advisory Council resolved that the Certificate IV in Security Risk Management was the appropriate qualification requirement for a 2A licence.
- Artibus Innovation, a Skills Service Organisation (SSO), is progressing the development/update of the CPP07 Property Services training package via a consultative

process with industry skills representatives. SLED's Training Regulation Team is engaged in the consultation process to represent the views of regulators.

Council members discussed the brokering of security services by web based organisations such as airtasker and the associated licensing requirements. Members were notified that the issue has been referred to SLED's Assessment & Prevention Team for review and advice.

Mr Smith advised that NSWPF is of the firm view that the private provision of drug and explosive detection dogs should be prohibited due to the identified risks that cannot be adequately mitigated via cost effective regulation. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the benefits/disadvantages of the private provision of detections dogs with industry members supportive of further consultation. Mr Smith added that Australian Standards recently commenced a project with industry stakeholders to develop standards for the use of guard/patrol and detection dogs. It is anticipated that further discussion with key stakeholders will be undertaken.

Ms Justine Adkins, Principal Policy Analyst, Department of Justice advised the OfP received over 400 submissions concerning the remake of the Firearms Regulation 2017, with some useful and measured comments, particularly from specialist groups within the firearms community. Where, possible, the OfP has adopted these suggestions. Mr Daniel Lewkovitz advised he was very disappointed with the short review period and was of the view that proper public consultation had not been undertaken by OfP. Mr Lewkovitz indicated he was also concerned that several proposed amendments to the Regulation were not mentioned in the Regulatory Impact Statement. In response, Ms Adkins advised the Regulation was in its final stages and would be remade by 1 September 2017. However, the Regulation could be amended at anytime and public submissions were welcome. Ms Adkins confirmed the Firearms Registry Forum Group and the Firearms Registry Legislative Stakeholder Committee were consulted on the proposed amendments.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for November 2017.