



**Submission to the Parliamentary
Joint Committee on Law
Enforcement's Inquiry into the
Capability of Law Enforcement to
Respond to Money Laundering
and Financial Crime**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Submission to Joint Committee on Law Enforcement's Inquiry into the capability of law enforcement to respond to money laundering and financial crime.

We appreciate the invitation to make a submission to this consultation exercise. This submission was co-authored by the following researchers and practitioners:

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Background

Australia is one of the founding members of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) in 1989, and the Asia/Pacific Group in Money Laundering (APG) in 1997, the regional FATF body for the Indo-Pacific. Membership in these inter-governmental organisations requires Australia to clearly commit on an on-going basis at the highest political level to the full implementation of the FATF 40 Recommendations. These standards have been acknowledged by the UN Security Council since 2005¹ as the international benchmark for an effective legal, regulatory and law enforcement system to combat the threats of money laundering, terrorist financing and proliferation financing of Weapons of Mass Destruction, and of serious financial crime more generally.

The overall objective of the FATF 40 Recommendations is to protect the integrity of the international financial system from the threats posed by money laundering, the financing of terrorism and proliferation financing, thereby strengthening financial sector integrity and contributing to safety and security. Protecting the integrity of the financial system is affected not simply by requiring AML/CTF laws and regulations to be in place but by effective supervisory oversight to ensure that reporting entities comply with their obligations and by imposing sanctions and penalties when they do not. A key component of the FATF Recommendations relate to law enforcement authorities and their powers.

Since Australia joined the FATF it has been the subject of three comprehensive mutual evaluations for compliance with the FATF Recommendations: the first in 1996; the second in 2005; and the most recent in 2015. Australia's next evaluation is scheduled to commence in 2026.

Objectives of the Inquiry

On 19 June 2024, the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement agreed to inquire into and report on the capability of law enforcement to respond to money laundering and financial crime, including:

- a) the scale and forms of money laundering and financial crime in Australia, including their effect on the community and the economy, the types of criminal activities they fund, the methods employed by serious and organised crime, and emerging trends and threats;
- b) Australia's anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing (AML/CTF) legislation as well as comparisons with other jurisdictions and the international standards set by the Financial Action Task Force;
- c) proposed 'tranche two' reforms to extend the existing AML/CTF legislation to services provided by lawyers, accountants, trust and company service providers, real estate agents and dealers in precious metals and stones and implications for law enforcement;
- d) whether existing criminal offences and law enforcement powers and capabilities are appropriate to counter money laundering, including challenges and opportunities for law enforcement, such as those relating to emerging technologies;

¹ S/RES/1617, (2005) 29 July 2005.

- e) the effectiveness of collaboration, coordination and information sharing between Commonwealth agencies, including law enforcement, and with authorities in other jurisdictions and the private sector;
- f) the role and response of businesses and other private sector organisations, including their level of awareness, assistance to law enforcement, and initiatives to counter this crime;
- g) the operation of unexplained wealth and asset recovery legislation, the Criminal Assets Confiscation Taskforce, and the Confiscated Assets Account; and
- h) any related matters.

Australia's Current AML/CTF Legislation and Proposed Tranche II Reforms

Australia is an important regional financial centre. Weaknesses in Australia's AML/CTF system in turn weakens the regional financial system and poses a risk to the international financial system. Criminal actors target weak systems to exploit in order to conceal and disguise criminal proceeds from law enforcement authorities. In addition to the threats posed by a weak Australian AML/CTF system, Australia faces reputational damage by continuance of weak-to-non-existent money laundering and terrorist financing controls in a large sector of its economy – the tranche II entities.

Australia's Money Laundering Risk Assessment, 2024

The money laundering risks associated with tranche II entities were recently assessed by Australia to be either 'high' or 'very high' as reflected in Australia's recent National Risk Assessment². The same levels of risks were noted in an earlier 2014 national level threat assessment. Hence, the Australian government has been aware of these risks for almost a decade, if not longer.

Significantly, and despite ongoing commitments by Australia to implement risk mitigation measures in relation to tranche II entities, Australia has failed to meet its domestic and international obligations to implement the Recommendations but, more importantly, to address the risks to, and protect the integrity of, its own economy from the effects of criminal proceeds. This failure presents an attractive gateway for the entry of criminal proceeds into the financial system of Australia and, through that portal, to and into the international financial system.

Why inclusion of tranche II entities is important for law enforcement

In Australia's 2015 FATF mutual evaluation report³, it was highlighted that Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions (DNFBPs)⁴, otherwise known as tranche II entities, are not subject to requirements to file Suspicious Transaction Reports (STRs) with AUSTRAC, do not institute internal controls, and are not supervised by AUSTRAC or other agency for compliance with these FATF requirements. In the most recent FATF follow-up report in April 2024⁵, the same comments appear in relation to Australia highlighting the on-going concerns the FATF and the global community has with respect to the weaknesses in Australia's AML/CTF system.

² AUSTRAC (2024) Money Laundering in Australia: National Risk Assessment 2024. <https://www.austrac.gov.au/sites/default/files/2024-07/2024%20AUSTRAC%20Money%20Laundering%20NRA.pdf>.

³ FATF and APG (2015), Anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing measures - Australia, Fourth Round Mutual Evaluation Report, FATF, Paris and APG, Sydney www.fatf-gafi.org/topics/mutualevaluations/documents/mer-australia-2015.html.

⁴ The professions and businesses include: real estate agents, accountants, jewellery dealers, lawyers, among others, as listed Attorney-General's Department (2023).

⁵ FATF (2024) Anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing measures: Australia 4th Follow-Up Report & Technical Compliance Re-Rating. <https://www.fatf-gafi.org/content/dam/fatf-gafi/fur/Australia-FUR-2024.pdf.coredownload.inline.pdf>.

The lack of STRs from tranche II entities – again, a significant component of Australia's economy – deprives law enforcement including police, tax and customs authorities of critical information to combat serious financial crime, including money laundering and terrorist financing, and to comprehensively freeze and seize criminal proceeds with the ultimate goal to recover criminal assets and compensate the victims of crime.

Comparison with Australia's like-minded partners

As noted in the 2023 consultation paper⁶, out of more than 200 jurisdictions, Australia is now one of only five (5) that do not regulate and supervise tranche II entities. Rather than comparing Australia to many partners in that list, below is a comparison of Australia's like-minded countries, New Zealand, Canada and the United Kingdom.

New Zealand

New Zealand, Australia's closest neighbour legally and institutionally, is much further advanced than Australia in terms of AML/CTF implementation. In 2018, New Zealand implemented its "phase-two" reforms to include tranche II entities and was evaluated by the FATF in 2021. New Zealand's tranche II supervisor, the Department of Internal Affairs, was at the time of the evaluation in the early stages of implementation but the FATF noted that the rollout of new obligations had been conducted in an effective and well-managed way. New Zealand's law enforcement authorities have a wide range of information available for all its reporting entities, including STRs and supervisory information from the tranche II supervisor to assist law enforcement authorities to identify, freeze, and seize, criminal proceeds.

Canada

Canada also includes tranche II entities (except lawyers⁷) in its AML/CTF reporting and supervisory system and has for some time. The FATF's 2016 mutual evaluation report of Canada⁸ noted that supervision of the tranche II entities by FINTRAC (Canada's equivalent of AUSTRAC) has had a positive effect on AML/CTF regulatory compliance and on the ability of law enforcement authorities to conduct and conclude investigations with relevant information from reporting entities. The report relates that FINTRAC provides a significant amount of financial intelligence to LEAs including intelligence collected from its tranche II entities as key gatekeepers. The report commented that the wide range of systematic reports of transactions above CAD 10, 000 that FINTRAC receives constitutes an important source of information which has allowed FINTRAC to detect unusual transactions, make links between suspected persons and/or detect bank accounts and other assets held by these persons. In turn those

⁶ Attorney-General's Department. (2023). Modernising Australia's anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing regime: Consultation paper on reforms to simplify and modernise the regime and address risks in certain professions. Australian Government. <https://consultations.ag.gov.au/crime/aml-ctf/>.

⁷ Lawyers are not included by virtue of a Supreme Court of Canada decision in 2015. However, Canada is currently developing policies to include lawyers within their system taking note of the concerns expressed by that court.

⁸ FATF (2016) Anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing measures: Canada Mutual Evaluation Report. <https://www.fatf-gafi.org/content/dam/fatf-gafi/mer/MER-Canada-2016.pdf.coredownload.pdf>.

reports have been utilised by law enforcement authorities in Canada to further mitigate Canada's money laundering and terrorist financing risks.

United Kingdom

Finally, the United Kingdom has included tranche II entities for some time in its AML/CTF system. Those entities have been supervised by their respective professional bodies rather than, as in the case of Canada and New Zealand, a single supervisor. The FATF report of the UK⁹ discloses a number of effective outcomes for the UK economy as a result of its model including the filing of useful STRs for law enforcements and supervisor information available to law enforcement authorities as a result of a framework regulatory and supervision model. Like Canada and New Zealand the supervision of tranche II entities in the UK provides a valuable source of information to assist law enforcement authorities when needed to address their risk of serious financial crime including money laundering and terrorist financing.

RECOMMENDATION 1: Australia at a minimum should implement a comprehensive STR reporting framework for all DNFBPs.

⁹ FATF (2018) Anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing measures: United Kingdom Mutual Evaluation Report. <https://www.fatf-gafi.org/content/dam/fatf-gafi/mer/MER-United-Kingdom-2018.pdf.coredownload.inline.pdf>.

Managing the trade-off between intelligence objectives and tranche II implementation

The extension of AML/CTF obligations to tranche II entities are in part intended to increase the flow of financial intelligence to AUSTRAC and law enforcement agencies. There is however a tension between the intelligence objectives of AML/CTF measures and their regulatory objectives to protect AML/CTF-regulated entities against criminal abuse: As customer due diligence measures take effect reporting entities are more protected against criminal abuse and therefore their ability to provide meaningful AML/CTF intelligence declines.

There is however an elevated risk that intelligence flows may be adversely affected while newly regulated entities adopt new risk-based compliance measures. Crime risk assessments are not precise empirical exercises but rather subjective judgment-based conclusions on threats, vulnerabilities and consequences¹⁰. In some cases, risks may be underestimated while in other cases they may be overestimated. When that happens, regulated institutions may limit or deny services to a range of clients. In banking this has become known as “de-banking” or “de-risking”.¹¹ In practice, denials of service displace criminal money flows. It directs these flows to institutions with weaker control measures and into transactions and channels that are often more difficult to police, for example the cash-based economy, trade-based money laundering, and digital assets. Unless risk-based compliance processes are appropriately supported and monitored they may therefore add new law enforcement challenges.

RECOMMENDATION 2: Law enforcement agencies should be required and funded (i) to continuously share appropriate data with reporting entities to inform reasonable and data-driven money laundering, terrorist financing and proliferation financing risk assessments; and (ii) to work with industry bodies to identify and help to correct underestimation and overestimation of risks as well as the design of risk control measures that are not commensurate to the assessment risks.

Tranche II institutions will also have to grapple with the implementation of proliferation financing risk assessment measures. In 2020 the Australian government supported an amendment of the Financial Action Task Force standards that require all countries to undertake national proliferation financing risk assessments and to compel their AML/CTF-regulated institutions to undertake such institutional assessments. AUSTRAC published Australia’s first national proliferation financing risk assessment in 2022¹².

¹⁰ De Koker, L., Goldbarsht, D. (2024). FATF’s Risk-Based Approach: Has the Pendulum Swung too Far? In: Goldbarsht, D., de Koker, L. (eds) *Financial Crime and the Law. Ius Gentium: Comparative Perspectives on Law and Justice*, vol 115. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-59543-1_10.

¹¹ D’Hulster, Morris, Jaffer and De Koker. 2023. *The Decline of Correspondent Banking in Pacific Island Countries*. World Bank Report. Pacific Islands Forum. https://forumsec.org/sites/default/files/2024-05/GBR%20Report_FINAL.pdf.

¹² AUSTRAC (2022) *Proliferation Financing in Australia: National risk assessment*. https://www.austrac.gov.au/sites/default/files/2022-12/AUSTRAC_Proliferation_Financing_in_Australia-National_Risk_%20Assessment_Web.pdf.

Proliferation financing risk assessment is more challenging than money laundering and terrorist financing risk assessment as the subject matter is more technical and scientific in nature and requires an appropriate understanding of exports and export control measures as well as appropriate levels of geopolitical knowledge.¹³ Depending on how the risk assessment obligations are structured and the extent to which this obligation will be enforced through criminal penalties this obligation may have a significant impact on law enforcement agencies.

RECOMMENDATION 3: Consider the impact of institutional proliferation financing risk assessment obligations on law enforcement resources.

¹³ De Koker, L. (2024). The FATF's Combating of Financing of Proliferation Standards: Private Sector Implementation Challenges. In: Goldbarsht, D., de Koker, L. (eds) *Financial Crime and the Law. Ius Gentium: Comparative Perspectives on Law and Justice*, vol 115. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-59543-1_6.

Building a National Training Framework and Research Capacity to Support Law Enforcement Capability

Compared to the US and EU, currently the workforce training landscape for Financial Crime Investigation professionals working across law enforcement and in the financial sector is relatively underdeveloped in Australia. As a result, Australia is at risk of facing critical skill shortages in this area.¹⁴ We encourage the Parliamentary Joint Committee to call on the Federal Government to conduct a skills audit to determine what skills and professional training programs are required by professional investigators located across government agencies, law enforcement and financial institutions that are responsible for actively monitoring and reporting financial crime. These risks should be catalogued and incorporated into the National Skills Taxonomy (run by Jobs and Skills Australia) to help identify and address emerging skills needs, enhance training and education efforts and ultimately help ensure there exists a pipeline of future talent for this critical workforce. Further consideration needs to be given about how to develop a pipeline of talent from universities that law enforcement can draw on to meet their workforce needs in these critical areas. Based on Griffith University's assessment in developing the recently launched Masters of Financial Crime Investigation and Compliance, the skills relevant for detecting, investigating and reporting financial crime are complex and interdisciplinary in nature and are drawn from a number of different academic disciplines, including criminology, forensic accounting and IT.

These include:

1. Investigative techniques and practical skills required to investigate and report suspicious activity in written form.
2. A basic understanding of the criminological theory of victims and offenders typically involved in financial crimes, as well as the reporting obligation of reporting entities under the new regime.
3. Accounting skills required in the forensic analysis of financial transactions and financial statements typically used in KYC processes to identify Source of Funds/Source of Wealth (SoF/SoW).
4. Skills to employ data analysis, AI tools and visualisation techniques for detecting suspicious transactions and transaction monitoring.
5. Analytical skills required in conducting risk assessments of customers, and producing, as well as implementing, a risk-based approach from an enterprise perspective. This should include a basic understanding of statistics, and tail risks and using monte carlo simulations for risk assessments.

¹⁴ Sydney Morning Herald (2021) 'Absolutely fundamental': Financial crime skills shortage sparks calls for law change, article published July 1 2021, accessed at: <https://www.smh.com.au/business/banking-and-finance/absolutely-fundamental-financial-crime-skills-shortage-sparks-calls-for-law-change-20210630-p585ii.html>.

Universities can play a key role is assisting with developing career pathways into law enforcement from areas such as forensic accounting & and IT.

RECOMMENDATION 4: The Commonwealth government should conduct skills audits to determine what skills and professional training programs are required by professional investigators located across government agencies, law enforcement and financial institutions that are responsible for actively monitoring and reporting financial crime. These risks should be catalogued and incorporated into the National Skills Taxonomy.

Beyond workforce skills, law enforcement capabilities can also be supported by developing public/private partnerships. The FATF has encouraged the member countries to develop public-private partnerships to grow national capabilities in countering ML and TF threats¹⁵. In this regard, we encourage the joint Committee to consider how to promote greater data sharing arrangements between regulated entities and universities. Universities can play a crucial role and their research expertise is harnessed to support Australia's law enforcement capabilities. Academic researchers from various disciplines, such as Law, Criminology, Forensic Accounting, and ICT, can generate new knowledge about financial crimes such as money laundering, terrorist financing, and fraud, as well as the compliance challenges that are faced by regulated entities. Increasing the depth and scope of publications on financial crime typologies can help ensure a wide variety of regulated entities have cost effective access to knowledge that can help improve their approaches to monitoring and reporting suspicious behaviour, as well as conducting risk assessments.

A good example of public-private partnerships featuring universities is EuroDaT in Germany which aims to build a European data trustee that enables data sharing, with a focus on financial data, and is being developed in collaboration with the University of Saarland and Goethe University Frankfurt.

Overall, prioritising financial crime as a new national research priority in Australia's Science and Research priorities is essential. Australia's Science and Research Priorities serve to incentivise researchers to focus on areas of strategic national importance.¹⁶ The overall goal of this initiative is to help Australia achieve its economic, social, and environmental objectives by supporting research that tackles important national policy issues. Encouraging researchers to focus on financial crime can help to create a more action-oriented and responsive research environment, something sorely needed. Additionally, this would help strengthen Australia's reputation as a leader in the fight against financial crime.

RECOMMENDATION 5: Research into financial crime, in particular money laundering and terrorist financing, be added as a new national priority in Australia's Science and Research Priorities.

¹⁵ FATF (2022), Partnering in the Fight Against Financial Crime: Data Protection, Technology and Private Sector Information Sharing, FATF, Paris, France.

¹⁶ Australian Government. (2015). Science and Research Priorities. Fact Sheet.

The Challenge of Emerging Technologies and Promoting Greater Information Sharing Arrangements

Collaboration

For the new AML/CTF regime to work effectively, it is important to create an institutional environment that is conducive to enabling research and collaboration that can be used by reporting entities to identify and mitigate the risks of financial crime. The Committee should consider what provisions can be made to encourage law enforcement industry and regulators to work together to share information and collaborate with industry, both to investigate criminal threats and develop law enforcement AI capability.

As recently noted by the FATF:

*"Collaboration and information sharing helps financial institutions to build a clearer picture of criminal networks and suspicious transactions, and better understand, assess, and mitigate their money laundering (ML), terrorist financing (TF) and proliferation financing (PF) risks. It can also provide authorities with better quality intelligence to investigate and prosecute these crimes and ultimately help prevent crime from reaching our streets."*¹⁷

Law enforcement agency adoption of emerging technology including artificial intelligence (AI), will require a partnership across industry, law enforcement and regulators. With criminal actors leveraging the latest in technology to commit crimes, law enforcement agencies will require capability to counter criminal threats and conduct complex investigations. AI offers law enforcement a combination of individual detection models, augment investigation processes and the opportunity to radically improve the efficiency and robustness of investigations.

Enhancing Investigations using LLMs and AI

The investigation of financial crime threats is a time-consuming process, which relies on many human resources. The key task in this process is for humans to understand the volume of financial intelligence and apply their judgement about criminal risks. Currently, much of the time is spent performing pre-determined tasks, including:

- Understanding current and previously identified risks (review of unstructured intelligence reporting),
- Background research (searching for relating intelligence and connections), and
- Behavioural analysis (accessing and reviewing transactional data from financial services, communications and social media sources).

Large language models (LLM), with the correct guard rails and protocols in place, are well suited to accelerating and supporting human activities in these areas. Key technologies in this area are *chain of thought prompting* and *retrieval augmented generation*, that structure the responses of the LLM and ground them in trusted data sources and statistical models, guiding law enforcement investigators to focus on key risks.

¹⁷ FATF (2022), Partnering in the Fight Against Financial Crime: Data Protection, Technology and Private Sector Information Sharing, FATF, Paris, France.

Previously, it was very difficult to combine unstructured intelligence reporting with structured models seeking to highlight risks. With the availability of deep learning models able to process, structure, and tag unstructured data in all formats, multi-modal models are beginning to emerge and, with the addition of new industries to the AML/CTF framework, will assist law enforcement in handling new sources of financial intelligence. In law enforcement investigations, this technology can make an impact in areas such as:

- Analysing customer and payment records,
- Verifying risk attributes about known criminals, and
- Accurate leveraging of all source intelligence (including in multiple formats e.g. video, data).

Using AI to rationalise and incorporate these sources into existing risk evaluation processes can further improve the effectiveness and efficiency of law enforcement financial crime investigations. At the same time, it is important to acknowledge that AI needs to be implemented in a responsible and ethical manner. Adopting an AI-driven approach to detect and investigate financial crime, must have design principles that are:

- Relevant to particular risk criminal activity profiles (e.g. laundering the proceeds of trafficking drugs),
- Robust to “blind spots” in an organisation’s historic data and intelligence holdings, and
- Explainable and interpretable to a variety of stakeholders including investigators, prosecutors and regulatory bodies.

Recommendation 6: Law enforcement should adopt emerging technology in collaboration with industry, and to enhance investigations and counter the use of AI and similar technology advances to commit crime and launder proceeds.

To maximise these capabilities and ensure AI is implemented responsibly, law enforcement agencies need to incorporate AI skills into their workforce plans and ensure there is adequate budget in professional development programs that can enable law enforcement agencies to get their workforce adequately trained via courses or micro-credentials offered by tertiary institutions, such as Griffith University.

Recommendation 7: Law enforcement agencies need to incorporate AI skills into their workforce plans and ensure there is adequate budget in professional development programs that can enable law enforcement agencies to get their workforce adequately trained.

Many of Australia’s state law enforcement agencies are dedicating considerable resources to public information campaigns to grow public awareness of scams and cybersecurity threats.

Scams are a particular type of financial crime that not only lead to direct financial losses, they also have a detrimental impact on mental health, relationships and job prospects. A recent study of scams identified more than 20 varieties of online scams that have a major impact on well-being, with 500,000 people estimated as victims of modern slavery and numerous suicides taking place as a result of specific types of scams like sextortion¹⁸. According to Interpol Secretary General, Juergen Stock "we are facing an epidemic in the growth of financial fraud, leading to individuals, often vulnerable people, & companies being defrauded on a massive and global scale"¹⁹.

There is a growing and largely unmet need to promote public education and develop tech solutions to protect the public. Most people remain unaware of how easily deepfakes can be created or how sophisticated phishing attacks have become, leaving them more vulnerable to falling prey to these high-tech scams. While some measures, such as Scamwatch, are helping to disrupt scams and inform the public who are actively searching for information online, there is still a need to heighten levels of awareness among the vulnerable before they are targeted by scammers, equipping the public with new tools to help them discern, detect and report scams.

It is vital to develop new tech solutions that can reach an audience and assist people who may be under attack from scammers in real time. In this regard AI and LLMs can also be of assistance:

- LLMs can be used to build chatbots for the detection of online scams that could be used by members of the public to receive customised real time advice about what potential warning signs to look for in their particular situation. Chatbots are conversational programs designed to show humanlike behaviour by mimicking text- or voice-based conversation. Evidence suggests that people are more likely to feel more anonymous when interacting with chatbots, which can assist in helping victims of scams in feeling comfortable in discussing scams²⁰.
- AI technology can be used to develop deepfake detection tools that enable users to conduct due diligence on suspicious videos and audio messages.

Recommendation 8: Law enforcement adopt AI to support prevention and public awareness and education campaigns, including chatbots, community scam forums and online scam content.

¹⁸ GCFFC Asia Chapter (2024) Financial Scams Report: An Assessment of Scams in East Asia <https://www.gcffc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/GCFFC-Scams-Report-6June2024Pbd-3.pdf>.

¹⁹ GCFFC Asia Chapter (2024) Financial Scams Report: An Assessment of Scams in East Asia <https://www.gcffc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/GCFFC-Scams-Report-6June2024Pbd-3.pdf>.

²⁰ Croes, E. A., & Antheunis, M. L. (2021). 36 questions to loving a chatbot: are people willing to self-disclose to a chatbot? In Chatbot Research and Design: 4th International Workshop, CONVERSATIONS 2020, Virtual Event, November 23–24, 2020, Revised Selected Papers 4 (pp. 81–95). Springer International Publishing.

