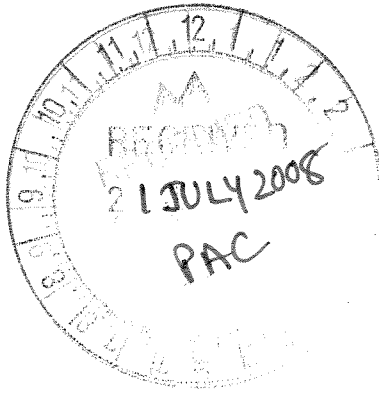


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Dear Mr McLeay,

**Re Auditor General Report on Responding to the Homelessness**

I refer to your letter dated 11 June 2008 concerning the NSW Police Force response to the Auditor General's Report, which was tabled on 2 May 2007.

Although the NSW Police Force role in preventing and alleviating homelessness is limited, we have been a member of the Partnerships against Homelessness since 1999. As a result, the NSW Police Force took part in the Auditor General's performance audit and, where applicable, supplied relevant documents and responses. However, significant segments of the audit did not relate to policing or law enforcement and I note that none of the Auditor General's recommendations specifically relate to the NSW Police Force.

As an agency playing a supporting role in the Government response to the problem of homelessness the NSW Police Force continues to be represented on the Partnership Against Homelessness and the Housing and Human Services Senior Officers Group.

Additionally, it is noted that in August 2007 the Human Services and Justice CEOs Cluster, of which the NSW Police Force is a member, established an inter-departmental working group to develop a Homelessness Strategic Framework. The Working Group is chaired by Department of Premier and Cabinet, with Housing NSW providing secretariat support and coordinating the developmental work. Once the Framework is endorsed the NSW Police Force will be partner agency and will likely have responsibilities for actions such as facilitating a coordinated approach to supporting women and children at risk of homelessness due to domestic and family violence.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A P Sciplone'. Below the signature is the printed name and title of the Commissioner of Police.

**A P Sciplone APM**  
**Commissioner of Police**

16 JUL 2008

