

Appendix C:

Audit scope and method

Scope of this audit

Who we examined

We examined Victoria Police.

Our audit objective

To determine if Victoria Police's roadside drug testing program operates effectively and achieves intended outcomes.

What we examined

We examined how Victoria Police:

- allocates and manages its resources to detect and deter drug driving
 - oversees and improves the program to ensure it achieves its intended outcomes.
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Conducting this audit

Assessing performance

To form our conclusion against the objective, we used the used the following lines of inquiry and associated evaluation criteria:

Line of inquiry

Criteria

1. Does Victoria Police's program use intelligence-led and evidence-based methods to enforce the drug driving provisions of the *Road Safety Act 1986*?

1.1 Victoria Police uses evidence and intelligence from relevant, reliable, and up-to-date sources to inform its overarching enforcement strategy, including its broad approach to deterring drug drivers, detecting drug presence, identifying drug impairment, and interacting with alleged offenders.

1.2 Victoria Police's processes for planning and distributing resources, such as authorised officers and tests, across the state:

- rely on evidence and intelligence from relevant, reliable, and up-to-date sources
- have effective controls – including policies, procedures, and review mechanisms – to ensure consistent implementation by staff.

1.3 Victoria Police's processes for managing and using resources to test drivers and enforce legislation:

- rely on evidence and intelligence from relevant, reliable, and up to date sources
- have effective controls – including policies, procedures, data collection and validation tools, training programs, and review mechanisms – to ensure consistent implementation by staff.

Line of inquiry	Criteria
2. Does Victoria Police oversee and enhance the program to ensure it achieves intended outcomes and continuously improves?	2.1 Victoria Police's program has specific, quantifiable, achievable, relevant, and timebound objectives, targets, and performance measures that align with relevant government strategies and guidance, as well as a benefits realisation plan.
	2.2 Victoria Police: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> periodically evaluates the program to (a) ensure it operates efficiently and effectively and (b) sustain and improve its capacity regularly monitors and reports its performance to effectively identify, analyse, and respond to risks.
3. Does Victoria Police's program engage the community and the Road Safety Partners to positively influence driver behaviour?	3.1 Victoria Police interacts with the public to raise awareness of the dangers associated with drug driving.
	3.2 Victoria Police collaborates with the Road Safety Partners in a transparent manner to ensure the program achieves its intended outcomes.

Our methods

As part of the audit we:

- reviewed and analysed documentation, including data from Victoria Police
- interviewed key officers and staff
- observed Victoria Police roadside drug testing operations and visited RPDAS.

We also consulted with the other partners about relevant sections of the report.

Compliance

We conducted our audit in accordance with the *Audit Act 1994* and ASAE 3500 Performance Engagements to obtain reasonable assurance to provide a basis for our conclusion.

We also provided copies of the report to the Department of Premier and Cabinet and Department of Treasury and Finance.

We complied with the independence and other relevant ethical requirements related to assurance engagements.

Cost and time

The full cost of the audit/review and preparation of this report was \$835,000.

The duration of the audit/review was 15 months from initiation to tabling.