



NSW Police Force

SLED ADVISORY COUNCIL

Communiqué Meeting 22 – 26 February 2017

Mr Cameron Smith, Director, Security Licensing & Enforcement Directorate (SLED) opened the meeting and welcomed Council members.

Mr Smith advised that SLED has officially transferred from State Crime Command to Corporate Services within the NSW Police Force and is unlikely to receive the funding that has been requested in the past seven years for additional resources. Instead, SLED will be required to find ways to work smarter and more efficiently. In this regard, a project to introduce on-line licence applications has commenced, and SLED is working with OneGov to improve system user functionality.

Members were advised that legislative amendments to transfer private investigators to the *Security Industry Act 1997* have been further delayed.

Ms Lisa Stockley, General Manager, Industry Regulation informed members that Compliance & Enforcement Officers undertook 32 audits in Orange, Wellington and Dubbo during February 2018. The team assisted local licensing police with issues relating to the provision of security services at licensed premises and followed up non-compliance previously detected in the area. Overall, the level of compliance was good, with some unlicensed activity identified (primarily in the technical sector). SLED will monitor to ensure licence applications are submitted by those identified.

Ms Stockley provided an overview of SLED's Language, Literacy & Numeracy (LLN) strategy for Class 1 licence applicants, and advised that SLED is working collaboratively with ASQA, Fair Work Ombudsman and Revenue NSW on security related matters.

Members were informed that SLED is currently implementing an educational strategy to inform the technical sector of security licence requirements in NSW. *Fact Sheet 5 – Security Doors & Roller Shutters* is available on SLED's website (published December 2017). Feedback is invited as to issues that industry believes are a priority for education.

Ms Michelle Morgan, General Manager, Operations provided an overview of SLED's Operations Unit's recent activities. Ms Morgan confirmed that applications for security operator licences are being processed within 6-8 weeks.

Members discussed the advantages/disadvantages of using stored photo images by Roads and Maritime Services for the renewal of operator licences and the introduction of a three-year licence term. Members agreed that both issues had merit and SLED agreed to raise proposals with the Office for Police for required legislative change.

There was a general discussion amongst Council members regarding the awarding of tenders, Industrial Award conditions and the ongoing evaluation of companies that have been awarded Government tenders. Mr Smith requested an agenda paper on the topic for the next meeting.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 29 May 2018.