

Heads of Prosecuting Agencies Conference

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One of the things, I appreciated very early in my role as DPP, was the extent to which we as heads of prosecuting agencies experience basically the same issues and problems despite the differences of our jurisdictions.

In recent times, the trend, or the demand, has been for prosecuting agencies to be more (1) efficient and competent (2) more open and transparent, and (3) more engaging and accountable.

From our perspective, we have to make sure we get it right all the time – we need to maintain independence and control over prosecutions, and we need to ensure the people who make up the prosecution service act fairly and properly and maintain the highest standards of integrity and honesty.

It is a difficult job and the demands on us are great.

Internationalism has brought about a greater degree of universality of the law. It is imperative that we engage each other more than we do. We need to discuss our problems and share our experiences with each other. We should be there to not only cooperate with one another but to help each other as well.

Perhaps we can consider an email exchange on a

monthly basis where we notify each other of issues or cases in our respective jurisdictions that may be of common interest and where we can raise matters for comments or views. It can be a forum to discuss domestic matters or matters with an international dimension where there is an issue of cooperation or concern between jurisdictions. Whilst we need to cooperate more on an agency to agency basis, we also need to do so with each other.

It is my pleasure to open this gathering of Heads of Prosecuting Agencies and trust over the next two days we can join together in a worthwhile and productive exchange of views and discussion. Let me now introduce each of you.

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| 1. <u>Australia</u> | 1. Lloyd Babb, SC (NSW/DPP)
2. Jack Karzcewski, QC (NT/DPP)
3. Daryl Coates, SC (Tasmania/
Assistant DPP)
(Tim Ellis, SC, DPP) |
| 2. <u>Bermuda</u> | Rory Field, SC, DPP |
| 3. <u>Brunei</u> | 1. Hayati Salleh (AG)
2. Aldila Salleh
3. Nor Ahmad
4. Samiyyah Emeraldal Hj Abas |
| 4. <u>Canada</u> | Robert Prior, Chief Federal
Prosecutor, Ottawa |
| 5. <u>England and Wales</u> | 1. Keir Starmer, QC, DPP
2. Helen Kershaw |

6. Fiji Christopher Pryde, DPP
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 1. Wesley Wong, SC, DDPP
 2. David Leung, DDPP
 3. William Tam, DDPP
 4. Alain Sham, DDPP
8. Ireland Claire Loftus, DPP
9. Kenya
 1. Keriako Tobiko, DPP
 2. Kioko Kamula, SADPP
 3. Mary Mwenje, Principal
Prosecution Counsel
10. Mauritius Satyajit Boolell, SC, DPP
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12. Myanmar Khin Yu Yu, Deputy Director
13. New Zealand
 1. Michael Heron, QC, Solicitor
General
 2. Simon Moore, QC, Crown
Solicitor/Auckland (Meredith
Connel)
14. Northern Ireland Barry McGrory, QC, DPP
15. Pakistan
 1. Muhammad Wasay Tareen,
Prosecutor General/Balochistan
 2. Sadaqat Ali Khan, Prosecutor

General/Punjab

16. Scotland
 1. Rt Hon Frank Mulholland, QC, Lord Advocate
 2. David Stewart

17. Singapore
 1. Steven Chong, SC, AG
 2. Aedit Abdullah, SC, Chief Prosecutor
 3. Lim How Khang, Deputy Public Prosecutor
 4. Kok Shu En, Deputy Public Prosecutor

18. Solomon Islands Ronald Bei Talasasa, DPP

19. United Kingdom David Green, CB, QC, Director of Serious Fraud Office

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21. IAP Elizabeth Howe, General Counsel