



**BOB DEBUS**  
**MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS**

---

**MEDIA RELEASE**

Thursday 29 January 2009

**NATIONAL AUDIT OF POLICE CAPABILITIES**

The Minister for Home Affairs, Bob Debus, today announced the appointment of Roger Beale AO to conduct a Federal Audit of Police Capabilities in line with the Government's election commitment.

"The Australian Federal Police have had to meet increasing demands in recent years and it's important we take a comprehensive look at its resources and how it can meet the Government's priorities into the future.

"The audit will also examine the effectiveness of the AFP's human resources, workforce planning, equipment and technology and current funding."

Mr Beale has extensive experience working at senior levels of government and on national and environmental policy.

The audit will provide an opportunity for the States and Territories to have input through the Australia New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency, ANZPAA, a policy body led by Police Commissioners.

The chief executive of the Police Federation of Australia, Mark Burgess, welcomed the announcement.

"This audit is a vital step in a wider pre-election commitment from the ALP on national police workforce planning issues.

"The PFA calls upon all police jurisdictions and governments to play an active role in the process."

It is expected Mr Beale will begin the audit in early February.

Mr Beale will be supported by a team drawn from the AFP and relevant agencies and will report to the Government by 30 June 2009.

**Media Contact:            Samantha Wills            0448 721 372**