

**Police, Lawyers Liaison Committee Meeting**  
**8<sup>th</sup> February, 2007, 3 pm**  
**1/456 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne**

**Present**

Louisa Dipietrantonio (OPP), Inspector Tony Ryan (LRU), John Bentley (VLA), Jeisa Javor (LIV), Anne Jorgenson (LIV), Sgt Wes Lawson (Prosecutor NJC), Sgt Steve Neville (Frankston Prosecutions), Megan Tittensor (Vic Bar).

**Apologies**

Michael McNamara.

**Previous Minutes and Action Items**

**Service of subpoenas on police members**

Inspector Ryan indicated that practitioners should contact Sgt Luke Charlesworth at the Subpoena Management Unit for assistance.

**Court Reports**

It was agreed to hand reports to prosecutors early rather than during a plea.

**Guidelines for solicitors entering police stations**

Inspector Ryan handed guidelines to Bar Council. All agreed with guideline and the matter signed off.

**Withdrawal Procedure**

The policy is still not signed off by Legal Services but Inspector Ryan undertook to circulate them to committee members.

**New Business**

**Proposed Web Page**

The suggestion was made that the policies and guidelines generated by the committee should be made available to the public and legal fraternity through a web site.

**\*ACTION ITEM** Sgt Neville to follow up

**Police Life Article**

Sgt Neville has contacted Police Life regarding an article promoting the work of the Committee. Individual Biographies need to be forwarded to Sgt Neville Prior to the next meeting to provide material for the article.

### **Accountability for Costs**

Sgt Lawson inquired into the practice of barristers not knowing costs at the end of a contested matter and asked if it was possible for them to have a costs total at this time. Megan Tittensor said that solicitors were reluctant to inform barrister of total costs for business reasons and she could not see private solicitors changing their practice. Louisa Dipietrantonio indicated the OPP asked for the matter to be adjourned and an Itemised bill (but not a taxed bill) be provided and then negotiated.

### **Prior Convictions not provided**

Jeisa Javor mentioned that prior convictions were not supplied at times after Schedule 2 applications for briefs of evidence. This is particularly evident from Footscray Police.

**\*ACTION ITEM.** Inspector Ryan to follow up through Brief Managers Course.

### **Provision of Police Briefs after 14 days before first Mention**

Jeisa Javor mentioned that there were instances where some members are refusing to supply briefs after the 14 days mentioned in the act or supply a second copy when defendants change solicitors.

**\*ACTION ITEM** Sgt Neville to follow up recommendations for alteration to Victoria Police disclosure provisions.

### **Provision of Members Notes**

Jeisa Javor mentioned that some members were not providing their notes prior to contest mentions when requested by solicitors. Inspector Ryan indicated an email had been circulated recently with a direction not to supply notes. A subpoena is required.

**Next Meeting** 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2007.