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Commission

6 October 2015

Mr Ron Iddles
Chief Executive Officer
Police Federation of Australian, Victoria Police Branch
1 Clarendon Street
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via email: general@tpav.org.au

Dear Mr Iddles

Section 271 application for exemption from the financial reporting obligations of Part 3 of Chapter 8 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 for financial year ended 30 June 2015 (FR2015/77)

I refer to your application pursuant to s271 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (RO Act), lodged in the Fair Work Commission (FWC) on 7 September 2015 in respect of the Victoria Police Branch of the Police Federation of Australia for the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

The application has been granted. The certificate is attached.

If you wish to discuss this matter, please contact Ms Joanne Fenwick on (03) 8661 7886 or by email to joanne.fenwick@fwc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Chris Enright
Director
Regulatory Compliance Branch



CERTIFICATE

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009

s.271 - Reporting unit's exemption from requirements of Chapter 8, Part 3

Police Federation of Australia – Victoria Police Branch
(FR2015/77)

MR ENRIGHT

MELBOURNE, 06 OCTOBER 2015

Certificate of exemption from the requirements of Chapter 8, Part 3 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009

[1] On 07 September 2015 an application was made under s 271 (1) of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the Act) by the Victoria Police Branch of the Police Federation of Australian for a certificate of exemption in respect of the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

[2] I am satisfied that the applicant is a reporting unit that does not have any financial affairs in respect of the financial year which ended 30 June 2015.



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1 September 2015

Mr Sam Gallichio
Adviser
Regulatory Compliance Branch
Fair Work Commission
GPO Box 1994
MELBOURNE 3001

Dear Mr Gallichio

**Re: Application for Exemption (Section 271(1)) - [FR2015/77]
Lodgement of Financial Documents for year ended 30 June 2015**

Thank you for your courtesy reminder letter dated 19 August 2015 about preparing and processing the financial reports for the Police Federation of Australia Victoria Police Branch ("the Branch"), as required by the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* ("the Act").

In accordance with the Police Federation of Australia, Victoria Police Branch Rules, as Chief Executive Officer (Secretary), I am authorised to act on behalf of the Branch.

Pursuant to section 271 of the Act, we hereby apply for a certificate to exempt the Branch from the requirements of the Act relating to financial matters occurring in the year ended 30 June 2015.

In support of the application I state the following:

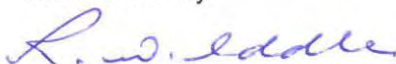
1. The Branch does not trade or carry out financial transactions of any kind.
2. The Branch does not have an account with a bank or any other financial institution nor does it have custody of any real property or moneys.
3. The Branch accordingly has no reason to keep accounting records.
4. The reason that the Branch does not trade is because of the relationship between the Branch and the Associated Body, i.e. The Police Association ("the Association"), referred to in Rules 6A, 6B and the membership application form at Annexure "A" of the Federal Rules of the Police Federation of Australia.
5. The Associated Body was incorporated on 31 March 1947.
6. The Branch was not formed until 31 December 1997 when the Police Federation of Australia was registered as an organisation.

7. Since inception, the Associated Body has carried out financial transactions including the collection of membership fees, the payment of accounts for expenses incurred in carrying out regular business (such as the production of a journal), has operated a bank account, has leased and/or owned property and office machinery, has made donations exceeding \$1,000, has employed and paid wages of employees.
8. Membership of the Branch and the Associated Body are identical and indistinguishable. No member of the Branch is ineligible for membership of the Associated Body. No prospective member has applied to be a member of the Branch and not also a member of the Associated Body.
9. The Officers of the Associated Body are the officers elected by the Branch in accordance with the Branch Rules and the Federal Rules. The Branch Executive meets monthly and regulates the affairs of the Branch in a thorough and consistent manner. Officers of the Branch act for and appear for members in the Fair Work Commission.
10. The Association as the Associated Body is the representative industrial organisation for the vast majority of Victoria Police members (total full financial members as of 31 December 2014 is 14,379).
11. The Association is a registered company under the Corporations Act and is subject to the scrutiny of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission ("ASIC"), with an annual requirement to provide a fully audited general purpose financial report for the preceding 12 month period (last reported period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015).
12. This process involves a full audit of the Association's financial affairs carried out by a top tier accounting firm, Deloitte, who are appointed as auditors of the Association at each annual general meeting held in September.
13. The audit carried out by Deloitte is presented to the Director's meeting in August of each year and is then published in the August edition of The Police Association Journal. The Journal is mailed to all members of the Association and the financial report is published on the Association's website which is freely available for all members to view.
14. The financial report will be presented to members at the annual general meeting of the Association to be held on Thursday 10 September 2015.
15. The 2014/2015 financial report of the Association was lodged with ASIC on 26 August 2015 (refer document acknowledgement attached).
16. The only financial concern of the Branch relates to the payment of capitation fees by the Branch to the Federal Fund pursuant to Rule 7 of the Police Federation Rules. This fee is paid by the Associated Body in accordance with Rule 7(e) of the Rules.

We respectfully request that you further consider the aforementioned matters and provide an exemption from the requirements.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Ms Sylvia Loveless, Administration Manager on 9468 2600.

Yours sincerely



RON IDDLES, AOM, APM
Chief Executive Officer

Encl.



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