Confiscation of Criminal Assets (Distribution of Surplus Funds) Approval 2024 (No 1)

Notifiable instrument NI2024-342

made under the

Confiscation of Criminal Assets Act 2003, s 134 (Distribution of surplus funds)

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Confiscation of Criminal Assets (Distribution of Surplus Funds) Approval 2024 (No 1).*

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after it is notified.

3 Approvals of use of distributable funds

I approve the use of the distributable funds available for payment from the Confiscated Assets Trust Fund in the following manner for the following activities:

| Agency | Purpose | Amount |
|---------------|--|-----------|
| JACS | Law Reform and Sentencing Advisory | \$572,790 |
| | Council | |
| JACS | Reducing waiting times to access restorative | \$150,228 |
| | justice | |
| JACS | Canberra as a Restorative City Initiative | \$359,576 |
| JACS with the | Sexual Assault Legal Service Handbook for | \$30,000 |
| Women's | sexual assault survivors engaging with the | |
| Legal Centre | Pilot | |
| Legal Aid | Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and | \$369,000 |
| ACT | Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Legal | |
| | Aid client liaison officers | |
| JACS | Court Support for Jervis Bay Territory First | \$50,000 |
| | Nations People | |
| JACS | Review of Crimes (Consent) Amendment Act | \$174,157 |
| | 2022 | |
| JACS | Updating the Guide for Framing Offences | \$73,507 |
| JACS | Electronic monitoring feasibility study | \$214,348 |

| Agency | Purpose | Amount |
|--------------|--|-------------|
| DPP | Extension of the embedded prosecutor | \$107,000 |
| | initiative at the ACT Policing's Sexual | |
| | Assault and Child Abuse Team (SACAT) | |
| DPP | Expansion of the Witness Assistance Scheme | \$404,346 |
| ACT | Family Counselling at the Alexander | \$15,000 |
| Corrective | Maconochie Centre | |
| Services | | |
| ACT Courts | Research Project/Service Initiative | \$108,507 |
| and Tribunal | | |
| and ACT | | |
| Public | | |
| Advocate | | |
| | TOTAL | \$2,628,459 |

4 Reporting requirement

It is a condition of the approvals in clause (3) of this instrument that agencies approved for funding provide a short report to JACS to:

- a) Confirm that the funding was spent consistently with the approved application; and
- b) Provide evidence to show that the funding has been used in accordance with the approved application and the purposes at section 134 of the *Confiscation of Criminal Assets Act 2003*.

5 Time requirement

It is a condition of the approvals in clause (3) of this instrument that agencies approved for funding expend the approved funds by 30 June 2025 or as otherwise approved in writing by the Minister.

Shane Rattenbury Attorney-General 27 June 2024