ATTORNEYS-GENERAL WORK TOGETHER TO TACKLE CRIMINAL GANGS

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Attorneys-General from across the country have committed to a zero-tolerance approach to criminal gangs operating in the community.

Northern Territory Attorney-General John Elferink said the Standing Council on Law and Justice (SCLJ) meeting in Sydney has provided a valuable opportunity for Attorneys-Generals to discuss issues that affect all states and territories.

“Criminal gangs are a danger to the community and a coordinated response is required to stamp out their offending behaviour,” Mr Elferink said.

“Attorneys-General discussed ways the Commonwealth may assist State and Territories’ Police to obtain electronic records from banks for the purpose of investigating unexplained wealth.

“We must work together to tackle criminal gangs and ensure that they do not profit from crime.

“Attorneys-General also explored the role the Federal Government may play to restrict the international movement of members of serious organised crime organisations.

“This is an issue which affects the whole country, and I am pleased to see this matter taken seriously by Federal Attorney-General George Brandis QC.

“Community safety is a top priority and we must sharpen the national focus to fight this crime.”

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