Customs, AFP sign cooperation documents

Customs CEO Michael Carmody and Australian Federal Police Commissioner Mick Keelty have signed three annexes under the 2004 general Memorandum of Understanding between the two organisations.

These annexes concern:

- cooperative arrangements on serious drugs
- border-controlled precursors under the Criminal Code and Tier 1 and 2 goods under the Customs Act
- joint airport investigation teams and joint intelligence investigation groups.

The signing represents the culmination of extended negotiation between Customs and the AFP. Completion testifies to the willingness of both agencies to not only recognise the policy and operational requirements of each other, but to foster a partnership in law enforcement.

Three earlier annexes concerned controlled operations, counter terrorism and human source handling. Further annexes are being developed or are the subject of proposals.

Below: AFP Commissioner Mick Keelty and Customs CEO Michael Carmody sign the annex documents.

