

Reward offered for armed robbers

The ACT Government has stepped up the fight to apprehend those responsible for an armed robbery in the Canberra suburb of Belconnen on December 19 last year by announcing a \$50,000 reward and indemnity from prosecution for any person providing information leading to the conviction of those responsible.

It is the first reward offered for a crime in the ACT since self-government. The last reward offered in the territory was \$250,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderer of Assistant Commissioner Colin Winchester. It has not been claimed.

In announcing the reward, Police and Emergency Services Minister, Gary Humphries, said that three people were wanted in connection

with the robbery and all previous inquiries had failed to reveal the offenders.

The robbery took place as two security officers from Brambles were delivering a large sum of money to the Commonwealth Bank in the Belconnen Mall. They were robbed at gunpoint and the offenders escaped in a stolen car.

Brambles Security has offered a guarantee of \$25,000 of the reward – the remainder, if required, would be paid by the Commonwealth Government. The ACT Director of Public Prosecutions has approved the offer of an application for indemnity from prosecution if the informant is an accomplice. Witness protection may also be considered if necessary.

“This government will use every opportunity available to it to track down these armed robbers,” Mr Humphries said.

“This was a carefully calculated and executed crime with a high degree of violence which leads me to be concerned that, unless the offenders are arrested, they are likely to strike again.”

NSW Police visit head office



Members of the NSW Police Service's "Workforce Agenda Project" visited the AFP's head office in Canberra recently to meet with the Change Monitoring Team (CMT) and gather information and ideas on how the change process has been implemented within the organisation. Pictured from left are: Federal Agent Frank Atkinson, CMT; Senior Constable Beth Seedsman, Superintendent Gary Dobson, Senior Constable Jo Watts, Sergeant Julian Versitano, and Sergeant Jenny Young from the NSW Police Service; and front, Federal Agent Di Wall, CMT.

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