

Organisation name/s	Research Title	Date application received	Outcome	Reason provided for the outcome
University of Cambridge	Australia's Children's Courts: Translating Knowledge into Practice	31.3.2014	Declined	Proposal is not soundly based
University of Melbourne	Police Policymaking: a comparative case study of police pursuit policy processes in Australia	16/04/2014	Declined	On the assumption the project team had COP approval to add to the People Matter survey questions and resulting additional costs
Adelaide Uni	Epidemiology of gonorrhoea and its interaction with other major STDs in South Australia	02/06/2014	Declined	Likely outcome does not justify the required resource commitment from SAPOL
Australian Institute of Criminology	Exploring the procedural barriers to securing unexplained wealth orders in Australia	08/05/2014	Approved	None
National Drug Research Institute	National Alcohol Indicators Project	04/06/2014	Referred applicant to Office of Crime Statistics and Research (OCSAR)	None
Griffith University	Frontline responses to Trafficking in Persons in Australia	13/06/2014	Declined	Proposal exposes SAPOL to risk through the data or information released.
Royal Adelaide Hospital [RAH])	Incidence and patterns of decompression illness in a discrete group of Australian cave divers over a ten year period	7.1.2014	Approved	None
Flinders University	Human Trafficking	04/08/2014	Declined	None
National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre	Data on people caught driving under the influence of cannabis	30/07/2014	Declined	Proposal exposes SAPOL to risk through the data or information released.
None - representing self. Wanted to publish an academic article.	Shop Theft (Alternative Enforcement) Act 2000 (SA) - Why is the use of this legislation declining?	08/08/2014	Declined	None
Comprehensive Auto-Theft Research System (CARS)	Motorcycle theft - improving security strategies for owners	30/07/2014	Approved	None
Charles Sturt University	Scamming SA – An investigation into the level of electronic fraud offending within SA	17/01/2014	Approved	None
Bond University	Exploring the victim-perpetrator dichotomy in domestic violence: The role of trauma in acts of violence and sentencing trends.	18.6.2014	Approved	None

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Flinders University	Attitudes to mental health treatment seeking and the effect of stigma on treatment seeking intentions in police.	01/10/2014	Declined	Approval not obtained from the Ethics Committee to ensure that the proposed research protects the welfare and the rights of participants in research.
University of Adelaide	How does the individual attach meaning to their exposure to trauma and related changes to their life and well-being? How might this relate to subsequent persistent negative mood states and co-morbidity?	14.11.2014	Declined	None
National Police Agency, Japan / Australian National University	Preventative measures used in Australia to combat stalking	05/12/2014	More information requested from applicant	
Flinders University	Attitudes to mental health treatment seeking and the effect of stigma on treatment seeking intentions in police.	20.1.2015 application resubmitted	Declined	None
Flinders University	'How can data stream mining processes be applied to traffic flow data to determine the time, location and type of incident on the road within an arterial road network?'	30.1.2015	No written response sent. Applicant verbally advised to contact DPTI for the information.	None
Bravehearts Inc (QLD)	A comprehensive evaluation of the Sexual Assault Disclosure Scheme (SADS).	16.2.2015	Declined	None
Royal Adelaide Hospital	The trends of methamphetamine production, use and distribution and methamphetamine-related burn injury over the past ten years in South Australia – an increasing burden	19.02.2015	Declined	None
Deakin University Australia	The application of Social Network Analysis (SNA) to Crime Intelligence'.	16.3.2015	Declined	None
Charles Darwin University	'Offender information gathering, recording and tracking, a private nightmare or a public necessity?'	13.05.2015	Declined	None

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Griffith University	A Multi-criteria Framework for Analysing Cross-cultural Differences in Adolescent Drug Policy'	12.06.2015	Declined	None
Central Queensland University	'Domestic and family protection orders in Australia: an investigation of information sharing and enforcement'	14.08.2015	Declined	None
The Australia Institute	How much revenue is collected through traffic fines (for each offence) in Australia and how many fines are issued (for each offence)	21.09.2015	Declined	None
Research Fellow, DASSA World Health Organisation, University of Adelaide	Illicit drug offences involving prescription opioids, heroin and methamphetamine	04.11.2015	Declined	Likely outcome does not justify the required resource commitment from SAPOL
University of Tasmania	A systematic review of risk assessment tools used by police officers responding to incidents of family violence	15.12.2015	Declined	SAPOL uses the Domestic Violence Risk Assessments outlined in the Family Safety Framework. The Framework and tools were developed in conjunction with key South Australian Government agencies including SAPOL.
University of South Australia	Monitoring the scale of drug use in Adelaide	11.11.2015	Approved in principle subject to further information and clarity on timelines and the type of data required	None
Queensland University of Technology	How social media is positioned, managed and used in emergency management organisations and local governments	27.05.2015	Declined	None
University of Adelaide	Musculoskeletal Disorders (MSD) in under-investigated occupational groups: A case study in the music industry	14.01.2016	Approved in principle subject to further discussions about the interview questions	None

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UniSA	Study into the prevalence of elder abuse	18.02.2016	Declined, but SAPOL supported the purpose of the research in principle and offered to provide a breakdown on published crime statistics showing the incidence of offences against persons over 60 who have been the victims of offences from 2011-12 to 2014-15.	Likely outcome does not justify the required resource commitment from SAPOL
La Trobe University; Monash University; RMIT University	More than revenge: the scope, nature and impact of revenge porn	May-16	Approved	none
University of Adelaide	Policing [or, the administration of justice] in the Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands: a front line in tensions between traditional Aboriginal culture and the criminal law	1) 22.04.2016 2) 13.09.2016	1) Declined 2) Applicant advised via telephone that application was declined	Likely outcome does not justify the required resource commitment from SAPOL
Deakin University	Adolescent violence towards parents and reoffending	03.05.2016	Declined	Likely outcome does not justify the required resource commitment from SAPOL
Everytown for Gun Safety, USA	Homicide data	18.05.2016	Approved	None
University of Adelaide	Review of Pilot Program – Civilian Lawyers in the Prosecution Services Branch	07.06.2016	Declined	It is considered premature to evaluate the ongoing pilot program at this time, given it is yet to be completed and any results determined
Australian Institute of Criminology	Forecasting the Nature of the South Australia Illicit Drug Market (at \$18046 cost to SAPOL)	Apr-16	Declined	Proposal is not soundly based
University of Tasmania	The effectiveness of forensic identification evidence in volume crime investigations in Australia	27.06.2017	Approved	None
University of South Australia	How do biographical learning and self-reflection assist senior supervisors / team managers learn and internalise ethical reasoning for leadership within a law enforcement environment?	05.02.2016	Approved	None
Flinders University	Gun Crime Study	12.05.2016	Approved	None

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Concordia University Irvine	Request for criminal offences, hate crimes and arrests that occurred at Adelaide Central (135 Waymouth St Adelaide) between 12-16 May 2015.	07.06.2016	Declined	The requested data for the specified location is not available.
Deakin University, AGD	Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the New Specialist Training Program for Vulnerable Witnesses.	September 2016	Sent back to referring area of SAPOL	Proposal is not soundly based
University of Technology Sydney	Negotiating with religiously inspired, hostage taking terrorists: Recommendations for crisis negotiation policies and training practices for resolving high risk counter terrorism operations.	26.9.2016	Declined	Proposal exposes SAPOL to risk through the data or information released.
Federation University	Dads and separation: Paternal filicide in an Australian Context	18.01.2017	Declined	Proposal exposes SAPOL to risk through the data or information released.
NSW Ombudsman/The University of South Australia	South Australia – State-Wide Interagency Response	08.11.2016	Referred - OC SAPOL Special Crimes Investigation Section made minor tracked changes to the SA summary for the report and sent it back to the researchers.	Proposal is not soundly based
UniSA	Monitoring the scale of drug use in Adelaide	28/03/2017	Approved	None
University of Tasmania, University of South Australia, University of Adelaide and James Cook University, Charles Sturt University and Griffith University	Bail decision making and pre-trial services	04/04/2017	Declined	Likely outcome does not justify the required resource commitment from SAPOL
RMIT University	Understanding the fit and shape of bras worn under body armour	05/05/2017	Approved	None
Flinders University	What are the recruitment pathways into organised crime?	24/05/2017	Declined	None
University of Tasmania	Evaluating the risk assessment methods used by Australian police officers for cases of family violence: A systematic review	01/06/2017	Declined	Proposal exposes SAPOL to risk through the data or information released.
Western Sydney University	Fictional Child Abuse Material	07/06/2017	Declined	None

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Harvard University	An Evaluation of the Regional Anangu Services Aboriginal Corporation (RASAC) Community Patrol Program	14/06/2017	Approved	None
Deakin University	Risk based licensing for alcohol sales	26/06/2017	Declined	None
Flinders University	Vision Thinking: The relationship between informal and formal vision thinking in organisations and the uptake of change	29/06/2017	Declined	Proposal is not soundly based
Flinders University	Living vicariously with Post traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD): how partners experience and can better support those who are exposed to traumatic events in the course of their work	14/07/2017	Declined	Proposal exposes SAPOL to risk through the data or information released.
University of Tasmania, University of South Australia, University of Adelaide and James Cook University, Charles Sturt University and Griffith University	Bail decision making and pre-trial services	09/08/2017 application resubmitted	Approved	Likely outcome does not justify the required resource commitment from SAPOL
Queensland University of Technology; RMIT University; Michigan State University	Responding to cybercrime: Perceptions and needs of Australian police and the general community	08/08/2017	Declined	Likely outcome does not justify the required resource commitment from SAPOL
University of NSW	Relationship between income inequality and violent crime	22/08/2017	Declined	Likely outcome does not justify the required resource commitment from SAPOL
Deakin University	Investigating Trends in Patron Banning Across Australia	25/08/2017	Declined	Likely outcome does not justify the required resource commitment from SAPOL
Centre for Automotive Safety Research (CASR)	A critique of a positive outcome-level evaluation of the Victorian Roadside Drug Testing Program	30/08/2017	Approved	None
University of Western Australia on behalf of BHP	Social and economic wellbeing in areas of BHP operations	31/08/2017	Declined	Likely outcome does not justify the required resource commitment from SAPOL
Deakin and Monash Universities	What is best-practice in the design of cyber-crime units for combatting cyber-crime?	03/10/2017	Declined	Likely outcome does not justify the required resource commitment from SAPOL

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University of Qld, Melb, Murdoch, Griffith and British Columbia (Canada), AFP, VICPOL	Creating the Next Generation of Perceptual Experts in Australia's Policing and Security Agencies.	21/9/2007	Partially approved	Proposal is not soundly based
Tasmanian Institute of Law Enforcement Studies	The Investigation and Prosecution of Cyberstalking in Australia	25/10/2017	Declined	Likely outcome does not justify the required resource commitment from SAPOL
Flinders University of SA	An exploratory study on human trafficking in South Australia	18/12/2017	Declined	Proposal exposes SAPOL to risk through the data or information released.
Turning Point	Requesting data to upload to DrugStats Australia webpage (drugstatsaustralia.org.au) - Alcohol and other Drug harm indicators, multiple population groups and geographical areas data.	30/11/2017	No response given to applicant	
University of South Australia	Executive level management of electronic evidence - The challenges of growth and knowledge	27/12/2017	Interview questions declined. The provision of a dataset of requests for analysis of electronic evidence, exhibits and other related information since 2003 was approved.	Proposal exposes SAPOL to risk through the data or information released.
University of Notre Dame Australia	The development, implantation, and evaluation of a nationwide online forensic nursing education program for interpersonal violence related presentations in emergency care settings	06/08/2018	Declined	Whilst there is merit in the study, the survey questions were not deemed to be suitable, as they largely required a forensic nursing experience in order to complete
UniSA	Supporting procurement from Aboriginal businesses through Reconciliation Action Plans	03/09/2018	Declined, but information was provided on SA Government business rules in place for agencies regarding procurement from Aboriginal businesses.	Proposal is not soundly based
University of NSW	Ensuring policy cohesiveness in the Police - A case study on training related to sexual discrimination, harassment and abuse in Australia	06/09/2018	Declined	SAPOL is currently engaging in comprehensive work in this area as a part of the SAPOL Equal Opportunity Commission Review Project and there is little perceived benefit in undertaking similar work in this field.

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Flinders University	To research, develop and validate methods for collecting contact DNA from spent ammunition	17/09/2018	Approved	None
Univeristy of Notre Dame Australia	The development, implantation, and evalutaion of a nationwide online forensic nursing education program for interpersonal violence related presentations in emergency care settings	28/9/2018 application resubmitted	Partially approved	The RSCC declined the request to survey forty SAPOL members, though offered the applicant the opportunity to interview one Forensic Services Branch staff member
Charles Sturt University	Exploring the role that employee trust in the organisation plays in employee motivation and engagement within South Australia Police	04/10/2018	Declined	A considerable amount of work has been undertaken in this area through the SAPOL Equal Opportunity Commission (EOC) Review Project and there is little perceived benefit in undertaking similar work in this field.
UniSA	In what ways do police make sense of and manage their language choices in low-risk operational tasks in the course of everyday policing interactions?	05/10/2018	Approved	None
University of Wollongong; University of NSW	The relationship between homelessness and contact with the criminal justice system	09/10/2018	Partially approved	The RSCC expressed concern regarding interview questions 5,7,8,10,11,12,13 and 15 and determined not to support them. The RSCC approved the remaining interview questions.
UniSA	New Distress Beacon Service	23/10/2018	Declined	No particular reason*
University of Tasmania	Crime scene examiners in Australia: Career paths, workplace social interactions and gender	08/11/2018	Declined	No particular reason*
University of NSW	Conceptions of Intelligence: Building a cross national comparative analysis of practices and frameworks	12/12/2018	Declined	No particular reason*
University of Waterloo (Canada) and Deakin University	Text-based analysis of curriculum materials used to deliver education and training to police officers at federal and state/local levels	13/12/2018	Declined	No particular reason*
Flinders University	Policy in action: Police response to domestic violence	28/02/2019	Declined	No particular reason*

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Flinders University	Policy in action: Police response to domestic violence	16/4/2019 application resubmitted	Partially approved	Interviews with 3 ELT members are not approved. An interview with Assistant Commissioner Crime is approved.
Forensic Science South Australia	To test and validate an improved method for collecting ignitable liquid residue (ILR) from non-portable hard surfaces	17/05/2019	Approved	None
UNSW Canberra Cyber	The effect of cybercrime legislation on cybercrime offences and sentencing in Australia	28/05/2019	Referred	SA Courts Administration Authority is best placed to help the applicant with their data request
QLDPol, & University of Canberra	Hair analysis methodology and Contemporary Issues within Forensic Science	24/06/2019	Declined	No particular reason*
University of Melbourne	The effect of daylight-saving time on fatal vehicle crashes in Australia	12.7.2019	Approved and referred to the owner of the Australian Road Deaths Database for information release with SAPOL permission.	None
Queensland University of Technology	Preventing Gendered Violence: Lessons from the Global South	05/08/2019	Declined	No particular reason*
Flinders University	Police Decision Making and the Bail Process	19/09/2019	Approved	None
Griffith University	In prison's shadow: Australian communities with high concentrations of imprisonment	22/10/2019	Declined	No particular reason*
Griffith University	Boosting Crime Prevention and Crime Detection Capabilities of Online Investigators: A Script Analysis of Creation and Distribution of Child Exploitation Material	20/11/2019	Partially approved	The following question is not approved: 'What are the obstacles at the organisation level that are preventing you from investigating the creation and distribution of child exploitation material effectively?' The part of the individual consent form which allows for members to be identified and sign as giving their personal consent is not approved. Members are acting on behalf of the organisation in participating in this activity, albeit voluntarily.
Centre for Alcohol Policy Research, La Trobe University	Updating alcohol-related family violence statistics for Australia	02/12/2019	Partially approved	Likely outcome does not justify the required resource commitment from SAPOL

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Flinders University	Methamphetamine contamination of cars	10/12/2019	Declined	Due to the requirements of the research that involve accessing the interior of vehicles, approval is unable to be made at this time due to the impact of COVID-19 on policing activity and availability.
University of Sydney	Threshold decisions in determining whether to prosecute child sexual abuse	13/01/2020	Declined	No particular reason*
UniSA	A framework for investigation of online scams in Australia	01/05/2020	In principle support	Likely outcome does not justify the required resource commitment from SAPOL
Flinders University	The use of drawing in professional practices	15.6.2020	Declined	No particular reason*
Autism Spectrum Australia	International survey: Autism and the Criminal Justice System	22/07/2020	Declined	No particular reason*
University of South Australia	Exploration of the the gaps in the literature around the nature and role of the police in providing a response to people experiencing a mental health crisis in rural and remote South Australia (Phase 1)	07/08/2020	Partially approved	Partial approval obtained from the Ethics Committee.
CQ University	Investigating Road Transport Accidents in Australia: The Development of a Contributing Factors Framework for the Trucking Industry	04/09/2020	Declined, but links provided to data.sa, bitre.gov.au and DPTI crashes website	No particular reason*
Flinders University	Integration and social inclusion in public spaces: impacts on health and wellbeing for young people from refugee backgrounds	06/11/2020	Approved	None
South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI) and Northern Adelaide Local Health Network (NALHN), SA Health	Co-designing services for the Aboriginal community in Northern Adelaide	25/01/2021	Approved	None
South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI) and Northern Adelaide Local Health Network (NALHN), SA Health	Co-designing services for the Aboriginal community in Northern Adelaide - amendment to previously approved January 2021 research application	6.7.2021	Approved	None

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UniSA	Interaction of Adult Safeguarding Unit with related agencies	9.2.2021	Approved	None
University of Adelaide	An Examination of Suicides by Australian First and Second World War Veterans	17/02/2021	Approved	None
University of Adelaide	The Essential Worker: Psychological First Aid and the Composite Novel	29/07/2021	Declined	No particular reason*
University of Adelaide	An Examination of Suicides by Australian First and Second World War Veterans	13/10/2021 amended application received	Approved	None
University of Melbourne	Towards a holistic model of care for moral injury	15/03/2022	Partially approved	The RSCC expressed concern regarding the police interview questions, and determined not to support that aspect of the research application. The RSCC has, however, approved the request to interview police chaplains.
UniSA	Protecting children online: Investigation of opening chat grooming language and interactions with police decoys	12/04/2022	Declined	No particular reason*
Western Sydney University	Drink and drug driving among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in South Australia: An exploratory qualitative study	02/05/2022	Partially approved	The RSCC recognises the value of the research topic, but expressed concern regarding the methodology. SAPOL is happy to participate in the research as long as the recommendations and principles from the Closing the Gap agreement are met in its undertaking, which could be accommodated by including community constables and relevant ATSI unsworn staff as interviewees to provide an Indigenous voice. SAPOL is of the view that police cell nurses should also be considered for interviewing to provide a health perspective to SAPOL's response.

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Charles Sturt University	Rethinking Crowded Places: Creating safe and healthy areas for mass gathering	24/05/2022	Declined	No particular reason*
UniSA	Children's Problematic & Harmful Sexual Behaviours	31/05/2022	Declined	No particular reason*
UniSA	Protecting children online: Investigation of opening chat grooming language and interactions	29/8/2022 application resubmitted	Declined	Proposal exposes SAPOL to risk through the data or information released.
Uni Adelaide; San Jose State University; Michigan State University; Defence Science and Technology Group	Development of child sexual abuse material detection and subject matching software system	30/09/2022	Approved	None
Flinders Uni	The Social, Cultural and Community Benefits of a Unique Sporting Hub in a low SES Community	18/10/2022	Approved	None
Deakin Uni	SAPOL prescribed interviewer training course relevance and improving skill maintenance in prescribed interviewers' post-training	20.10.2022	Approved	None
The South Australian Police Historical Society Inc.	Proposed book on Fort Largs Police Academy	31.10.2022	Approved	None
Charles Sturt University	Navigation and the Environment: Understanding the Interaction between Human Navigation Behaviour and Terrain through Agent-Based Modelling in the wilderness	7.12.2022	Approved	None
Australian National University	Missing persons, additional demographic data and geo-located algorithm pattern searching: Can it assist in further developing the understanding of the factors that lead to a person going missing, identify patterns of behaviour and guide proactive and reactive resource allocation?	14.12.2022	Declined	Likely outcome does not justify the required resource commitment from SAPOL

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Griffith University, University of the Sunshine Coast	Innovation in police gender equity management: Looking back, moving forward: A Case Study of Strategic Plans and Administrative Data	20.4.2023 Part 1	Approved 7.7.2023, then approval rescinded 21.7.2023	None
KPMG	Custody Notification Scheme Evaluation	18.5.2023	Approved	None
UniSA	What is the accuracy and consistency of CBD content in CBD-containing products available in Australia?	26.5.2023	Declined	Proposal is not soundly based
Griffith University; University of the Sunshine Coast	Innovation in police gender equity management: Looking back, moving forward: Semi-structured Interviews with Commissioner of Police and HR Director	20.6.2023 Part 2	Approved 7.7.2023, then approval rescinded 21.7.2023	None
UniSA	How can the investigation practice and prevention of online scamming offences be enhanced?	22.8.2023	Approved	None
Flinders University	Alcohol and Other Drug use in regional and rural Victorian and South Australian communities: Understanding the influence of stigma and community attitudes towards AOD use and services	4.9.2023	Declined	Proposal is not soundly based
UniSA	Protecting children online: investigation of opening chat grooming language and interactions	24/10/2023 application resubmitted	Declined	None
NSW Police Science and Research Unit	ANZ Collaborative Solvent Evaluation Study	21.11.2023	Approved	None
Central Queensland University	Has family group conferencing in SA helped to reduce crime? A follow-up South Australian study	29.11.2023	Declined	Likely outcome does not justify the required resource commitment from SAPOL
SAPOL	Shield - guided entry	11.12.2023	Approved	None
Flinders University	Developing a standardised definition of adolescent neglect and its indicators for South Australian middle school educators: a mixed method study	22.1.2024	Declined	Proposal is not soundly based

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Monash University	To estimate the causal impacts of heatwaves, bushfires, and droughts on DV	22.4.2024	Declined	No particular reason*
University of the Sunshine Coast	Sexual violence perpetrated against older people: Examining the crime event process	27.5.2024	Declined	Likely outcome does not justify the required resource commitment from SAPOL
Flinders University	Evaluation of the SA Police Drug Diversion Initiative - Analysis of crime outcomes using SAPOL data	29.5.2024	Declined	Likely outcome does not justify the required resource commitment from SAPOL

*No particular reason = "In considering the merits of each research proposal, the RSCC gives consideration to the following: potential contribution towards law enforcement outcomes; utility and validity of the research undertaken and its applicability to police work; methodological soundness; appropriateness of proposed evaluation framework; maintenance of standards regarding the ethical conduct of research; duplication of work activity; capacity and support available from the SAPOL area affected by the research; and magnitude of the resource commitment requested from SAPOL and the number of research projects being supported at any given time by SAPOL.