



The 2023 implementation of the Hand Held Scanning (Wanding) legislation in the *Police Administration Act 1978*, brought with it the following obligation for public reporting on the website:

116KK Notice of hand held scanner authority to be published

- (1) The Commissioner must publish notice of a hand held scanner authority on the Agency's website within 2 months after the authority is issued.
- (2) The notice must include the following information:
 - (a) a description of the suspected offence area, or the name of the high risk area or public transport facility, for which the hand held scanner authority was issued;
 - (b) the day and time the authority started and ended;
 - (c) information about:
 - (i) the offence or offences mentioned in section 116KB(3)(a) that were known to the Commissioner or approved member who issued the authority; and
 - (ii) the consideration by the Commissioner or approved member of the matters mentioned in section 116KB(3)(b) and (c) in relation to issuing the authority;
 - (d) for an authority issued for a suspected offence area – the grounds for the Commissioner's suspicion mentioned in section 116KB(1).



Geographical Area	Time / Date of Authority	116KB(3)(a) Offence or Offences Known to the Approving Member		116KB(3)(b)and(c) Considerations
JUNE 2024				
Alice Springs High Risk Area	From 10:00am until 10:00pm on 2 June 2024.	In the previous 6 months: An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon; A violent Offence was committed; or More than one weapon possession offence was committed.	On 2 April 2024, a male was armed with a knife running through a local shopping centre. On 5 April 2024, a male near a licenced premises, was armed with a knife.	Given recent incidents, the use of hand held scanners is considered likely to assist police to detect and deter those who may carry weapons in the Alice Springs High Risk Area. Previous operations in the Alice Springs High Risk Area have led to the detection and seizure of edged weapons.
Casuarina High Risk Area	From 8:00am until 6:00pm on 7 June 2024.	In the previous 6 months: An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon; A violent Offence was committed; or More than one weapon possession offence was committed.	On 15 May 2024, two females were in possession of scissors at a local shopping centre. On 10 May 2024, multiple youths attended the local shopping centre armed with a variety of weapons.	Given recent incidents, the use of hand held scanners is considered likely to assist police to detect and deter those who may carry weapons in the Casuarina High Risk Area. Previous operations in the High Risk Area have received positive feedback from the public.

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Palmerston High Risk Area	From 2:00pm on 7 June until 2:00am on 8 June 2024.	In the previous 6 months: An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon; A violent Offence was committed; or More than one weapon possession offence was committed.	On 6 March 2024, a male was armed with a hunting knife in a public place. On 27 February 2024, a Security Guard was threatened with a knife	Given recent incidents, the use of hand held scanners is considered likely to assist police to detect and deter those who may carry weapons in the Palmerston High Risk Area. Previous operations in the High Risk Area have received positive feedback from the public.
Palmerston High Risk Area	From 2:00pm on 14 June until 2:00am on 15 June 2024.	In the previous 6 months: An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon; A violent Offence was committed; or More than one weapon possession offence was committed.	On 6 March 2024, a male was armed with a hunting knife in a public place. On 27 February 2024, a Security Guard was threatened with a knife	Given recent incidents, the use of hand held scanners is considered likely to assist police to detect and deter those who may carry weapons in the Palmerston High Risk Area. Previous operations in the High Risk Area have received positive feedback from the public.
Alice Springs High Risk Area	From 12:00pm until 12:00am on 19 June 2024.	In the previous 6 months: An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon; A violent Offence was committed; or	On 11 June 2024, a group of males were fighting when an axe was drawn. On 18 June 2024, a youth, armed with a	Given recent incidents, the use of hand held scanners is considered likely to assist police to detect and deter those who may carry weapons in the Alice Springs High Risk Area.

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		More than one weapon possession offence was committed.	machete, threatened staff.	Previous operations in the Alice Springs High Risk Area have led to the detection and seizure of edged weapons.
Alice Springs High Risk Area	From 9:00am until 9:00pm on 20 June 2024.	In the previous 6 months: An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon; A violent Offence was committed; or More than one weapon possession offence was committed.	On 11 June 2024, a group of males were fighting when an axe was drawn. On 18 June 2024, a youth, armed with a machete, threatened staff.	Given recent incidents, the use of hand held scanners is considered likely to assist police to detect and deter those who may carry weapons in the Alice Springs High Risk Area. Previous operations in the Alice Springs High Risk Area have led to the detection and seizure of edged weapons.
Palmerston High Risk Area	From 2:00pm on 28 June until 29 June 2024.	In the previous 6 months: An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon; A violent Offence was committed; or More than one weapon possession offence was committed.	On 6 March 2024, a male was armed with a hunting knife. On 17 June 2024, a female, armed with a knife, assaulted a male.	Given recent incidents, the use of hand held scanners is considered likely to assist police to detect and deter those who may carry weapons in the Palmerston High Risk Area. Previous operations in the High Risk Area have received positive feedback from the public.

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