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Radiation and National Security in Australia

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Malevolent Use of Radioactive Material

- Radiological Dispersal Device (RDD)

Explosive



Non-explosive



- Radiological Exposure



Device (RED)

- Attack on facilities



- Targeted radiation poisoning



Radiation Protection & Source Security Nexus

Radiation Safety

Radiation



Protection

+

Source



Security

COAG National Security Strategy

- 2002 COAG agreed to national review of *regulation, reporting & security* re storage, sale & handling of hazmat (NH_4NO_3 , RBC)
- 2005 NCTC developed the four-pronged National CBRN Security Strategy to cover prevention, preparedness, response & recovery (PPRR) related to potential/actual misuse of the materials
- 2007 COAG agreed to recommendations of the *Report on the Regulation and Control of Radiological Material* to minimise risk of misuse of such material by terrorists
 - (R6) "Cradle to Grave" reg framework for security of rad sources
 - (R10) National radioactive source incident notification system
 - (R11) National radioactive source register
- ARPANSA - lead agency for implementing and co-ordinating the response to COAG 2007 Recommendations
- 2007 CoP for the Security of Radioactive Sources



The Australian CBRN Data Centre

Opened 2 July 2007 by the Attorney General

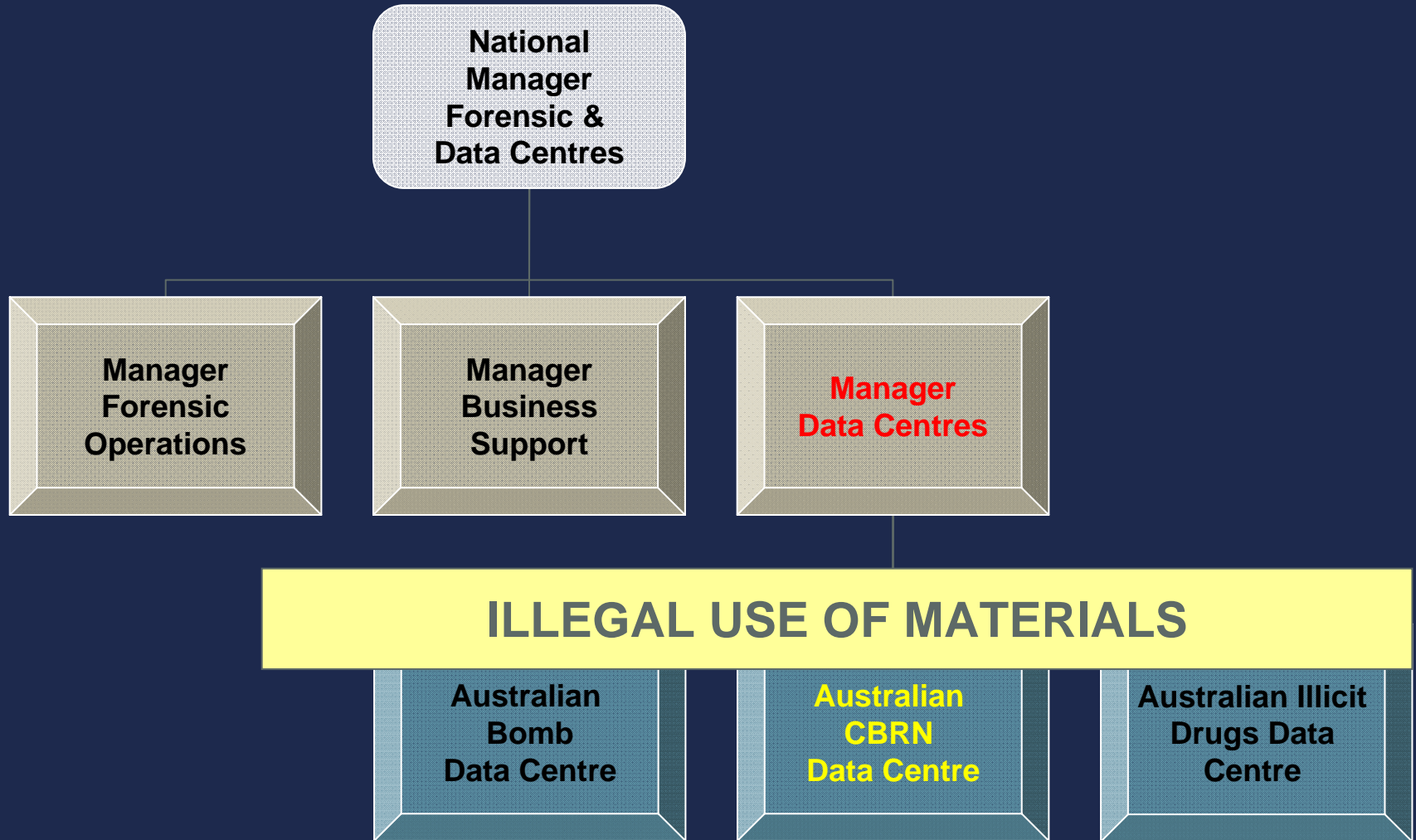


The Australian CBRN Data Centre (ACBRNDC)

Mission Statement

Enhancing Australia's capability to prevent, prepare and respond to *malicious use* of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear agents by providing *technical intelligence* products and services in order to *support* law enforcement and national security objectives

Forensic and Data Centres



The Australian CBRN Data Centre



ACBRNDC Stakeholders



ACBRNDC Data Inflow

- CBRN Incidents
- Theft of CBRN material
- Intelligence
- Terrorist literature
- Scientific literature
- Australian CBRN infrastructure



ACBRNDC

ACBRNDC Data Analysis

- New CBR agents
- New trends
- Links between events or agents
- Feasibility assessments
- Impact assessments
- Scenario evaluation
- Recipes evaluation

Products



Warnings
Intelligence assessments
Policy advice
Briefs
Advice for preparedness

CBRN Terrorist/Intelligence Cycle

Technical & Forensic Intelligence

Forensic Investigation

INTERDICTION

Intelligence Indicators

Terrorist Cell

plan

acquire

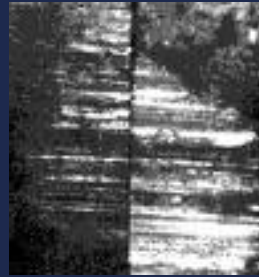
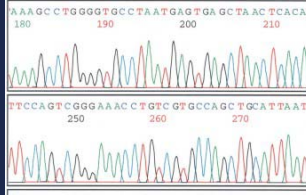
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disseminate
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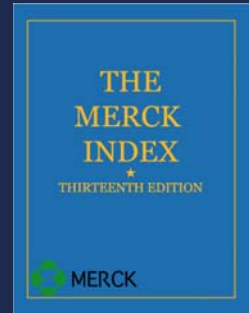


Forensic Intelligence

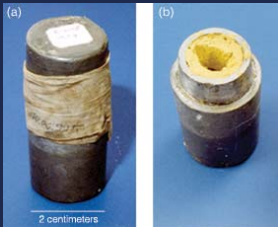
Forensic evidence



Technical Information



Operational Intelligence



Forensic Intelligence products



CLASSIFICATION

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Technical Intelligence Assessment

Technical Intelligence

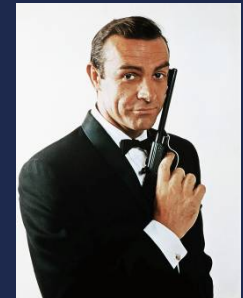
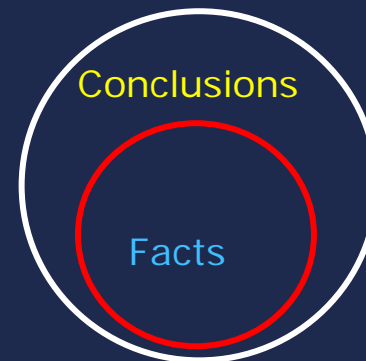
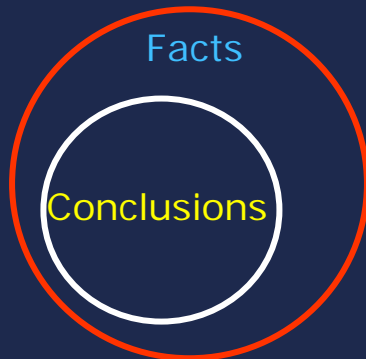
- Technical Intelligence is the process of *adding value* to information through *analysis* in order to provide *insight* and to *influence decision* making

deductive

vs

inductive

reasoning



- Needs to be distinguished from Operational Intelligence

Intelligence *Indicators*

- Preparation often difficult to detect
- Terrorist intent almost never advertised
- Perpetrators unlikely to claim responsibility



Shoko
Asahara

BUT

- Indicators of *planning, acquisition, production, dissemination* and *behaviour* maybe present



Bruce Ivins

Indicators of *Planning*

- Terrorist organisations recruiting from universities, laboratories, hospitals, industry



- Connections/interest with facilities holding R/N material
- Interest in R/N related infrastructure, materials and incidents
- Interest in extremist literature
- Recovery of periodicals, manuals or web resources



Indicators of *Acquisition*

- Diversion of R/N materials from supply chain
- Purchase of specialised componentry
- Purchase of materials known to be potentially dangerous
- Fraudulent acquisition from commercial suppliers
- Theft and illicit trafficking



Indicators of *Production*

- Modification of premises (e.g. taped windows, modification of ventilation systems)



- Unusual or suspicious possession of:
 - PPE
 - Lead bricks
 - Radiation detectors



- Recovery or evidence of acquisition of radiation sources & explosives



Indicators of *Dissemination*

- Presentation of people at health care facilities with
 - atypical symptoms
 - unusual lesions
- Discovery of people/areas radiologically contaminated



Suspicious behaviour

- Unusual or out of the ordinary behaviour in individual or a group
- Could come from an outsider or a trusted insider
- No definitive indicators of suspicious behaviour
 - based on observations, subjective judgement, circumstances, 'gut feeling' that something is wrong



Summary



- Clear potential exists for misuse of radioactive materials
- Contemporary *Radiation Safety* has two inseparable components: *radiation protection* and *security of radioactive material*
- COAG Recommendations form the basis for implementation of the security of radioactive material in Australia
- Interagency cooperation nationwide is the necessary condition of the implementation of radioactive material security
- Technical Intelligence (TI) assists the decision making process aimed at preventing, preparing for, and responding to malicious use of CBRN agents
- The role of the ACBRNDC is to provide TI products and services in support of law enforcement and national security objectives focused on malicious use of CBRN agents

QUESTIONS ?





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