

Proof that the Australian Crime Commission makes up figures

Please compare these two versions of the same document, four months apart, July and November 2012:

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ABOVE: Screen grab downloaded from ACC Illicit Firearms ‘fact’ sheet, dated 3 July 2012

BELOW: Screen grab downloaded from the ACC Illicit Firearms ‘fact’ sheet, dated 5 November 2012

The Australian Crime Commission conservatively estimates that serious organised crime costs Australia at least \$15 billion every year. This cost comprises loss of business and taxation revenues, expenditure on law enforcement and regulatory efforts, and social and community impacts of crime. Raising public awareness of crime issues is an important step in minimising the impact serious and organised crime can have on the community.

The ACC, a supposedly responsible government agency, has ballooned its claimed cost of “serious organised crime” from a range of \$10-15bn in July 2012 to “at least \$15bn” in November 2012.

The ACC has no factual or evidence-based reason for even the original \$10-15bn figure, much less the second, more precise figure. It is an ACC beat-up, a fabricated set of figures.

From the lower, earlier, ‘conservative estimate’ of \$10 billion, the ACC goes on to claim a figure 50% higher (\$10bn to ‘at least \$15bn’) in a third of a year.

The ACC cannot be trusted with figures. It cannot even be trusted with words: it calls these “fact” sheets...but in them it gives “estimates”, not facts.

Source: Civil Liberties Australia research panel

NOTE: CLA comments that the ACC has cost Australia at least \$10 billion in terms of trashing our nation’s and our sportspeople’s reputations this month (Feb 2013). Like the ACC, we call that a ‘conservative estimate’...and, yes, we have made up the figure, just like the ACC makes up its figures. The ACC might well have cost Australia even more than that, over the next few decades. What’s reputation worth?

