

WA Police Force

The Perth Watch House - an integral part of the WA Police Force's overnight custodial facility, currently has an ACMA apparatus licence approved Body Scanner.

This Body Scanner has been an integral part of the secure custodial pathway for many detainees admitted to the Perth Watch House - where a strip search or a pat search is not appropriate. Where there is evident risk and appropriate justification, staff of the PWH are entitled to conduct pat searches and strip searches (whenever in line with policy and legislation). However, the PWH does have instances where the detained person does not fall within the clear confines of the above and therefore a pat search / strip search is not authorised.

However, in order to protect the staff and the co-housed detainees that the person is to come into contact with over their overnight journey or short term stay at the PWH - the Body Scanner provides an excellent, safe and dignified solution to scanning detainees for security or risk items - without invading their privacy or contravening policy or legislation. Based on this core risk element, a respectful request for a class licence be granted as this machine's work is integrally related to the safe operation to a sound and accountable pre judicial / prosecution process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards

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