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Question title: - International Training courses

Senator SINGH asked:

Senator SINGH: The training component of what we were doing—I know we were training in the past; I'm going back now—involved Bangladesh and a number of other countries that didn't have the capabilities and that we were so well respected for. What was the last country that we would have been training?

Mr Colvin: The training still continues to this day, but it has dropped right down. We used to put a lot of the Pacific through training. I don't remember the last time we trained Bangladeshis, but I won't argue that we did; I'm sure we have. It was mostly the Pacific nations. Quite a few of them—Fiji, for instance—are large contributors to UN peacekeeping operations. I would have to take on notice how many courses we have been running and when the last one was, but it has certainly dropped off. It is not what it was.

Answer:

1. The AFP has provided Pre Deployment Training (PDT) for UN Missions to members of the Policia Nacional de Timor-Leste (PNTL), the Vanuatu Police Force, the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force and the Kiribati Police Service. PDT trainers have deployed to facilitate UN Train the Trainers programs in Papua New Guinea and Bangladesh, and also the UN Military Observers Courses in Australia and Rwanda. Furthermore, the AFP delivered PDT to approximately 680 Pacific Island participants deployed to the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands between 2001 and 2017.
2. Our most recent training was conducted during 2018 for 1 police officer from Columbia and Mexico and 3 officers from Fiji trained at the AFP facility in Australia and 20 officers from Timor-Leste undertook the training in Timor.
3. The International Operations Pre Deployment Training Team members will deliver UN Training in Honiara, Solomon Islands from 11 – 22 March 2019 for 20 RSIPF officers.
4. All AFP members undertaking Pre Deployment Training still complete the UN Modules as part of their training.