

**Joint Standing Committee on Treaties**  
**Questions taken on notice arising from the public hearing on 27 October 2014**  
**with regard to the**  
*Treaty between Australia and the Kingdom of the Netherlands on the presence of*  
*Australian personnel in the Netherlands for the purpose of responding to the*  
*downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 (The Hague, 1 August 2014)*

**How many personnel are currently deployed to the Netherlands?**

As of the 7 November, there are 24 AFP officers deployed to the Netherlands in support of Operation Arew. One ADF member deployed as a Liaison Officer to the Netherlands' Ministry of Defence will be departing the Netherlands on 7 November. This is in addition to existing personnel posted to the Australian Embassy in The Hague in the normal course of duty.

**How many of the victims from the downing of MH17 have been identified?**

Netherlands authorities have advised (as of 7 November) that 289 of the 298 victims have been identified.

**How many Australian citizens and residents have been identified, and how many have been repatriated to Australia?**

38 people who called Australia home lost their lives on MH17. As at 7 November, 36 have been identified and 33 have been returned to their families.