



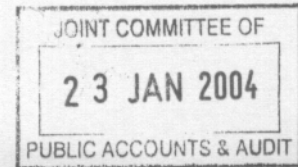
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Mr James Catchpole  
A/Secretary  
Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit  
Department of the House of Representatives  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600



Dear Mr Catchpole

Thank you for your letter of 2 December 2003 regarding the Review of Aviation Security in Australia being undertaken by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit.

Please find attached the response to the Committee's follow up questions regarding the presence of NSW Police at Sydney Airport.

Yours sincerely

*for* Roger Wilkins  
Director-General

NSW Recorded Crime Statistics, 2000 to 2002

Table: Criminal incidents recorded by NSW Police occurring on the premises type 'airport' in Botany Bay Local Government Area

Offence category		2000	2001	2002
<b>Assault</b>		19	28	20
<b>Sexual offences</b>	Indecent assault, act of indecency	0	0	1
<b>Robbery</b>	Robbery without a weapon	1	2	0
	Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	0	0	2
<b>Other offences against the person</b>		0	0	3
<b>Theft</b>	Break and enter - non-dwelling	4	4	2
	Receiving	0	1	1
	Goods in custody	11	7	14
	Motor vehicle theft	1	2	2
	Steal from motor vehicle	9	4	8
	Steal from retail store	16	17	11
	Steal from person	70	87	99
	Fraud	20	14	30
	Other theft	516	372	183
<b>Malicious damage to property</b>		5	10	6
<b>Drug offences</b>	Possession and/or use of cocaine	1	0	0
	Possession and/or use of narcotics	1	0	2
	Possession and/or use of cannabis	2	2	7
	Possession and/or use of other drugs	2	0	2
	Dealing, trafficking in narcotics	2	1	1
	Dealing, trafficking in cannabis	0	2	0
	Dealing, trafficking in other drugs	0	0	3
	Importing drugs	5	7	17
	Other drug offences	2	5	2
<b>Offensive behaviour</b>	Offensive conduct	0	0	1
	Offensive language	1	0	0
<b>Weapons offences</b>		7	3	14
<b>Against justice procedures</b>	Escapee - other custody	0	0	2
	Breach Apprehended Violence Order	1	1	2
	Breach bail conditions	1	2	0
	Breach of recognizance	0	2	1
	Fail to appear	2	6	6
	Other offences against justice procedures	3	7	8
<b>Driving offences</b>	Other driving offences	2	3	11
<b>Other offences</b>		20	19	30

Source: Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (jf04/1734)



## RESPONSE TO ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS TO NSW POLICE

**Q. How many State Police Officers are stationed at, and / or patrol Sydney domestic and international terminals? Is the police presence continuous or for just part of the day?**

A. NSW Police advise that general law enforcement is provided by officers from Botany Bay Local Area Command. This includes regular patrols of the airport. Specialist law enforcement is also provided.

**Q. How has the level of State Police presence changed over the past three years?**

A. NSW Police advise that following the events of September 11 2001, police patrols of critical infrastructure such as the Sydney Airport have increased, and the airport has seen an increase in patrols and targeted operations.

**Q. What is your response time for attending incidents at the airport?**

A. It would depend on the nature of the incident.

**Q. What is the nature and level of crime at Sydney Airport?**

A. BOCSAR advises that it does not collect figures for crime specifically identified as occurring at Sydney Airport. However, approximate figures can be compiled by counting incidents in the Botany Bay Local Government Area where the premises type is "airport".

The attached statistical information has been compiled by the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR). It is taken from the NSW Police database, which includes incidents reported to or detected by the NSW Police.

**Q. How has the nature and level of crime at Sydney Airport changed over the past three years?**

A. See the attached statistical information. BOCSAR advises that the general level of incidents is low, and fluctuations are within natural variance. Only "Other theft" shows a discernable trend – a decrease.

**Q. How many incidents of airport rage have been reported to State Police officers during the past three years?  
Is there a trend in either the nature or number of incidents?  
Should penalties for airport rage be brought closer to the penalties for air rage (i.e. incident occurring on board and aircraft)? Why or why not?**

A. BOCSAR advises that "Airport Rage" is not a category of crime recorded in NSW.