

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 42

Senator Rhiannon asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2012:

Senator RHIANNON: Just so we are clear, could you take on notice to provide details of the period of time over which those 40 complaints came in and the breakdown of internal complaints, complaints made by Australian members of the public and complaints made by Solomon Island nationals.

Mr Wood: Senator, with respect, if I may rephrase that: rather than trying to reconstruct the *Sydney Morning Herald* figures, could we provide figures, say, for the last three years of the total number of complaints in the Solomon Islands—using our data and breaking them up into the source of the complaint?

Senator RHIANNON: Thank you. So we have something to compare it with, if you take it over the three years, could you tell us the total number of AFP personnel in the Solomon Islands; also the number of AFP personnel overseas in general and the number of complaints in general, so we can make a comparison?

Mr Wood: Yes.

Senator RHIANNON: Thank you.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

362 AFP personnel were deployed to the Solomon Islands this financial year to 30 April 2012, and 677 AFP personnel deployed overseas with the IDG. Table 1 shows the number of complaints made against members of the IDG serving in overseas IDG Missions between 01 July 2009 and 30 April 2012.

Of the 43 complaints made against members deployed to the Solomon Islands, 4 were made by members of the public (Table 2).

Table 1 - Complaints against members of the IDG overseas between 01/07/2009 to 30/04/2012

	2009/10		2010/11		2011/12	
Mission	Staff	Complaints	Staff	Complaints	Staff	Complaints
Afghanistan	35	0	58	3	49	6
Cambodia	2	0	1	0	1	0
Cyprus	29	0	28	0	24	0
East Timor/ TLPDP	174	3	169	3	154	1
Nauru	9	0	7	0	6	0
Papua New Guinea	14	1	19	0	24	1
Samoa	2	0	4	0	10	0
Solomon Islands	614	19	595	14	362	10
Sudan	29	0	21	0	21	0
Tonga	7	0	9	0	5	0
Vanuatu	16	1	19	1	21	0
Grand Total	931	24	930	21	677	18

Table 2 – Breakdown of complaints

Solomon Islands Complaints	
Internal	39
Member of The Public	4
	43

Notes:

- Data period 1/7/2009 to 30/4/2012
- Includes ORG and short term deployments
- Does not include PPDP deployments
- If a deployment spans over 2 financial years it has been counted in both
- If a member deployed multiple times, each separate deployment has been counted