

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017

Australian Federal Police

Question No. BE17-055

Senator McKim asked the following question on 25 May 2017:

Senator McKIM: Good morning, Commissioner, thanks to you and your officers for coming in. I just wanted to ask a few questions about the Papua New Guinea-Australia policing partnership that the AFP is engaged in. Are you able to break down the costs—or the outgoings, I guess, in dollar terms—of that program since its inception, into, say, 12-month blocks?

Mr Colvin: The current program ends on 30 June, and we have just recently been re-funded—

Senator McKIM: For another two years, yes.

Mr Colvin: for another two years, largely in terms of support to RPNGC for APEC 2018. We would be able to break it down into how that funding is appropriated year by year, yes.

Senator McKIM: Do you have that now, or will you need—

Mr Colvin: I do not think we have that with us.

Ms Close: No, sorry, Senator. We will have to take that on notice.

Senator McKIM: Okay. No worries. I would appreciate it if you would do that. Do you have information today about the number of officers deployed in the course of that program, perhaps broken down into whatever period you are able to?

Mr Colvin: I think we would, yes.

Ms Close: Certainly. I have the headcount as at 20 April this year, which is 55. But to go back further I will take that on notice.

Senator McKIM: And that is at a point in time?

Ms Close: That is right.

Senator McKIM: I would appreciate it if you would take that on notice.

The response to the honourable Senator’s question is as follows:

Papua New Guinea – Australia Policing Partnership (PNG-APP) – breakdown of costs since inception (2013)

Costs of AFP PNG Mission	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17*
	\$'m	\$'m	\$'m	\$'m
Total PNG Mission Cost	34.03	44.99	47.69	50.03
Employee	12.05	14.93	14.77	15.30
Vehicles	0.13	0.21	0.24	0.28
Accommodation and Security	8.57	10.13	9.69	9.33
Travel	0.52	0.80	0.41	0.79
Training	0.32	0.79	1.80	2.08
Equipment for Other Jurisdictions (including building maintenance and upgrades)	2.59	3.71	6.70	7.31
Medical	5.66	9.17	9.61	9.77
Insurance	0.61	0.80	0.98	0.95
Communications	0.44	0.99	1.03	1.12
Other	3.16	3.47	2.45	3.10
Total	34.03	44.99	47.69	50.03
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17*
Funding Source	\$'m	\$'m	\$'m	\$'m
AFP Base Appropriation	7.50	8.90	8.50	15.23
Pacific Police Development Program–PNG	6.00	6.29	4.89	-
PNG Incentive Package-Law and Order (PNG-APP)	20.53	29.70	34.30	34.80
Total	34.03	44.99	47.69	50.03

* 2016-17 shows budgeted costs. From 2016-17, Pacific Police Development Program funding has been rolled into “AFP Base Appropriation”.

Funding for continuation of PNG-APP	2017-18	2018-19
	\$'m	\$'m
New PNG-APP Funding	33.81	14.34
*As per PAES 2016-17		

The PNG-APP mission has now transitioned to primarily focus on APEC related capabilities for RPNGC.

Papua New Guinea – Australia Policing Partnership (PNG-APP) – number of officers deployed

Over the last two years with separate AFP base appropriation and NPP funding, the AFP is funded for **73 FTE** in Mission. The number of members in country will vary at times with members on recreation leave or changeover of members deployed.