

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Australian Federal Police

Question No. BE17-137

Senator Rhiannon asked the following question on 08 June 2017:

1. Can the AFP disclose how many members of the federal parliament have been or are the subject of warrants or emergency authorisation orders for surveillance? If you can disclose, how many are there? If you cannot disclose why can't you disclose? Please supply data for the last ten years and since the last federal election.
2. Can the AFP disclose how many members of staff of federal parliamentarians have been or are the subject of warrants or emergency authorisation orders for surveillance? If you can disclose, how many are there? If you cannot disclose why can't you disclose? Please supply data for the last ten years and since the last federal election.
3. Can the AFP disclose how many people employed within the federal parliament building have been or are the subject of warrants or emergency authorisation orders for surveillance? If you can disclose, how many are there? If you cannot disclose why can't you disclose? Please supply data for the last ten years and since the last federal election.

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

For operational security reasons, the AFP does not disclose information about warrants or emergency authorisation orders for surveillance for individuals. Nor does the AFP disclose operational information that may reveal police methodologies, disclose the existence of an investigation or identify the subject of an investigation.

The AFP provides statistical information on the use of surveillance devices in the *Surveillance Devices Act 2004* Annual Report.