

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

Group: 3

Program: Other Agency

Question No. SBE14/193

Senator Xenophon written asked the following question from the 20 November and 11 December 2014 hearings.

1. In response to a question that was taken on notice last estimates (question BE14/008) regarding the Seven West Media matter, the AFP stated that an internal review is being conducted, and that a draft report would be completed by July this year.
 - a) Has that draft report been completed?
 - b) What is the process from here? Who will have input on the draft? Who is it circulated to?
 - c) When will the final report be completed?
 - d) Will the report be made public?
2. Also in that response, the AFP outlines the formation of the Investigation Standards and Practices (ISP) Portfolio.
 - a) Was the ISP formed in direct response to the Seven West matter, or is it something that was in development prior to that?
 - b) What reviews, investigations or issues led to the AFP's view that the ISP was necessary?
 - c) What resources does the ISP have? Will it be permanent?

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

- 1a) Yes, the draft report has been completed.
 - b) The report was written by an independent SES Officer and was intended for members of the AFP Executive. No areas were asked for input (other than to provide documentation to the reviewing officer).
 - c) The final report has been completed.
 - d) The review and subsequent report focussed on internal AFP process and protocols and will not be made public.
- 2a) The ISP was in development prior to the Seven West Media matter.
 - b) An internal Investigations Review was conducted from October to December 2013.
 - c) Permanent resources of the ISP are:
 - 1 x SES (Commander)
 - 1 x Band 9 (D/Superintendent)
 - 1 x Band 8 (Sergeant)
 - 15 x Band 6-8 (Regional Investigations Advisers)
 - 3 x Band 6-8 Team Leaders
 - 10 x Band 4-5 Team Members