

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
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Question No. 256

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 15 February 2005:

- a) Is the Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation fully operational?
- b) When did it become fully operational?
- c) How many personnel are posted to the centre? How many of those are sworn officers?
- d) How much of the \$38.3 million has been expended?

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

- a) No. The Centre is not fully operational because there is construction outstanding. However, some training programs have been conducted and others are currently underway. Construction is expected to be finished in early 2006.
- b) Refer to answer a).
- c) Two AFP staff. Both are sworn members.
- d) \$4.95m has been spent to 10 March 2005.

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Question No. 257

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 15 February 2005:

Are there any figures available for the total production of opium in Afghanistan in 2004?

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

According to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) the total opium production for 2004 is estimated at 4,200 tonnes.

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Question No. 258

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 15 February 2005:

Who is on the National Managers' Group (which superseded the Transnational Crime Management Team)?

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

The membership of the National Managers' Group is as follows:

Deputy Commissioner (Chair)
Chief Operating Officer
Chief of Staff
National Manager Counter-Terrorism
National Manager Border and International Network
National Manager Economic and Special Operations
National Manager Intelligence
National Manager International Deployment Group
National Manager Protection
National Manager Forensics and Technical
National Manager Human Resources
Chief Information Officer
Chief Finance Officer
Deputy Chief Police Officer Operations ACT Policing
Manager Performance and Planning.

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Question No. 259

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 15 February 2005:

Human and sex trafficking:

- a) How many courses of the Human Trafficking and Child Sex Tourism Specialist Investigation Program have been completed?
- b) How many officers have received this training?
- c) How many more are planned for the future?

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

- a) The AFP conducted two courses in 2004, with a third course commencing on 21 March 2005 for three weeks.
- b) Upon the completion of the third course, a total of 55 AFP members will have successfully completed the program. One member of the Royal Thai Police is participating on the current course.
- c) Two courses are planned for each year for the life of the funding. This means another three courses will be offered to AFP members, partner law enforcement agencies, Commonwealth Departments and Foreign Law Enforcement Agencies.

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Question No. 260

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 15 February 2005:

Human and sex trafficking:

- a) How many matters has the AFP investigated relating to human trafficking for the purposes of sexual servitude and slavery?
- b) Of these how many have been prosecuted?
- c) How many prosecutions have been successful?

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

- a) Since 1999 the AFP has undertaken 97 investigations into human trafficking for the purposes of sexual exploitation.
- b) Five matters are presently before the courts in Sydney and Melbourne.
- c) To date all five matters are currently before courts in Sydney and Melbourne.

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Question No. 261

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at hearing on 15 February 2005:

How many AFP personnel are assigned to the post in Bali?

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

Two – one Federal Agent and one locally engaged staff member.

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Question No. 262

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 15 February 2005:

Of the investigations commenced out of information arising from the AFP's free-call phone hotline for reporting child-sex tourism, how many have resulted in charges or prosecutions.

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

No arrests, charges or prosecutions have been made to date from information passed to the Hotline, however all calls received are assessed and where necessary investigated by the AFP Transnational Sexual Exploitation Trafficking Team (TSETT).

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Question No. 263

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 15 February 2005:

National Missing Persons Unit (NMPU).

- a) How much additional funding was allocated to the AFP after the NMPU came under its aegis?
- b) What services does the NMPU perform? (i.e: advisory, technical, etc?)

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

- a) The NMPU was transferred to the AFP from the Australian Bureau of Criminal Intelligence via the Australian Crime Commission (ACC) on 1 July 2003. The Attorney General's Department funding of \$195,000 pa had already been allocated to the ACC for Financial Year 2003 – 2004. In December 2003 a balance of \$108,485.98 was transferred from the ACC to the AFP. No additional funding has been allocated to the AFP in relation to the NMPU.
- b) The role of the NMPU is to provide broad policy direction, coordination and facilitation of national missing person issues within Australia and internationally. The NMPU works in partnership with law enforcement, Commonwealth and State government agencies, tracing organisations and the community. The NMPU provides a forum for debate and discussion and manages national publicity campaigns such as National Missing Persons Week to increase awareness of the national missing person issue.

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Question No. 264

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 15 February 2005:

Regarding the National Advisory Committee on Missing Persons (NACMP):

- a) Which non-government tracing services are on the committee?
- b) Did the NACMP produce any reports or reviews?
- c) What areas of improvement did the NACMP highlight?
- d) How many times did it meet in 2003-04?

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

- a) The non-government organisations (NGOs) on the NACMP are:
 - Australian Red Cross International Tracing and Refugee Services,
 - International Social Services,
 - Link-Up Aboriginal Corporation, and
 - Salvation Army Family Tracing Service.
- b) The NACMP has not produced reports or initiated any reviews.
- c) NGO members highlighted a need for the coordination of media campaigns and information releases in order to raise awareness.
- d) Once, on 13 - 14 November 2003.

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Question No. 265

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 15 February 2005:

Regarding the Police Consultative Group on Missing Persons (PCGMP):

- a) What work did it do to provide a coordinated national approach in this area?
- b) Did it undertake any initiatives?

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

- a) The PCGMP provides a forum to share information across jurisdictions in relation to missing persons. This includes the standardising of returns designed to provide law enforcement with data relating to incidents of missing persons in Australia. The Group also contributes to the conduct of National Missing Persons week within each jurisdiction.
- b) PCGMP initiatives undertaken include:
 - The development of a generic request form for interstate enquiries regarding missing persons is being undertaken.
 - The Group is progressing the development of a generic enquiry form relating to unidentified remains.

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Question No. 266

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 15 February 2005:

What was the cause of the fall of percentages of cases proceeding into a legal process (16% down from 32%)?

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

The relevance of this fall should be seen within the context of performance over a number of years.

Proportion of cases reaching legal process	
1999/2000	23%
2000/01	18%
2001/02	25%
2002/03	32%
2003/04	16%

There is considerable variability over the years which reflects both the dynamic nature of the criminal environment and the inherent level of uncertainty associated with internally generated matters. Naturally, matters referred from external agencies where the occurrence of a criminal offence has already been established will have a higher rate of success than investigations that begin from various sources of intelligence with only the potential that criminality may be involved.

The results for 2003/04 are comparable to those for 2000/01. As a working guide, the AFP has sought a rate of 20% over time with a tolerance of 5% in any given year. With the exception of 2002/03, the series has continued within tolerance and with an overall average of 23%.

It is anticipated, given the nature of the work, that internally generated matters will continue to display considerable variability from year-to-year.

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Question No. 267

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 15 February 2005:

Does the AFP keep targets for client satisfaction rates?

- a) If so, what were the targets?
- b) What sorts of complaints did the 19% of unsatisfied clients have with the service?

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

- a) A key performance indicator for Outcome 1 activities is 'the level of client satisfaction with the services the AFP provides'. Annual client satisfaction surveys are conducted to establish these levels with each survey being benchmarked against previous results. Overall the AFP uses the survey results to identify areas of business improvement to maintain or improve client satisfaction.
- b) Of the 19% of clients as indicated in the Senator's question, the survey results indicate 10% of those had responded 'not applicable' which reduces the figure to 9%. Essentially this indicates that around nine of out of 10 AFP clients are satisfied and this is the benchmark target which the AFP seeks to maintain. In examining the client comments, concerns were expressed regarding continuity of the investigation case officer along with the provision of feedback and the length of time taken to complete investigations.

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Question No. 268

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 15 February 2005.

Has the coronial inquest into the death of Mr Lee-Rogers been completed?

a) Is so, what were its findings?

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

Yes. On 21 April 2005 the NSW Senior Deputy State Coroner, Ms Jacqueline Milledge, handed down her finding and recommendations into the death of Mr Gary Lee-Rogers.

a) The cause of death is 'natural' of an unknown aetiology.

At the time of his arrest and until his death, Mr Lee-Rogers claimed the fraud charges levelled against him were the result of collusion between the APS and AFP in an attempt to silence him for informing on corrupt practices within the APS. The Coroner stated Mr Lee-Rogers had a substantial motive to discredit his superior and the organisations. His accusations were 'lightweight' and he kept threatening to expose corruption, but never did. Mr Lee-Rogers spoke with journalists, a member of parliament, a network of supporters, and his own lawyer, yet presented no evidence and made no formal allegations over a three year period.

The Coroner further stated "the credibility of Mr Lee-Rogers is entirely questionable. Not only did he manufacture stories to suit himself, but he asserted he was surrounded by an entire web of corruption. Not only in the APS, AFP, but his member of parliament, the Commonwealth Attorney-General, the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions and even his own lawyer" defending him at trial.

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Question No. 269

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 15 February 2005:

How many extra members joined the London, Washington and Kuala Lumpur offices focussing on counter-terrorism?

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

During 2004 three (3) members were deployed to the AFP International Network to focus on counter terrorism related operations. One (1) member was posted to each office in London, Washington and Kuala Lumpur.

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Question No. 270

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 15 February 2005:

Deployments:

- a) Is the International Deployment Group fully operational?
- b) If not, when is it expected to be?
- c) If yes, when did it become fully operational?
- d) How many support personnel have been employed in Canberra to offer operational, administrative, logistical, etc. support?
- e) How many are based at the Wanggirrali Ngurrumbai Centre?
- f) How many are based elsewhere and where are they based?
- g) What is the current status of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP)?

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

- a) No. Members are still being deployed to PNG under the mission deployment plan.
- b) It should be fully operational by mid-2005.
- c) Refer to answer a).
- d) As at 24 February 2005 there are 148 personnel.
- e) As at 24 February 2005 there are 80 personnel based at the Wanggirrali Ngurrumbai Centre.
- f) As at 24 February 2005 there are 68 personnel based in other AFP offices around Australia.
- g) The AFP currently has fifteen members serving as United Nations Civilian Police (UNCIVPOL) in UNFICYP. The Australian Contingent Commander has performed the role of Deputy Commander of the UNCIVPOL in Cyprus since January 2004. UNCIVPOL duties include patrolling the Buffer Zone and attending to civilian matters that may occur in the Buffer Zone.

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Question No. 271

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 15 February 2005:

Law Enforcement Cooperation Programs:

In the annual report, it notes that the first three of eight crime-type portfolios in the TNCCC are fully operational...

- a) What are the three that are fully operational, and on what date did they become operational?
- b) What is the status of the five remaining? When are they expected to become operational, and what is their function?
- c) Have the TCUs in Vanuatu and PNG been completed?
- d) Is the AFP looking at establishing any more TCUs throughout the region, or has it developed any more TCUs that were not mentioned in the annual report?
- e) How many trainers and advisors were provided globally under the LECF?

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

- a) The three crime type portfolios which are currently operational are Counter Terrorism, Narcotics and People Smuggling. The three portfolios became operational on 2 July 2004 when the Trans National Crime Coordination Centre (TNCCC) gained its full time staff.
- b) The crime type portfolios remaining are:
 - Money Laundering is planned to be operational by the end of June 2005;
 - Cyber Crime is anticipated as the next crime type to become operational;
 - Arms Trafficking;
 - Sea Piracy; and
 - Economic Crime;

The last four will become operational after recommendations at each Project Steering Committee meeting and all will be operating prior to the end of the project in March 2007.

- c) The Transnational Crime Units (TCUs) in Port Moresby and Port Vila are operational though not yet fully commissioned. Port Vila and Port Moresby both require installation and training in Case Management and Intelligence System (CMIS) and are yet to be officially opened.
- d) The AFP has not established any new TCUs in the Pacific region since the time of the report, however we anticipate the scoping of a TCU in Honiara in mid 2005, with establishment in late 2005 to early 2006.
- e) 16.

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Question No. 272

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 15 February 2005:

- a) Has the work on the kennelling Explosive Detection Canines at the Wangirrali Ngurrumbai Centre been completed?

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

- a) No. Construction is expected to be complete in late 2005.

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Question No. 273

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 15 February 2005:

- a) Regarding the support offered to the Bomb Appraisal Office and the Explosive Detection Canines, what is the nature of the support that has been offered?

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

- a) The Bomb Appraisal Officer (BAO) and Explosive Detection Canine programs enjoy an increasingly close working relationship with their counterparts in all Australian police services. Both programs have participated in local inter-agency training activities, and on request other agencies have provided suitably qualified staff to assist in assessing Protective Service Officers undertaking specialist courses. The BAO program is also represented in professional fora such as the Aviation Security Industry Consultative Meeting's Screening Improvement Group and the Australasian Police Professional Standards Council project which has drafted national standards for the training of police Bomb Technicians.

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Question No. 274

Senator Ludwig asked the following questions at the hearing on 15 February 2005:

- a) What is the status of the establishment of the Protective Security Liaison Officer network at CTFR airports?
- b) How many airports has it been rolled out to?
- c) Is there a timeframe for rolling the program out to other airports?
- d) If so, what is it?

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

- a) The Protective Security Liaison Officer (PSLO) network is operating at all 11 Counter Terrorism First Response (CTFR) airports around Australia; Adelaide, Alice Springs, Brisbane, Cairns, Canberra, Darwin, Gold Coast, Hobart, Melbourne, Perth, and Sydney. Rollout of the network commenced in early August 2004 and was complete by mid-December 2004.
- b) Refer to answer a).
- c) There is no intention to extend the PSLO Network to non-CTFR airports.
- d) Refer to answer c).