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**Question No. 84**

**Senator Nettle asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2005:**

- (a) What is the Government's policy on the practice of rendition?
- (b) Has the Government ever assisted the US Government with rendering persons from Australia to another country?
- (c) Has the Government ever assisted the US Government with rendering persons from a country other than Australia to another country?
- (d) Is the practice of rendition legal in Australia?
- (e) Is the Department aware of reports regarding the use of a private jet by US Government authorities for the practice of rendering persons to another country, such as Egypt?
- (f) What steps has the Department undertaken to verify such reports?
- (g) Has the jet ever landed in Australia?

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

- (a) Persons within Australia can only be transferred to another country through recognised legal means or where legal authority exists, such as extradition. The Government would oppose the transfer of a person within Australia to another country other than via such means.
- (b) The Attorney-General's Department is not aware of any such assistance being given to the United States.
- (c) See the answer to question (b).
- (d) See the answer to question (a).
- (e) The Government is aware of such media reports.
- (f) The Attorney-General's Department has not taken any steps to verify these reports.
- (g) The Attorney-General's Department is not aware of any such jet ever landing in Australia.

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**Question No. 85**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2005:**

The Prime Minister has refused to rule out charging Mr Habib (Radio 2GB, Monday 7 February 2005). What charges is the Government considering which may apply to him?

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

At this time there are no charges being considered against Mr Habib. As with any other case, should evidence come to light in future which would support a prosecution against Mr Habib then he may be prosecuted accordingly.

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**Question No. 86**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2005:**

What advice has the department received about the legality of Mr Hicks detention under international law?

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

Consistent with the practice of successive Governments, it is not appropriate to provide information on whether legal advice has been received or on the content of any legal advice.

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**Question No. 87**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2005:**

National response plan for mass casualty incidents involving Australians overseas:

When it is finalised please provide a copy to the committee.

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

The finalised document is expected to be issued by the end of April 2005, and it will be provided to the Committee at that time.

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**Question No. 88**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2005:**

- a) Were any reports released as a result of the Australian Disaster Conference? If yes, please provide. If not, why not?
- b) Please provide a list of the speakers, and the organisations they represent.
- c) What was the cost of the Conference?

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

- a) Yes, *Conference Outcomes*, released in October 2003, is enclosed.
- b) The key speakers were:

<b>Title</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Company</b>
Dr	Salvano	Briceño	United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, Geneva
Ms	Dianne	Coon	Volunteer Ambulance Officers Association
General	Peter	Cosgrove AC MC	Australian Defence Force
Ms	Jo	Harrison-Ward	Fire and Emergency Services Authority, WA
Mr	Michael	Hawker	Insurance Australia Group
Mr	Alan	March	AusAID
Ms	Fiona	McKersie	Queensland Department of Emergency Services
Deputy Commissioner	John	Murray APM	Australian Federal Police (AFP)
Mr	Bernard	Salt	KPMG Australia
Dr	Dale	Spender	Digital Style Pty Ltd
Mr	David	Templeman	Emergency Management Australia
The Hon	Daryl	Williams AM QC MP	Australian Government
Mr	Simon	Corbell MLA	ACT Minister for Health and Planning

In addition, there were a number of breakout session leaders and presenters.

- c) The cost of the Conference was \$305 086.

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**Question No. 89**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2005:**

Mapping the Way Forward Report

- a) Please provide a copy of the report.
- b) What areas of attention or concern were identified by the report?
- c) What recommendations were made by the report?
  - i) If there are some, have they been implemented or are they being implemented?

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

- a) *Mapping the Way Forward for large-scale urban disaster management in Australia – Building on the Lessons from September 11 2001*, is enclosed.
- b) Interoperability, standardised communication systems, compatible equipment, information sharing, the capacity to respond to a large-scale urban incident, a national assets register, and a skills or capability register.
- c) No recommendations were made. Key lessons for Australia were identified as being in the areas of interoperability, urban search and rescue; communication; information sharing; equipment; training; volunteers; community education; public health; business continuity; security issues; environmental, heritage and cultural preservation; and legislation.
  - i) All areas identified are being progressed, primarily through State and Territory emergency management organisations and the associated volunteer networks.

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**Question No. 90**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2005:**

At which institutions is the Graduate Certificate in Emergency Management course being offered?

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

Emergency Management Australia Institute at Mount Macedon in Victoria.

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**Question No. 91**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2005:**

What forums were held on emergency management issues?

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

Emergency management in schools

Remote Indigenous issues in emergency management

Enhanced approaches to emergency management for venue operators

Emergency Risk Management review – developing best practice approaches and ensuring ERM appropriately aligned with AS/NZS 4360

Recovery workshop on best practice approaches to recovery management

Spatial data in Emergency Management



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**Question No. 92**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2005:**

What strategies to deal with current and future risk were identified?

Please expand on these strategies.

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

*Strategy: Lessons learnt workshops with key stakeholders from States and Territories.*

- The Workshops focussed on estimating the economic loss from disasters to assist in further decision-making when investing in risk measures and mitigating arrangements.

*Strategy: Supporting and disseminating research.*

- Research and innovation initiatives to encourage evidenced-based practice in emergency management, and contribute to education and training.

*Strategy: Reviewing Recovery Arrangements.*

- Australia's response to the Bali bombings identified the need for improved clarity in recovery coordination arrangements. The Community Services Ministerial Advisory Council tasked the Recovery Sub-Committee to conduct a review of recovery arrangements following disasters and EMA was a key contributor to this process.

*Strategy: Assisting with debriefs and exercises.*

- Lessons arising from the 2002-03 Australian Capital Territory and the Victorian bushfires.
- Exercise Mercury '04' – A multi-jurisdictional exercise to test State and Territory counter-terrorism plans across Victoria, Northern Territory and Tasmania, as well as cross-border Coronial relationships.
- Exercise Southern Exile – A multi-jurisdictional exercise led by Customs to test plans for dealing with abalone smuggling and importation of illicit drugs.

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**Question No. 93**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2005:**

When the annual report states 'this involved reconstituting the Australian Emergency Management Committee', should this be read as that the committee existed and been dissolved at some time in the past?

If so, when was it dissolved and why?

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

No. The Australian Emergency Management Committee (AEMC) existed prior to the endorsement in principle by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) of the report of the COAG Review of Natural Disaster Relief and Mitigation. One recommendation of the Review was to raise level governance arrangements for emergency management in Australia. As a result, the AEMC was re-constituted.

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**Question No. 94**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2005:**

Who is serving on the Australasian Police Ministers Council? Which Police Ministers from outside Australia are serving on that council?

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

The current membership list of the Australasian Police Ministers' Council is:

Commonwealth	Senator the Hon Chris Ellison
ACT	Mr John Hargreaves MLA
NSW	The Hon Carl Scully
NZ	The Hon George Hawkins
NT	The Hon Paul Henderson MLA
Qld	The Hon Judy Spence MP
SA	The Hon Kevin Foley MP
Tas	The Hon David Llewellyn MHA
Vic	The Hon Tim Holding MP
WA	The Hon Michelle Roberts BA DipEd MLA

The Hon George Hawkins (New Zealand) is the only Police Minister from outside Australia serving on the council.

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**Question No. 95**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following questions at the hearing on 14 February 2005:**

What is the process for the judging of the Safer Community Awards?

- a) What are the criteria for entry into the Safer Communities Awards?
- b) Who were the 33 finalists?
- c) On what criteria are the awards judged?
- d) Who is on the panel which selects the winner?
- e) How much do the Safer Community Awards cost to run?

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

Judging at the State and Territory level, with winners progressing to National judging.

a) The criteria covers all aspects of emergency management including risk assessment, research, education and training, information and knowledge management, prevention, preparedness, response, recovery.

b)

1. Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Canberra – Emergency Broadcast Preparation and Response (Pre and Post Disaster Categories)
2. The Major Charities Sub-Committee – Remarkable Alliances, coordination of assistance delivery
3. Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Recovery Centre – ACT Recovery Centre, case management model
4. ACT Bushfire and Emergency Services, Headquarters Volunteer Brigade – competency-based training modules
5. Chapman Residents' Action Group – Community assistance and support coordination
6. ACT Emergency Services Bureau, the GeoInsight Committee and the Technik Group
7. GeoInsight Project – spatial data awareness multi-media resource kit
8. NRMA Insurance, ACT - Help Expo aids bushfire recovery
9. New South Wales (NSW) Fire Brigades – Emergency Services radio
10. Blue Mountains City Council – Bushfire awareness training video 'Our Christmas'
11. NSW State Emergency Services - Floodsafe program

12. Northern Territory Emergency Service – ‘Playing It Safe’ remote area natural hazard awareness video
13. Nauiyu Nambiyu Community Government Council, Daly River – Daly River flood mitigation strategy
14. St Philip’s College, Alice Springs – Emergency Service Cadet Unit establishment
15. Royal Darwin Hospital – ‘36 defining hours’, triage and stabilising of injured victims after the Bali bombings
16. Queensland Department of Emergency Services, Counter Disaster & Rescue Service – State Disaster Mitigation Planning policy
17. South-East Queensland (SEQ) Fire and Biodiversity Consortium/ Griffith University – Property Fire Management Planning Kit and Biodiversity Conservation Workshops
18. Queensland Department of Emergency Services, Queensland Fire & Rescue Service – SafeCity Education Package, for upper primary school students
19. Adelaide City Council – Emergency response plan
20. South Australia Department of Human Services - CRB Decontamination Unit installation
21. South Australia Ambulance Service – Murra Murra Community Responder Course for Point Pearce
22. Metropolitan Domiciliary Care (South Australia) – Home Safety for the frail aged and those with a disability
23. South Australia Country Fire Service – Video presentation: “Bushfires - Surviving The Summer”
24. Tom Schwerdt (South Australia) – Schwerdt Lifter
25. Somerset Fire Brigade (Tasmania) - Junior Cadet Program
26. Towong Shire Council, Victorian Department of Primary Industries, and other partners – Towong Drought Response Project
27. Metropolitan Fire Brigade (Melbourne) – SmokeBuster
28. Metropolitan Fire Brigade (Melbourne) – Juvenile Justice Fire & Hazard Safety Education
29. Deakin University, School of Architecture and Building, Geelong – Wind-tunnel research into ember attacks
30. Bunbury-Wellington Group of Councils – Emergency Risk Management Project
31. Shire of Manjimup – Emergency Services Display
32. City of Gosnells Council, Western Australia Police Service and Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA) – Home Safety Audits Project

33. Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA) – the AWARE (All West Australians Reducing Emergencies) partnership program

c) Judging criteria:

- How did the project improve community safety and what future benefits are expected?
- To what degrees does it represent best practice? How is it leading the way nationally or internationally?
- How innovative is the project?
- How effectively or efficiently was it implemented?
- Will others benefit, such as emergency organisations, the community, local councils and business?
- What is the scope for others to implement a similar approach?

d) Morrie Bradley, Director Knowledge Management and Business, Emergency Management Australia (National Judging Panel Chair); Geoffrey Crawford, Director of Corporate Affairs, Australian Broadcasting Corporation; Martine Letts, Secretary-General, Australian Red Cross; Ian Manock, Public Health, Faculty of Human Studies, Charles Sturt University; and Leanne Hardwicke, Director, Public Policy and Representation, Institution of Engineers Australia.

e) \$69 616.71.

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**Question No. 96**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following questions at the hearing on 14 February 2005:**

- a) How much of the \$17.8 million allocated to CBREP over four years has been expended?
- b) Has the first phase of CBREP been completed?
- c) Which first responders has the CBREP distributed equipment and given training?
- d) What was the nature of the training?
  - i) Who provided the training?

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

- a) \$16.9 million.
- b) Yes.
- c) Police, Fire and Ambulance services in all States and Territories.
- d) Chemical, Biological and Radiological awareness for first responders, CBR Health aspects management, CBR Forensic training and Equipment training.
  - i) EMA coordinated the provision of all training undertaken, delivered in part by EMA and equipment suppliers.

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**Question No. 97**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2005:**

- a) What equipment has been distributed?
- i) Where was this equipment purchased?
  - ii) How was this equipment chosen as the correct ones to purchase? Was there a tender process?
    - i. If yes, when was the tender process,
    - ii. Was it an open tender?
    - iii. Where was it advertised?
    - iv. Who submitted tenders?
    - v. Why was the winning tender chosen?
    - vi. Who was on the tender committee?
    - vii. How much was the tender for?

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

- a) Detection Equipment, Personal Protective Equipment, Decontamination Systems, Casualty Management Equipment, Casualty Extraction Equipment.
- i) Australia, United Kingdom, United States of America, Germany, France, Canada.
  - ii) The equipment was selected on the advice of the National Chemical Biological and Radiological Working Group. Yes.
    - i. 2002-03 and 2003-04.
    - ii. Yes.
    - iii. Australian Government Gazette and the Commonwealth Government advertising website.
    - iv. The successful tenderers were: 3M Australia, Safety Equipment Australia, Laerdal Pty Ltd, ACT Health Supply Services, Anachemia Canada Inc, Proengin SA, Martin International, Australia Radiation Services, Draegar Safety Pacific Pty Ltd, Chubb Fire Australia, Protector Safety Supply, Roche Diagnostics Australia Pty Ltd, Packard Services, Active Environmental Solutions, Ferno Australia Pty Ltd, OPEC Systems Pty Ltd, ESRI Australia Pty Ltd, Harris Technology Pty Ltd, Meridian Medical Technologies, DHS Pty Ltd, and Nor E First Response Inc.
    - v. Best value for money as assessed against Australian Government Procurement Guidelines.
    - vi. Committee members were drawn from the Attorney-General's Department finance group, end user groups, and EMA staff.



vii. \$15.3 million.

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**Question No. 98**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2005:**

In relation to the second phase of CBREP:

- a) What continued training has been provided so far?
- b) Have any performance reviews been completed? If not, when are they due to be completed?  
If yes, please provide.

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

- a) CBR awareness training, CBR Health aspects management and CBR Forensic training.
- b) An audit of stage one of CBREP was completed by Deloitte in July 2004, which concluded the project was well managed, on time, and within budget.

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**Question No. 99**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2005:**

- a) Has the CBREP equipment been utilised?
- b) On what occasions has the CBREP equipment been utilised?
- c) Was this program able to give any assistance to the tsunami-affected regions?
- d) If so, what was the nature of the assistance?
- e) Is this on budget?
- f) Did the acquisition phase finish in June 2004?

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

- a) Yes.
- b) By State and Territory response agencies dealing with incidents involving unidentified white powder and suspicious odours, plus many hoaxes and false alarms.
- c) No.
- d) Not Applicable.
- e) Yes.
- f) Yes.

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**Question No. 100**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2005:**

Question: Who is on the CBR Working Group?

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

Representatives from Australian Government, State and Territory Government agencies and sectors as follows:

- Emergency Management Australia
- State and Territory representatives
- Australian Defence Force
- Australian Security Intelligence Organisation
- Department of Health and Ageing
- Defence Science and Technology Organisation
- Joint Health Support Agency - Defence
- Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency
- Police Forensic (National Disaster Victim Identification)
- Convention of Ambulance Authorities Representative
- Public Health (New South Wales and Western Australia Health Departments)
- National Counter Terrorism Committee
- Protective Security Coordination Centre
- Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries
- Public Health Laboratory Network
- Australasian Fire Authorities Council
- Science Engineering and Technology Unit – Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, and
- Australian Water Industry.

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**Question No. 101**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2005:**

- a) What gaps were identified in the existing Emergency Management Competency Standards?
- b) How do the new standards overcome those gaps?
- c) Please provide a copy of the review.

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

- a) Gaps identified in the emergency management competency standards were emergency planning, evacuation, and qualifications in emergency management.
- b) A new unit of competency *Undertake emergency planning* was developed to provide competency coverage for emergency planning and evacuation, and a new unit of competency *Contribute to an Emergency Risk Management Process* was developed to provide pathways into higher level competencies in emergency risk management.
- c) Copies of the Report are enclosed – Pages 9, 10, 15 and 16 are relevant.

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**Question No. 102**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2005:**

- a) What are the 10 funded projects mentioned in the third paragraph on p103 of the Annual Report?
- b) How many of the projects require ongoing funding commitments, and what are these commitments?

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

1. The Science of Surprise: Building Resilient Risk Management for an Era of Uncertainty.
  2. Field trial of WARPS (Wireless Automated Response Positioning System) in two Australian States: An innovative, hands-free radio-tracking technology designed to reduce known risks to volunteer fire fighters.
  3. News Bug: A service delivering targeted and timely emergency information updates by News Media (including SMS, email, voicemail, and interactive TV).
  4. Evaluation of the Effectiveness of a Flood Preparedness Program in the Woronora Valley.
  5. Storm Surge Prediction Model For The Northern Territory And North Kimberley Coast.
  6. Construction of a website listing current and previous post cyclone surveys from within Australia and around the world.
  7. Responding to Community Emergencies – The Role of Tele-Counselling Services.
  8. FLOODSMART.
  9. Measuring Emergency Services Workloads at Mass Gathering Events.
  10. Risk Assessment Emergency Planning & Management for High-Density Communities – a Pilot Program.
- b) Nil.

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**Question No. 103**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2005:**

Asian Tsunami:

What Services and co-ordination did the department provide to the tsunami affected regions?

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

Emergency Management Australia (EMA) co-ordinated some aspects the Australian Government Response to the Tsunami affected regions.

The Attorney-General authorised 19 requests for assistance covering:

- coordination and management of seven Australian Government medical and public health teams, and one team of engineers
- repatriation of deceased Australians; and
- deployment of EMA emergency management officers to Phuket in Thailand and Jakarta in Indonesia.

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**Question No. 104**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2005:**

- a) Has the Emergency Management course been presented to the Victorian Qualifications Authority?
- b) Which local councils have undertaken the program?
- c) How much does the course cost to run?
- d) Can the Department give an overview of the course?

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

- a) Yes.
- b) Baulkham Hills Shire Council, Coffs Harbour City Council, Randwick City Council, Wollongong City Council, Daguragu Council, Darwin City Council, Kunbarllanja Community Government Council, Maningrida Council Inc, Uraputja Council Aboriginal Corporation, Yirrkala Dhanbul Community Council, Katherine Town Council, Boonah Shire Council, Brisbane City Council, Cairns City Council, Caloundra City Council, Cooloolah Shire Council, Croydon Shire Council, Livingstone Shire Council, Maroochy Shire Council, Whitsunday Shire Council, City of Charles Sturt, City of Mitcham, City of Onkaparinga, City of Whyalla, District Council of Elliston, District Council Lower Eyre Peninsula, Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association, Local Government Association of South Australia, Streaky Bay District Council, Brighton Council, Circular Head Council, Devonport City Council, Glenorchy City Council, Hobart City Council, Kentish Council, Kingborough Council, Beaudesert Shire Council, Benalla Regional City Council, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Maribyrnong City Council, Maroondah City Council, Pyraneees Shire Council, Strathbogie Shire Council, City of Bayswater, City of Nedlands, City of Rockingham, Shire of Dandaragan, Shire of Kalamunda, and Shire of Manjimup.
- c) \$42 308.
- d) The program introduces leaders, employees and elected officials in local government to a range of emergency management aspects directly relevant to the local government context. It includes information and strategies that help to bring emergency management closer to the core business of local government. These include a range of topics, including emergency risk management, recovery activities, understanding community responses to disaster, legal aspects of emergency management, managing the media, responsibilities of various jurisdictions and levels of government, and generating funding for emergency management activities. Guest speakers from a range of local governments share their experience and discuss approaches taken before, during, and after a variety of emergency events.



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**Question No. 105**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2005:**

Regarding the partnership between the Australian Local Government Association and the Emergency Management Capability Enhancement Program, which were the seven projects that were approved?

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

1. South Australia – Develop Emergency Risk Management (ERM) Implementation Guidelines as a complement to the existing Local Government (LG) ERM Manual.
2. New South Wales – Conduct of a two-day LG Emergency Management (EM) Workshop/Conference.
3. Western Australia – Deliver a four-day EM for LG Training Course.
4. Northern Territory – Develop fire management strategies for excised conservation areas using Litchfield Shire as a model.
5. Queensland – Produce a guidance tool kit and associated documentation to assist LG in planning and undertaking their own risk assessment and management process for security threats to critical infrastructure owned or operated by LG.
6. Tasmania – Develop “LG and EM into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – an information package”.
7. Victoria – Initiate a Municipal EM Officers' Orientation Kit, a Municipal EM Forum 04, a Municipal EM Enhancement Group Project Recovery Managers Development Forum, a EM Data Exchange Systems Protocols and Processes – Cities of Maribyrnong and Melbourne, and a Municipal EM System Phase One – EM Data Exchange (Systems, Protocols and Processes) with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade.

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**Question No. 106**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 14 February 2005:**

National Counter-Terrorism Committee: What items were purchased with the \$1.65million?

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

The funds were used to purchase specialist counter-terrorist equipment for police and to conduct exercises for police and other operational agencies. As these items are related to security and preparedness, it would not be appropriate to place the details in the public domain.

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**Question No. 107**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2005:**

What was the total cost for the AGD to provide advance security surveys in relation to overseas trips undertaken by the Prime Minister?

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

Reflecting the special security issues associated with travel by the head of government, it is a long established practice that the Protective Security Coordination Centre sends an officer to participate in security advances ahead of Prime Ministerial travel overseas to ensure that appropriate security arrangements are put in place by the foreign governments visited. This was also the practice during the term of the previous government. The total cost for AGD officers involved in security advances in relation to overseas trips undertaken by the Prime Minister in 2003-04 was \$167,180.