

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 134

Senator Kirk asked the following question at the hearing on 17 February 2006:

- a) What number of staff are involved in forensics, intelligence analysis and the like?

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

- a) The structure of recruitment for the AFP has changed since the 1990s to meet new capacity demands. This is the result of a deliberate strategy to target AFP recruitment towards a balanced skills mix of specialist *non-police staff* and sworn police.

Forensic and technical support staff numbers have increased from a level of 166 on 1 July 1998 to 256 as of 26 January 2006, and further recruitment in these specialist areas is planned.

Significant recruitment has and is occurring in the intelligence area which has increased numbers from 126 at July 1998 to 252 at 26 January 2006, with further recruitment planned for this area.