

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 137

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

Further to the reply to Question number 284 from 31 October 2005:

Part (c) indicates that the Intelligence Secretariat spent \$731,136 on supplies. Please provide a breakdown of where this money was spent.

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

The amount of \$731,136 relates to the full year budget of the Intelligence Secretariat for the 2005 – 06 financial year. Salary costs associated with this position are calculated separately.

Supplier costs in the AFP relate to the actual operating expenses incurred in running an activity and cover such items as communications and computers, motor vehicles, travel and training as well as office expenses such as minor equipment and stationery.

Based on planned activities and projected operating costs it is anticipated that the Secretariat will expend approximately \$256,000 by the end of the 2005 – 06 financial year; an underspend of approximately \$475,000. To date funds have been expended on a range of supplier costs as outlined above and include costs associated with hosting a major regional intelligence working group.

The majority of the underspend is related to the postponement of a series of planned Intelligence Practitioner exchange and mentoring programs with Regional law enforcement agencies. These programs have had to be rescheduled due to staffing levels and delays in related projects and will be implemented during the 2006 – 07 financial year.