

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 151**

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

Further to the reply to Question 243 of 31 October 2005:

Regarding the \$110.1 million over 4 years for the enhancement of protection of security services in addition to \$9.2 million provided in 2001-02:

- a) Specifically how much has been expended?
- b) In addition, why was financial data relating to the specific additional funding not kept?
- c) Where has the money gone?
- d) Is this actually tied to a protective security service outcome or is it just a general budget boost that you've used to fund all areas of the AFP?
- e) How many additional positions were funded as a result of this enhancement protective security services?
- f) What cities or locations are they based in?
- g) If you can't provide that for security reasons, can you provide a state by state breakdown?
- h) Exactly how was Protective Security Services expanded?
- i) Do you think it appropriate you do not keep financial data relating to specific additional funding?

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

- (a) As the total budget for AFP Protective Security Services has been fully spent since the commencement of this funding in 2001-02, on a pro-rata basis, \$107.7m of the enhancement funding has been spent to the end of January 2006.
- (b) This program was to expand existing protective security services. The AFP's Financial Information Systems are configured to monitor expenditure for activities and components of protective security services. As such it is not economically feasible to keep financial data relating to the specific additional funding.
- (c) The funding has been spent by the AFP on providing protective security services.
- (d) Funding provided by the Government is tied at an outcome level. This funding was provided to AFP's Outcome 1, and has been allocated by the AFP to Output 1.2 – Protective Services for the provision of protective security services.
- (e) This new measure funded 171 additional positions.
- (f) Additional positions are based in Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne and Perth.
- (g) Refer to answer f).
- (h) AFP Protective Service operations were expanded to provide a more mobile responsive capacity. The development of this capability includes the deployment and monitoring of improved electronic surveillance systems and the reduction of static guards in favour of an increased number of mobile vehicle patrols.

(i) The AFP is funded and is required to report to Government on an Outcome basis. Consequently, AFP information systems need to be configured firstly to meet this reporting requirement. It is not economically feasible to keep financial data relating to specific new measure funding within existing information system configurations.