

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 159**

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

- a) How many officers are still assigned to RAMSI and present on the Solomon Islands?
- b) Of those officers, how many are AFP personnel and how many are personnel seconded from state police?
- c) What is the current total cost of the RAMSI mission? Could you also provide a month-by-month breakdown?
- d) Are you able to indicate how much of the budget for 05-06 has so far been expended?
  - i) Is this on budget?
- e) What contracts the AFP is administering in the Solomon Islands on behalf of other agencies, what is the agency for whom the AFP is administering them, and what is the value of the contract?
- f) Why is it that the AFP is left with administering the contracts of other agencies in the Solomon Islands?
- g) What is the projected length of time to complete the RAMSI intervention? Is there a projected length of time?
- h) What phase is the deployment currently in?
- i) When does the AFP expect to complete these phases?

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

- a) 351 officers are still assigned to RAMSI on the Solomon Islands.
- b) 212 of those officers are AFP and PS personnel, 49 are state police, and 90 are Pacific islanders and New Zealand police.

c) At 31 January 2006 this financial year, the total cost of RAMSI is \$92.359m including capital expenditure.

Month-by-month breakdown:

Month	RAMSI Expenditure \$m	RAMSI Capital Expenditure \$m	Total \$m
Jul-05	8.651	0.275	8.926
Aug-05	11.302	3.396	14.698
Sep-05	15.770	1.529	17.299
Oct-05	12.843	1.135	13.978
Nov-05	12.667	0.597	13.264
Dec-05	11.718	-0.027	11.691
Jan-06	11.445	1.059	12.504
<b>Total</b>	<b>84.395</b>	<b>7.964</b>	<b>92.359</b>

d) Operating Expenditure:

The amount expended on RAMSI operating expenses to 31 January 2006 is \$84.395m. The RAMSI appropriation for 05-06 excluding capital is \$135.969m and pro rata to January 2006 is \$79.239m.

RAMSI therefore has a YTD overspend of \$5.239m on operating expenditure.

Capital Expenditure:

The amount expended on RAMSI capital expense to 31 January 2006 is \$7.964m. The RAMSI capital appropriation for 05-06 is \$15.574m and pro rata to January 2006 is \$9.085.

RAMSI therefore has a YTD underspend of \$1.121m on capital expenditure.

- e) The AFP does not currently manage any contracts on behalf of any other agencies. The AFP does provide assistance to other agencies through AFP contracts.
- f) Not applicable.
- g) The RAMSI mission is funded until 2008-09 financial year. Continued involvement in RAMSI beyond this date will be a matter of Commonwealth Government policy.
- h) RAMSI PPF has now entered phase III of the planned 3 phase engagement with a defined emphasis on capacity building of the RSIP.
- i) As for g) above.