

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 111

Senator Nettle asked the following question at the hearing on 13 February 2007:

AFP deployment to Afghanistan:

- a) How much does contracting a private company for protection cost?
- b) Is the AFP liable for the actions of the contractor?
- c) When finalised, please provide details of the protections and immunities afforded officers by the Afghan government?

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

- a) The cost of protection is dependent on the level of service requested. The cost of the protection services is not yet known as contract negotiations with the protection provider are ongoing. The AFP will be better placed to provide the costs and details of services to be provided once negotiations are complete.
- b) Liability for the actions of the contractor will be addressed in indemnity clauses in the contract with the successful protection service provider. The contract has not been finalised. Any indemnity clause in the contract will comply with the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines' (CPGs) risk management policy.
- c) The protections and immunities to be afforded to AFP officers by the Afghanistan Government are subject to ongoing negotiation. The AFP will be better placed to provide these details when negotiations are finalised.