

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 112

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

If it is available, please provide information on research into de-radicalisation programs.

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

The AFP recognises that radicalisation and de-radicalisation have emerged as key issues in counter terrorism.

The AFP is researching de-radicalisation programs and projects being undertaken by a variety of organisations around the world. AFP activities in this area include:

- Prison liaison between the AFP and Corrective Services to understand the potential for radicalisation of prison populations;
- Liaison with government departments to examine whole-of-government approaches to de-radicalisation initiatives;
- Review of literature considering role of leadership in terrorist organisations;
- Role of family in supporting terrorist activities; and
- Effect of technology on radicalisation.

Research in this field is in its early stages. The AFP will continue to examine research findings as they come to light and will remain open-minded with regard to future options for whole-of-government responses to extremism and radicalisation.