

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 118

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

- (1) With regard to the increase of 422 officers to the IDG announced in 2006, could the AFP:
- Detail how many of the additional officers have now been recruited and how many remain to be recruited for the AFP to meet this target
 - Detail how many members currently make up the IDG and how many members there will be once the AFP meets its target.
 - Detail when the AFP is expected to meet its target.
 - Detail how many of the recruits are former members of state or territory police services, broken down by service.

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

- (1) a) As at 28 February 2007 the IDG has recruited 66 as part of Phase 1 (Aug-Dec 2006). **549** are yet to be recruited. This is consistent with the phased funding of the IDG Future Strategy.

The reason there is mention of 549 above when the question refers to 422 officers is as follows:

In August 2006 the Government announced an increase to the capacity of the IDG, stating that the IDG would grow to a total and permanent capacity of 1200 members. At the time of the announcement the IDG had 778 staff including 206 staff on short term transfer to support the Emergency Response to Timor Leste.

- b) As at 28 February 2007 the IDG had a total of 651 staff. There will be 1200 members of the IDG once it meets its target.
- c) The AFP expects to meet its target by 30 June 2008.
- d) Since the announcement of the Future Strategy the IDG has recruited 15 former members of State and Territory Police services. The following shows a breakdown of this number by former service:

• Queensland Police	9
• Victoria Police	3
• Tasmania Police Service	1
• NT Police Service	2