

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 6

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 18 February 2008:

Please provide details of the plans for the period to 30 June 2008 with regard to the 66 Australian Federal Police officers intended for deployment to the Northern Territory emergency response. Where will they be deployed and what is the nature of their deployment?

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

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) is currently managing an increase to 66 personnel for its contribution to the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER) in support of the Northern Territory Police (NTPOL).

The AFP contribution to the NTER in Darwin city will remain at **6** personnel; composed of 1 Commander and 5 support staff.

Separately the AFP contribution to the joint NTPOL/AFP Child Abuse Taskforce (CAT) also based in Darwin city will increase from 7 to **8** personnel by August 2008.

Up to **40** AFP personnel will be available by June 2008 to be deployed to remote NT communities, in accordance with NTPOL priorities.

A relief team of up to **12** personnel will be available to backfill AFP personnel on leave from NT deployment.