

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 102

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 23 February 2009:

In relation to the air marshals program;

- a) have any members deployed in the Air Marshals program taken redundancy packages since June 2008;
- b) have these members been replaced;
- c) what is the percentage of AFP officers deployed in the Air Marshal program; and
- d) what percentage of AFP officers were deployed in the program in November 2007?

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

- a) The Air Security Officer (ASO) program was not excluded from the round of voluntary redundancies (VRs) offered by the AFP in 2008. A number of officers in the program accepted VR's in that round. The AFP is not in a position to provide the numbers of packages accepted in the program due to the operational sensitivity of ASO Program numbers.
- b) The ASO program has not replaced officers who accepted VRs during 2008. Their departure did not affect ASO operational capability due to the introduction of a Risk Assessment Model in August 2008, which allows the program to deploy on flight sectors of highest risk.
- c) The AFP is not in a position to provide this information due to the operational sensitivity of ASO Program numbers.
- d) The AFP is not in a position to provide this information due to the operational sensitivity of ASO Program numbers.