

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

**Question No. 109**

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

How many officers seconded from State and Territory forces does the ACC have? How many were there 18 months ago? How many staff are there overall?

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

The ACC engages and reports on their secondees through two types of arrangements:

- those employed under the *Public Service Act 1999*; and
- those seconded under the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002*.

These secondees may be paid for by the ACC or by the jurisdiction. They are part of an ACC operational team and subject to direct ACC management.

The ACC reports on these categories differently to reflect the way performance issues, misconduct and/or integrity and resolution of these matters are managed.

Additional resourcing is provided to the ACC through joint taskforce arrangements.

Task force members are usually engaged to work on joint operation and/or on important projects.

Staff working on a joint operation generally:

- do not fall under the direct management responsibility of the ACC;
- are paid for by the home jurisdiction; and
- are not a full time commitment.

In addition, reporting against these three categories reflects the commitment of resources provided by jurisdictions and the flexibility available to the ACC to increase or decrease those resources.

Therefore, in response to the Senator's question:

As at 28 February 2009, the ACC had 52 officers seconded from various State, Territory and Commonwealth agencies (27 funded by the ACC and 25 funded by their home jurisdiction). In addition, 19 task force members (funded by home jurisdiction) were working on joint operations. The total number of staff as at 28 February 2009 was 610.

As at 30 June 2007, the ACC had 64 officers seconded from various State, Territory and Commonwealth agencies (51 funded by the ACC and 13 funded by their home jurisdiction). In addition, 62 task force members (funded by home jurisdiction) were working on joint operations. The total number of staff as at 30 June 2007 was 788.