

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

Question No. 45

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

Has a decision been made to defund the Commission's participation in future meetings of the South East Asia Collaborative Group on Precursors?

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

Two forums have been established by the Attorney-General's Department within the Asia Pacific region: the Asian Collaborative Group on Local Precursor Control (ACOG) and the South Pacific Precursor Control Forum (SPPCF).

The ACOG was established in 2006 to contribute to the prevention of precursor diversion into illicit drug manufacture in the Asian Region.

The SPPCF was established in 2007 as a mechanism for regional countries of the South Pacific to address issues associated with precursor diversion and illicit drug manufacture.

The Department has not funded the Australian Crime Commission's participation in these two forums; all costs of participation were met by the ACC.