

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 44**

**Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 8 February 2010:**

- a) What are the current staffing levels of the AFP?
- b) How many of those staff form part of the 500 extra staff promised by the Government?
- c) How many staff redundancies have there been since December 2007?
- d) How have these redundancies been funded, i.e. has the AFP had to pay for these redundancies out of their own budget?
- e) What have these redundancies cost?
- f) What is the net loss or gain of staff after factoring in the promise of 500 additional members?

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

- a) The Australian Federal Police (AFP) had 6374 staff as at 8 February 2010.
- b) Thirty additional sworn members commenced in June 2008 and a further thirty commenced on 10 February 2010 under the additional 500 commitment.
- c)

	<b>Sworn members</b>
Sworn Investigators	17
Sworn officers (in corporate roles, ACT Police or on long term leave)	57
Unsworn	95
Protective Service Officers	74
<b>Total</b>	<b>243</b>

- d) They have been funded from the existing AFP budget.
- e) The total cost of these redundancies has been \$14,731,104.51.
- f)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sworn members</b>
28 November 2007	2696
30 June 2008	2855
30 June 2009	2842
10 December 2009	2877

This represents a net gain of 181 sworn officers.