

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 64

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing of 8 February 2010:

Regarding the contracting of scribes in 2008/09 and 2009/10 to date for assistance in AFP's recruiting:

- a) How many contractors were/are contracted for these services?
- b) What was the annual cost of these services for each of these periods?
- c) By what process were the contractors/service providers engaged? In particular, were they engaged through an open and competitive process?

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

- a) – c) The AFP does not systematically use scribing services as part of its recruitment process. Independent Selection Advisory Panels are not centrally managed. Panels may choose to engage the services of a scribe, but do so on an ad hoc basis. There is no central recording of scribe services.