

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 5

Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 22 February 2011.

Senator BRANDIS—Remind me of the date of the riot at the Christmas Island Detention Centre late last year.

Mr Negus—I do not have that at hand.

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Senator BRANDIS—I was going to ask you about the riot that occurred. How many officers were deployed in total to deal with the riot?

Mr Negus—I am just not sure whether we have that. We could certainly provide it to you on notice.

Senator BRANDIS—You might take that on notice.

Mr Negus—Yes.

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

There was no riot at the Christmas Island Detention Centre late last year. There was a riot at the Christmas Island Detention Centre on 21 November 2009.

In response to the riot at the Christmas Island Detention Centre on 21 November 2009, AFP Christmas Island resources were deployed to the facility for the purposes of post incident investigation management but were not involved in bringing the riot under control. In addition to the 23 AFP International Deployment Group and Crime Operations resources already on Christmas Island, the AFP deployed an additional four members to Christmas Island on 23 November 2009 to assist with the investigation of the riot.