

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 8

Senator Ryan asked the following question at the hearing on 22 February 2011:

With reference to CN308216 – the Australian Federal Police purchased ‘tuition fees’ worth \$48,790.02 from Geelong Grammar School. Can you please outline exactly what these were for? Who were the beneficiaries of these “tuition fees”?

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

The AFP deploys over 85 employees to 30 countries as part of its International Network. These employees are deployed under the entitlements of the Commonwealth of Australia AFP Act 1979 Determination No.1 of 2001 (Overseas Conditions of Service) which provides a range of support, including education assistance for their approved dependants. Determination 1 was approved on 15 August 2001 and is implemented by the Commissioner of the AFP.

A payment of \$48,790.02 was made on 22 June 2010. This payment covered terms three and four of 2010 for two children of the AFP Senior Liaison Officer in Bangkok for tuition and boarding school entitlements to attend Geelong Grammar School. The payment is within the quantum identified within the Determination, that is, tuition and boarding costs in Australia are met up to a maximum of 30% of the base salary applicable to the top increment of a Team Member of Police Advisor (Band 7).

The terms and conditions of the Determination are consistent with other government agencies which deploy employees overseas.