

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 29

Senator Rhiannon asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2012:

Senator RHIANNON: Thank you very much. I would like to go back to what some of my colleagues asked you about earlier with regard to NOSIC. But firstly, I would just like to ask: what operations are outsourced by the AFP to private companies or private organisations or any other body?

Mr Negus: We do not outsource any operations per se. Operations are the confine of police.

Senator RHIANNON: Or any work? Anything?

Mr Negus: It might be a long list because, as you can appreciate, we have a large IT section and a large—

Senator RHIANNON: I think you know what I mean. To try and be clearer, I obviously do not want to know who does your printing and all those sorts of things, but where it has relevance to your primary work as police officers, what private companies, organisations or any other bodies has work been outsourced to?

Mr Negus: We will have to take that on notice, but I can tell you that it is a very limited group.

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

NOSIC provide open source information services in support of the AFP's Protective Security functions.

The AFP has a number of contracts in place for corporate services such as records management, mail room and property services. The AFP has also contracted support arrangements in place for a number of years for the following activities that are not deemed to be core operational activities.

Contractor	Description of Services	Total contract value	Annual Cost	Start Date	Expected End Date	Method of Procurement
Auscript	Audio Transcription	\$1,957,243	\$652,414	30 March 2009	30 March 2012	Open Tender
Converga	National Police Checks	\$8,380,000	\$1,676,000	1 September 2011	31 August 2016	Open Tender