

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 106**

**Senator Carr asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2005:**

Update of Question upon Notice 2904 to provide the figure for the year to date. See question 2904 below.

**\*2904 Senator Collins** asked the Minister for Justice and Customs, upon notice, on 12 May 2004:

For each of the following years: 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, and for the year 2004 to date:

- (1) How many investigations has the Australian Federal Police (AFP) conducted into suspected leaks of information in respect of federal government departments and agencies?
- (2) How many AFP staff hours were spent on investigating these suspected leaks (if precise figures are not available, please provide estimates)?
- (3) What was the cost of legal fees incurred by the AFP in relation to the investigation of these suspected leaks (if precise figures are not available, please provide estimates)?
- (4) Did the AFP incur any costs other than those described in the answers to parts (2) and (3) in relation to the investigation of these suspected leaks; if so, what was the total (if precise figures are not available, please provide estimates)?

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

As an update to the information previously provided, the AFP can advise:

- 1) As at 31 May 2005, there are 6 investigations.
- 2) As at 31 May 2005, 230 hours.
- 3) The prosecution of these offences is the responsibility of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (CDPP) and the majority of legal costs would be borne by that department. The legal costs attributed to the AFP are not recorded separately and can not be reported on in this context.
- 4) No other specific costs are recorded against these cases for the year to 31 May 2005.