

**SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE**

**Question No. 6**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 16 October 2006:**

Whether Mr Gaukroger could calculate other agencies current ratio in comparison to the AFP current ratio to ensure that the AFP is within a reasonable range of other agencies.

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

The AFP has undertaken a comparison of the current ratios of a number of other agencies whose Annual Reports for the year ended 30 June 2006 had been tabled in Parliament and published on their web sites as at 25 October 2006. The Agencies selected are considered to be major General Government Sector entities by the Australian National Audit Office as listed in ANAO Audit Report no 48 2005-2006 Interim Phase of the Audit of Financial Statements of General Government Sector Entities for the Year Ending 30 June 2006.

| <b>Agency Name</b>                                  | <b>Current Ratio<br/>at 30 June 2006</b> |
|---|--|
| Department of Transport and Regional Services       | 3.9                                      |
| Attorney-General's Department                       | 3.6                                      |
| Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade             | 2.7                                      |
| The Treasury  | 2.4                                      |
| <b>Australian Federal Police</b>                    | <b>2.1</b>                               |
| Department of the Environment and Heritage          | 2.1                                      |
| Department of Employment and Workplace Relations    | 1.3                                      |
| Department of Veterans Affairs                      | 1.2                                      |
| Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources       | 0.9                                      |
| Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs | 0.7                                      |
| Australian Taxation Office                          | 0.4                                      |

Annual reports for the remaining major Government Sector entities (as per the above ANAO report) were not on the respective web sites at the date of preparing this response: Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Australian Customs Service, Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Department of Defence, Department of Education, Science and Training, Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Department of Finance and Administration, Department of Human Services, Centrelink, Department of Health and Aging, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and Australian Office of Financial Management.