

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 104

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2006:

Staffing figures - Budget Paper No.1, 2005-06 and the Portfolio Budget Statements: Please explain the increased 326 Average Staffing Level (ASL).

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

The AFP's estimated ASL, as published in Budget Paper No 1 2005-2006, increased by 326 between 2004-2005 and 2005-2006. The estimated ASL increase is explained by the following:

- The majority of the ASL increase is due to the full year impact of the 2004-2005 Additional Estimates new measures, as outlined in Table 1 of the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2004-2005 (page 74). The AFP received funding for several new measures, including Fighting Terrorism at its Source, National Child Protection Initiative, Regional Rapid Deployment, the National Protection Operations Centre and Surge Capacity Phase 1. In addition, the higher 2005-2006 ASL estimate reflects some recruitment lags arising from the 2004-2005 budget and Additional Estimates new measures;
- The 2005-2006 Budget new measures, excluding RAMSI, provided the AFP with an additional \$38.8m. This funding provided for approximately 70 additional ASL; and
- The higher 2005-2006 ASL figure also reflects a small increase resulting from additional funding from the ACT Government for ACT Community Policing.