

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 13

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 26 May 2008:

Specialist ATS response team: What is the increase in terms of staffing?

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

The AFP received additional funding of \$10.2 m over 4 years, under the Australian Government's ATS (Amphetamine Type Stimulants) package, in the 2007-2008 Federal Budget. The total funding is broken down as follows:

- \$5.8m - ATS Enhanced Investigative capacity - The Specialist Response Amphetamine Type Stimulants Team (SRATS) team currently has a full time employee (FTE) allocation of 7 which includes 4 Investigators, 1 Forensic Chemist, 1 Intelligence Analyst and an Investigative Assistant.
- \$4.4m - Expansion of the International Liaison Officer network - The funding provides for the establishment of a new AFP Liaison Office in Laos, a second Liaison Officer position at Guangzhou in China, as well as an additional support position attached to the Regional Desk in Canberra.