

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 110

Senator Trood asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2010:

At the previous Estimates hearings in February, Mr Drennan was asked to provide figures for the AFP's contribution to the counter-terrorism program in South-East Asia. The figure as at 30 June 2008 was \$16.3m, 30 June 2009 \$16.3m and the current estimates to 30 June 2010 \$16.2m.

- a) What programs do these figures incorporate?
- b) How many AFP personnel are actively involved in the counter-terrorism program in South-East Asia?
- c) Have additional funds been provided in the current budget to combat counter-terrorism in South-East Asia?

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

- a) These figures encompass the following activities: Jakarta Operations Centre; Manila Regional Cooperation Team; Bangkok Training and Development Centre; Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation; Multi-National Operations Support Team; Forensic and Data Centres; Culture and Language Centre; and Case Management and Intelligence System. The figures also incorporate some AFP counter-terrorism staff based in Canberra, as well as building and accommodation costs for the above activities.
- b) There are thirty-seven staff who are engaged in counter-terrorism programs in South-East Asia based offshore or domestically in Canberra. In addition, there are staff in specialist areas who contribute to South-East Asia counter-terrorism programs on an 'as needs' basis.
- c) The funding provided to the AFP in the 2010-11 Budget to combat counter-terrorism in South-East Asia is designed to maintain counter-terrorism efforts in the region.