

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 111

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

At the previous Senate Estimates hearings in February, Mr Drennan indicated that there were 101 AFP officers in joint counterterrorism teams plus 44 people in the headquarter component. Mr Negus states that “there is no moving away from the commitment to investigating counterterrorism”.

- a) What is the number of AFP staff engaged in counter-terrorism?
- b) 50 additional staff has been provided for in the budget for the AFP. Will any of these staff be allocated to counter-terrorism? If so, how many?

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

- a) The budgeted Full Time Equivalent (FTE) for the Counter Terrorism (CT) function is 142. The AFP also undertakes a range of CT-related activity offshore. There are an additional seventeen members deployed overseas in CT roles.

Whilst the dedicated CT FTE is 142, this is a flexible arrangement and staffing levels are increased during periods of significant operational activity.

The CT function is also supported by additional staff in CT Intelligence roles. There are 47 staff in CT Intelligence roles.

- b) From 1 July 2010 the budgeted FTE for the CT function will increase to 146.