

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 47

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing of 26 May 2011:

Senator BARNETT: Thank you, that is fantastic. On notice, if you can forward the criteria upon which it is decided that those officers are appointed to those [11] airports [which have AFP officers], that would be great.

Mr Drennan: The criteria there certainly belong to the Office of Transport Security and they are the ones who actually conduct those assessments. As I say, we feed into those.

Senator BARNETT: Do they forward you a copy of the criteria? Do you have access to the criteria?

Mr Drennan: We have access to the criteria but they actually belong to that department.

Senator BARNETT: If you could use your best endeavours. If it is a difficult thing, do not worry, but if you could use your best endeavours to forward that to the committee, that would be appreciated.

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

The Office of Transport Security within the Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) is responsible for classifying designated airports.

The designated airports are defined in Division 3.5 'Counter-terrorist first response function' of the *Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005*:

3.27 Definition – designated airport

In this Division:

designated airport means each of the following airports:

- a) Adelaide Airport;
- b) Alice Springs Airport;
- c) Brisbane Airport;
- d) Cairns Airport;
- e) Canberra Airport;
- f) Coolangatta Airport;
- g) Darwin Airport;
- h) Hobart Airport;
- i) Melbourne Airport;
- j) Perth Airport;
- k) Sydney Airport.

Criteria used to classify airports is set by DIT.