

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 50**

**Senator Brandis asked the following questions at the hearing on 26 May 2011:**

**Senator BRANDIS:** Were any of the officers who were posted to Christmas Island in March as a result of the riots, drawn from the international deployment group?

**Mr Drennan:** Certainly there would have been people who come from the operational response group, which is based in Australia but deploys offshore as part of the international deployment group, and there would have been in a capacity from those people who were part of the mission component who were back here during their rotation and also those Australian based staff who form part of the command and the support and the logistics network for the international deployment group which is here in Canberra. So the answer is yes.

**Senator BRANDIS:** You might need to take this on notice, but I would like to know how many there were—the actual number.

**Mr Drennan:** Yes, certainly. I would need to take that on notice.

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

Yes. The International Deployment Group (IDG) deployed personnel (IDG officers) during the Christmas Island riots from 12 – 20 March 2011 as per the information below. These numbers include the Christmas Island Police personnel who were stationed on the island at the time.

12/3/11	45 personnel
13/3/11	45 personnel
14/3/11	45 personnel
15/3/11	62 personnel
16/3/11	59 personnel
17/3/11	62 personnel
18/3/11	62 personnel
19/3/11	96 personnel
20/3/11	96 personnel