

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 47

Senator Rhiannon asked the following question at the hearing on 30 May 2013:

Senator RHIANNON: What was [the budget] for the 28 people when you were in Uruzgan?

Mr Drennan: I would have to take that on notice.

Mr Negus: I think the savings measure which would have been announced was around \$10 million. So the reduction of 15, from 28 down to 13, was a difference of around \$10 million—from memory. I think the total budget would have been what we have just given you plus about \$10 million..

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

In 2010/11 and 2011/12 AFP had 21 members in Uruzgan, 3 members in Kandahar and 4 members in Kabul. The total operating budget spent in 2011/12 was \$15.5m.

In 2012-13 AFP had 16 members redeployed from Uruzgan to Kabul, and the remaining officers in Uruzgan were progressively deployed to Kandahar. The 2012/13 operating budget annual estimate for Afghanistan is \$22.7m, including funding announced in the 2012/13 budget.

The operating budget announced in the 2012/13 budget was subsequently reduced by \$6.5m (\$7.5m including capital). This reduced staff from 28 to 13.