

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY

Question No. 347

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

To what extent has the Indigenous project funded by NDLERF been developed in conjunction with Indigenous stakeholders?

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

Indigenous research institutes are involved in developing and undertaking the research and a range of Indigenous stakeholders have provided considerable guidance and input to the project during national and local level consultations.

The lead agency for the NDLERF funded project on the policing implications of illicit drug use in rural and remote Indigenous communities is the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS). An independent statutory authority with a Council of nine members, AIATSIS is Australia's premier institution for information about the cultures and lifestyles of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

In addition to the Australian Institute of Criminology, other partners involved in developing and carrying out the research are the Australian National University based National Centre for Indigenous Studies and the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning, a leading Indigenous research unit based at the University of Technology, Sydney.

The project has been subject to a number of ethics approval processes, including reviews by the research ethics committees of AIATSIS and AIC.

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Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

Which Indigenous stakeholders have been involved in the project and what feedback from them and the police has there been on this project?

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

The range of Indigenous stakeholders consulted during the project to date include Indigenous representatives of federal, state and territory governments, and non-government organisations. In addition, in five regional locations across Australia where fieldwork has been undertaken there has been considerable involvement of local Indigenous stakeholders. Feedback on draft reports on the fieldwork is sought from key stakeholders including police and representatives of Indigenous communities and organisations. Feedback from relevant stakeholders will also be sought on major draft project reports.

The NDLERF project reference group comprises representatives of Western Australia, Queensland, South Australia and Northern Territory police and the Australian government's Department of Health and Ageing.

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Question No. 349

Senator Ludwig asked the following questions on 2 December 2004:

- a) What fee does the AIC charge to provide capacity-building programs in relation to identity fraud?
- b) How many clients has the AIC performed this service for?
- c) What feedback has the AIC received from organisations that it performs these services for?

The answer to the honourable senator's questions are as follows:

- a) \$132 including GST for each participant attending the half-day workshop in addition to the presenter's fee of \$880 including GST per day. The presenter's travel costs and accommodation expenses are also paid at standard government rates.
- b) Two organisations.
- c) Evaluation sheets covering course content, including relevance and usefulness to work, and course organization were distributed to participants. There was also an opportunity for participants to provide general comments. The feedback from participants has been overwhelmingly positive.

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Question No. 350

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

Regarding conferences, what are the criteria for selecting which conferences, roundtables and seminars to hold?

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

The criteria for selecting conferences, roundtables and seminars are:

- Policy relevance
- Stakeholder relevance
- Research relevance
- Cost

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Question No. 351

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

What are the costs of holding the conferences, and does the AIC organise the conferences itself, or employ an outside firm to organise them.

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

The cost of AIC conferences varies depending on the venue chosen and the topic. Conferences held in regional areas of Australia such as Townsville incur lower costs than those held in venues such as Sydney and Melbourne. However, the venue and topic will influence how many delegates the conference will attract. The last conference which the AIC held was *Crime in Australia: International Connections* in Melbourne on 29 and 30 November 2004. This conference attracted 159 delegates.

- The expenditure for this conference was \$65,799.
- The revenue from this conference was \$65,355.

The AIC organises the conference speakers and issues a 'call for papers' to obtain concurrent conference speakers.

The AIC employs an outside firm to conduct all administrative arrangements for the conference.