

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 246**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2005:**

- a) Is the Solomon Islands Regional Assistance Mission program complete?
- b) Were the funds fully expended?
- c) How were the funds expended? (specify allocation)
- d) Were any positions tied directly to this program?
  - (i) If yes, now the program has been expired are they redundant?
- e) Did it meet budget?
- f) How much did it go over or under?
  - (i) Please provide a breakdown of final expenditure
- g) Was real estate or other assets acquired in Solomon Islands for the purpose of this program?
  - (i) If yes, what is the status of these assets?
  - (ii) Given the program has finished, how were they disposed of or how will they be disposed of?
- h) Are there any redundant vacant properties being leased by the AFP in Solomon Islands?

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

- a) No.
- b) No.
- c) The following expenditure was incurred against RAMSI in 2004/2005:

<b>Expenditure Type</b>	<b>\$</b>
Employees *	38.320m
Suppliers **	59.592m
Fixed ***	5.111m
Capital Purchases	12.719m
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115.742m</b>

\* Includes salary plus all entitlements and on costs.

\*\* Includes communication, consultants & contractors, general, other operational costs, staff (medical, dental and protective clothing) and travel costs.

\*\*\* Includes property operating costs and depreciation / amortisation of assets.

- d) Yes.

- i) These positions are ongoing as RAMSI is continuing.
- e) No.
- f) In the 2004/05 financial year RAMSI had an appropriation of \$155.112m, and expenditure of \$115.742m, a \$39.370m underspend.
  - i) Refer to answer c.
- g) Yes.
  - i) As RAMSI is ongoing the assets in mission are still in use.
  - ii) Refer to answer g) i).
- h) No.