

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 279

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

- a) Could the AFP indicate why the police team on Christmas Island is fully funded by the Department of Transport and Regional Services?
- b) Is DOTARS funding any AFP deployments or programs anywhere else in Australia? If so:
 - (i) Where?
 - (ii) How much funding is being provided?
- c) How much funding have they provided to the Christmas Island office?
- d) Are any other departments funding AFP deployments or programs? If so...
 - (i) What deployment or program is receiving funding from another department?
 - (ii) Which department is providing the funding?
 - (iii) Is the AFP providing any funding to that program and how much is it providing?

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

- (a) The Department of Transport and Regional Services (DOTARS) is budget funded to provide policing, customs and other regulatory services on Christmas Island. The AFP provides these services on a cost recovery basis with DOTARS.
- (b) DOTARS fund the policing services provided by the AFP on Cocos Island on a cost recovery basis. Total funding expected for Cocos Island in 2005-06 is \$0.4m.
- (c) DOTARS will pay the AFP \$1.3m in 2005-06 for policing services provided on Christmas Island.
- (d) Yes. In addition, the AFP second officers or provides services to several Government departments on a cost recovery basis. These arrangements are to support these agencies, programs and activities.
 - (i) AFP deployments to Nauru and Jordan.
 - (ii) AusAID.
 - (iii) No.