

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 284

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

- a) Could the AFP indicate what the functions of the intelligence secretariat are?
- b) Who is on the body?
 - (i) Is it a cross jurisdictional body?
 - (ii) What sort of liaisons does it have with other agencies?
 - (iii) Could the AFP indicate any agencies with which it has worked to develop strategies, reports, etc. during the year?
- c) Does it have any specific funding of its own?
 - (i) If so, what is this funding?
 - (ii) How much funding does the AFP provide?
 - (iii) Provide a breakdown of the other sources of funding for the Intelligence Secretariat, including the source of the funding and the amount provided by each source?
- d) Does it have any responsibility to administer or run programs?
 - (i) If so, what are they?

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

- a) The function of the Intelligence Secretariat is to provide high-level secretariat and administrative support to the Intelligence Executive.
- b) The Intelligence Secretariat is staffed by one member of the AFP.
 - i) No. The Intelligence Secretariat is not a cross jurisdictional body.
 - ii) The Intelligence Secretariat liaises with other law enforcement and government agencies in the capacity of sending and receiving correspondence, coordinating and facilitating meetings relating to the sharing of intelligence.
 - iii) The Intelligence Secretariat has worked with a number of national and international law enforcement agencies as well as Australian government agencies such as the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, the Defence Signals Directorate, the Office of National Assessments and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
- c) Yes. The AFP has received funding specifically for the purpose of the Intelligence Secretariat.
 - i) Funding under the 'Fighting Terrorism at its Source' for 2005–06 provided: Employee Costs - \$68,824 and Supplier Costs \$731,136.
 - ii) Nil.
 - iii) The Intelligence Secretariat does not receive funding from any other sources.

d) Yes.

i) The Intelligence Secretariat administers the following projects/programs:

- Asia Region Heads of Intelligence Working Group;
- Leadership in Criminal Intelligence Program; and
- Transnational Targeting Network.