

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 286

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

- a) Regarding the new government funding for the development of a rapid deployment capability, how much funding was provided?
- (i) Could the AFP provide a breakdown of the budget?
- (ii) How much has been expended so far this financial year?
- (iii) Could you indicate how much funding has been expended over the last four years, and what is the projected expenditure over the next four years?
- (iv) Can the AFP give a break down of how much has been expended so far?
- b) What is the time line for the development and implementation of this capability?
- (i) What are the key dates for the timeline?
- (ii) If so, could the AFP provide them?
- (iii) If not, why not?
- (iv) Have these dates been met so far?
- c) How many officers are seconded to the rapid deployment capability?
- (i) How many officers are seconded to each intelligence team?
- (ii) What roles do they each perform?
- d) If there has been deployment of intelligence teams...
- (i) Where have they been to and for how long?
- (ii) Are there any currently deployed if were able to say?

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

- a) In the 2004-05 Budget, the Government provided the AFP \$39.3m over four years under the Investing in Australia's Security – rapid deployment capability new measure.
- (i) A breakdown of the budget is as follow:

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	4 yrTotal
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Employee Expenses	5.0	5.3	5.5	5.8	21.6
Supplier Expenses	3.6	2.7	2.8	2.7	11.8
- Depreciation	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.8	2.5
Total Operating	8.9	8.7	9.0	9.3	35.9
Equity	2.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	3.4
Total Resourcing	11.4	9.0	9.3	9.6	39.3

- (ii) – (iv) This measure provides for enhanced capacity across several operational and operational-support areas within the AFP. As such, it is not economically feasible to specifically monitor expenditure against this funding.
- b) Implementation commenced 1 July 2004 and has been implemented in its entirety.
- c) There are no members permanently attached to rapid deployment teams. Rather, the funding provides a surge capacity to draw from in the event of a mass casualty incident. Composition of deployment teams depends on the request and skills of the host country and the size of the response and investigation required.
- d) Not applicable, see answer c).