

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 293

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

- a) Which specific assets are the AFP employees in PNG monitoring? Mentioned in Question on Notice 46 from the hearing of 23 May 2005.
- b) What are the assets being used for and by whom now that there is no Australian Police there? How many of the 7 AFP personnel are sworn officers?
- c) What is the total value of the assets?
- d) Where are the assets located – how many police are monitoring each asset?

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

- a) AFP personnel continue to monitor the residential and office accommodation in PNG to ensure all contracted security and maintenance services are maintained and that all AFP facilities remain secure and in an operable state. They also monitor and maintain vehicles, computers, tactical protective equipment, office equipment, and communication equipment.
- b) Some assets are being utilised by the AFP staff present in Port Moresby. The remainder of the assets are being held and maintained in a useable state pending final agreement between the Governments of Australia and PNG on the terms of a proposed return of AFP to PNG. There are now three AFP personnel based in PNG, none of whom are sworn members.
- c) The current value of the assets is \$2,582,086.95 at 30 June 2005.
- d) The assets are secured at various locations in PNG, including the B & D Building and the Australian High Commission, Port Moresby, and three locations in Bougainville which are manned by contracted logistic support personnel.