

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 294

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

- a) What is the timeframe for the redeployment in Papua New Guinea?
- b) How many officers will be deployed? Will these officers be sworn or unsworn?
- c) What is the cost of the deployment?
- d) Where in PNG will the officers be deployed to?
- e) Will there be a joint command structure?
 - (i) If so, could the AFP provide a diagram or information regarding the structure of the joint command chain?
 - (ii) If not, why not?
- f) Was a joint command structure considered prior to the last deployment?
 - (i) If not, why not
 - (ii) If so, why was it not implemented? If it was not deemed suitable, please provide reasons.

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

- a) There continues to be ongoing government to government negotiations for the return of Australian Federal Police (AFP) personnel to Papua New Guinea (PNG). The precise terms of any future deployment are still subject to discussions between the Governments of Australia and PNG.
- b) See answer a).
- c) See answer a).
- d) See answer a).
- e) See answer a).
- f) Yes.
 - i) Not applicable.
 - ii) A joint command structure was implemented during the AFP deployment to PNG in 2004.