

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 295

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

In relation to the funding that was originally allocated to the PNG deployment before the withdrawal of the AFP:

- a) How much funding was originally allocated, and how much was unused following the withdrawal?
- b) Has any of this funding been reallocated to any other programs?
 - (i) If so, which programs, and how much?
 - (ii) Who authorised the transfer of the funding, and when?
 - (iii) When were the funds transferred?
 - (iv) Have any of the unused funds been reallocated to the new deployment of the AFP to Papua New Guinea? If so, how much?
 - (v)
- c) What is the projected cost of the redeployment of AFP personnel to Papua New Guinea?
 - (i) How much has been expended so far?

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

- a) In the 2004/05 financial year PNG deployment has an appropriation of \$183.187m, and expenditure of \$58.761m, a \$124.426m underspend.
- b) No, all unused funds were returned to the Department of Finance and Administration prior to the end of the 2004/05 financial year.
 - i) Not applicable.
 - ii) Not applicable.
 - iii) Not applicable.
 - iv) Not applicable.
- c) While there are ongoing negotiations for the return of Australian Federal Police personnel to PNG, the precise terms of the proposed deployment are still subject to final agreement between the Governments of Australia and PNG. Costs of any future deployment are not available at this time.