

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 119

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2006:

With regard to the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands (RAMSI):

- (a) What is the total number of international personnel participating in RAMSI?
- (b) How many of those are Australian (i) Police Officers; (ii) members of the Armed Forces; and (iii) other Public Servants?
- (c) What other countries are contributing and could a breakdown of their contributions be provided?

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

- (a) 703 (including Australians).
- (b) (i) 227 (184 sworn / 43 unsworn) are members of the Australian Federal Police (AFP) or contributing Australian state police forces; (ii) 131 are members of the Australian Defence Forces; (iii) 33 are civilian members of the Australian Public Service, and 125 are Australian civilian contractors.¹
- (c) Fourteen other nations of the Pacific Islands Forum contribute personnel to RAMSI. This is broken down as follows:

Cook Islands:	2 police
Federated States of Micronesia:	2 police
Fiji:	8 police, 1 military, 2 civilians
Kiribati:	4 police
Marshall Islands:	1 police
Nauru:	5 police
New Zealand:	34 police, 42 military, 13 civilians
Niue:	2 police ²
Palau:	2 police
Papua New Guinea:	6 police, 1 military, 2 civilians
Samoa:	8 police
Tonga:	10 police, 33 military, 1 civilian
Tuvalu:	2 police
Vanuatu:	3 police

One US and four British civilian contractors also provide services to RAMSI. Furthermore, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Tonga all contribute to the provision of a platoon of approximately 33 military personnel on a rotational basis. The platoon is currently provided by Tonga.

¹ Information provided in consultation with Australian Defence Force and Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade.

² The Niue contingent is undertaking pre-deployment training in Australia and will deploy 23 November 2006.