

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 128

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

Could the Australian Federal Police (AFP) provide a table detailing the Actual Staffing Levels (a headcount) for all reporting periods since 2001-02 inclusive? The AFP should include in its response for each reporting period: (i) the actual staffing level at the beginning of the period; (ii) the recruitment target set for the end of the period; (iii) the actual level of recruitment achieved by the end of the period; (iv) the estimated rate of attrition for the reporting period; (v) the actual rate of attrition for the reporting period; (vi) the expected staffing level at the end of the period; (vii) the actual staffing level at the end of the period.

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

The following table shows for each financial year from 2001-02 to 2005-06, the information requested.

	2005-06	2004-05	2003-04*	2002-03	2001-02
Actual staffing level at beginning	4990	4771	4757	3051	2851
Recruitment target set	1217	690	385	625	375
Actual level of recruitment	761	568	302	670	424
Estimated rate of attrition	450	415	375	not available	not available
Actual rate of attrition	438	390	351	305	247
Forecast end year position	5765	5140	4850	not available	not available
Actual end year position	5435	4990	4771	3496	3051

* Note - Protective Service figures included from 2003-04 financial year.

The figures do not include State Police engaged in IDG activities

The AFP is not able to provide estimated rates of attrition or forecast end year positions for the 2001-02 and 2002-03 financial years as this information was not captured or used at that time.

The figures included in the table were captured when planning for the forthcoming financial year was undertaken. Such figures can change based on events occurring at different times during the year, particularly when they relate to new initiative funding. As such, it is not possible to reconcile the final "Actual Year End Position" with the other data in the table.