

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

Question No. 75

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 20 October 2008:

The Australian Crime Commission is Australia's statutory body tackling serious and organised crime.

- a) Does the ACC feel that it has adequate funding to conduct its investigations?
- b) Has the ACC had any of its funding cut or re-allocated?
- c) If so, how are these budget cuts or shortfalls affecting resources?
- d) Further to this, what effect are these budget cuts and shortfalls having on staff morale?

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

- a) The ACC undertakes the number of investigations that are able to be completed within the revenue base of the ACC.
- b) The ACC's appropriation in 2008-09 is \$2.705m less than the prior year. This is due to the application of the efficiency dividend, Wage Cost Indexation (WCI) and the completion of lapsing programs.
- c) The menu of work planned for 2008-09 has been adjusted to fit within the budget available and cost savings in supplier areas have been targeted.
- d) The ACC does not conduct surveys or have tools in place to measure the impact of changes in the operating environment on staff morale, however staff have been kept informed of changes in the operating environment.