

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

Question No. 76

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

The ACC draws many members and detectives from state and territory police forces. These members often have specialist knowledge of certain cases, e.g. members from South Australia who have previously investigated outlaw motorcycle gangs, members from Victoria who have investigated organised crime syndicates, etc.

- a) Does the ACC have sufficient resources from the State and Territory forces to meet operational needs?
- b) Have state and territory members been required to return to their respective state and territory agencies?
- c) If so, how has this affected the investigations they were involved in?
- d) Further, have additional staff been provided to counter any shortfall?

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

- a) The ACC accesses skilled resources from State and Territory police forces in a number of ways, not only through direct secondments to the ACC. More than 85% of ACC operations are conducted in partnership with other agencies. The resource commitments made by partner agencies through joint operations, in combination with ACC secondees, ensures that the ACC has sufficient resources to meet operational needs.
- b) Secondees generally remain with the ACC for a fixed term and return to their home agency upon completion of that term. In June 2008 13 secondees were returned to their home forces early to meet the ACC's 2008-09 budget.
- c) Strong partnerships between the ACC and state/federal LEAs contributes to operations that are on-going. The ACC's menu of work has also been adjusted to meet the ACC's 2008-09 budget.
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