

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 79

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

- a) In the AFP's annual report it is noted that \$55,554,000 was allocated to Outcome 1.3, Terrorism, can you provide a breakdown of how these funds are disbursed?
- b) What is allocated to preventive measures?
- c) What is allocated to community engagement?
- d) What is the number of personnel in Outcome 1.3, and how are its performance measures calculated?
- e) What are the goods and services worth \$4,953,000 in 2007 that are bringing in revenues under the Terrorism Output?
- f) Revenues from other sources under this Output are listed as \$4,199,000. Can you detail these revenue sources?
- g) What is being spent on the Islamic Engagement Teams?
- h) What recommendations of the Street Review has the AFP adopted? Has recommendations outlined in paragraph 2.4 been adopted?
- i) How much has been spent on counter-terrorism training exercises in the last cycle, and how much is projected for the current cycle on these exercises?

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

- a) The allocation of funding to output 1.3 incorporates funding to the counter terrorism business area within the AFP, to AFP regional offices and to close operational support activities, such as intelligence. The AFP does not have a specific output related to corporate support activities, therefore the funding allocation includes an apportionment of expenditure, such as corporate support activities (including as HR, Finance and IT), property costs and depreciation.
- b) The AFP does not delineate funding between counter terrorism preventative and investigative measures as both form part of the AFP's core counter terrorism strategy.
- c) The operating budget for the current financial year for the Islamic Engagement Team, now called the Community Engagement Teams, is \$1,396,450.40.
- d) As at 6 November 2008, the total number of personnel attached to Outcome 1.3 is 153. This includes all national and internationally deployed counter terrorism personnel.

The Key Performance Indicators for counter terrorism are detailed in the Portfolio Budget Statement and include:

- client satisfaction based on the results of the AFP's annual Business Satisfaction Survey;
- number of new cases commenced;
- number of cases finalised;
- percentage of resources dedicated to very high and high priority cases; and
- percentage of case hours by 'incident type'.

AFP systems are used to extract relevant data to enumerate the Key Performance Indicators.

- e) The amount of \$4,953,000 in revenue from the sale of goods and services does not relate specifically to Output 1.3 Terrorism. This amount relates to revenue received by the enabling support and corporate areas of the AFP apportioned across all outputs within Outcome 1, not just Output 1.3 Terrorism.
- f) Refer to e).
- g) Refer to c).
- h) The AFP has adopted all 10 of the Street Review Recommendations and implementation is underway. To date, recommendations 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9 have been fully implemented. Paragraph 2.4 of the Street Review report provides commentary regarding operation decision-making process and relates to recommendations 1, 2 and 3. Upon implementation of these recommendations, the commentary in paragraph 2.4 was taken into consideration.
- i) The AFP participates in a broad range of exercises under the National Counter Terrorism Committee Exercise framework. Australian Government agencies, including the AFP, are not funded for participation in domestic counter terrorism exercises. Funding is provided from within existing budgets.

The AFP is funded \$300,000 per year under the Regional Law Enforcement Counter Terrorism Liaison & Capacity Building New Policy Initiative to deliver two offshore exercises per year over four years, commencing 2006-07. In the last financial year, \$300,000 was expended. The same amount is expected to be expended during the current financial year.