

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 85

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

The Government promised an additional 500 sworn officers for the AFP at the 2007 Federal Election. Of the \$191.9 million provided for this, only \$36.7 million is due to be spent before the next election.

- a) How many officers will \$36.7 million pay for?
- b) How many new officers has the AFP received so far?
- c) Does the \$191.9 million incorporate money for recruitment and retention programs, or are these funded separately?
- d) Further to this, is there adequate funding to meet recruitment targets?

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

a) The \$36.7m represents the first 3 phases of funding, being 100 sworn officers. The following table may assist in understanding the phases of rollout funding.

Phase	Additional number	Total additional resources	Funding
2008/09 – Phase 1	30	30	\$6.889 m
2009/10 – Phase 2	30	60	\$11.540m
2010/11 – Phase 3	40	100	\$18.285m
2011/12 – Phase 4	200	300	\$60.839m
2012/13 – Phase 5	200	500	\$94.393m

- b) Planning for the first 30 Federal Agents is advanced and on target for 08/09. As at 28 October 2008, the officers had yet to commence.
- c) The \$191.9 million does not incorporate money for recruitment and retention programs. These programs are funded separately.
- d) Funding is sufficient to meet the stated recruitment in the budget measure.