

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 88**

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

Counter terrorism training exercises are important to ensure the force is well prepared for potential terror attacks.

- a) Concerning the Mercury 08 counter terrorism training exercises, was the funding available for these exercises sufficient?
- b) Have there been any reductions in funding available for counter-terrorism training exercises?
- c) If so, what impact would these reductions have?
- d) Would the AFP recommend an increase in funding for exercises in the next budget?

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

- a) Australian Government agencies, including the Australian Federal Police, are not funded for participation in domestic Counter Terrorism exercises. Funding is provided from within existing budgets.
- b) Refer to a).
- c) Refer to a).
- d) Refer to a).