

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 93

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked the following question at the hearing on 20 October 2008:

- a) Who is entitled to access and use the AFP's gymnasiums, including the one in Brisbane Avenue, Barton?
- b) How many gymnasiums does the AFP have in the ACT? Please provide details of all AFP gymnasiums including the one in Brisbane Avenue, Barton?
- c) Which of the AFP's gymnasiums is the "elite fitness gymnasium" established for the International Deployment Group's deployable Operations Response Group referred to in the AFP's Annual Report 2007-08?
- d) In relation to each AFP gymnasium in the ACT, please provide details about:
 - i. Normal opening and closing hours;
 - ii. Who is entitled to access;
 - iii. Nature of such access;
 - iv. Any security restrictions.
- e) What hours of operation are deemed to be "outside normal hours"?
- f) What are the occupational health and safety requirements for use of AFP gymnasiums?
- g) What supervision or staffing requirements are there for anyone using the AFP gymnasium and do people need to be supervised at all times?
- h) In relation to the AFP gymnasium at Barton, during what hours is the gymnasium supervised by a qualified person?
- i) What is the procedure for use of the AFP gymnasium at Barton in the evenings, say after 9 pm?
- j) Are there any supervision or staffing requirements for use of the AFP gymnasium at Barton, say after 9 pm?
- k) Typically, how many people use the AFP gymnasium at Barton after 9pm?
- l) Following Prime Minister Rudd's announcement of efficiency dividend in January 2008, was there a proposal to achieve some efficiency dividends by reducing the supervision hours of the AFP gymnasium at Barton?
- m) What were the proposed hours of reduction for the AFP gymnasium at Barton?
- n) When did the AFP reduce the hours of operation of the AFP gymnasium at Barton?

- o) Is the AFP aware of reports that the Prime Minister in recent months has embarked on an exercise regime that involved regular workouts at a gymnasium, allegedly from 9 – 11 pm?
- p) Is the gymnasium where the Prime Minister works out the AFP gymnasium at Barton?
- q) When did the Prime Minister begin using the AFP gymnasium at Barton on a regular basis? Please provide full details of all the Prime Minister's attendances at the AFP gymnasium including dates, times and the length of such attendances.
- r) Were any of the attendances before or after the efficiency dividends program shortened the operating hours of the AFP gymnasiums, including the AFP gymnasium at Barton?
- s) In relation to any such attendances, please provide details of all persons attending with the Prime Minister?
- t) Did any persons accompanying the Prime Minister also use the facilities at the AFP gymnasium in Barton?
- u) How many staff were required to be on site at the AFP gymnasium in Barton when the Prime Minister uses it outside normal hours?
- v) i) What is the extra cost for this extraordinary staff arrangement?
 - ii) Does the AFP have to meet this additional cost from its own budget? If not, is there some reimbursement of such additional cost?
 - iii) Please provide details of the nature of such reimbursement, including the name of the person or persons or the name of the organisation or entity that made the reimbursement.
- w) Are there still supervisors in the AFP gymnasium after hours? If so, are they paid a higher rate of hourly wage?
- x) If there are supervisors at the AFP gymnasium at Barton outside normal hours, how much, and what additional cost to the taxpayer does this represent? Does the AFP have to meet this additional cost from its own budget?
- y) If the AFP does not have to meet the additional cost of supervisors, has there been some reimbursement of such additional cost? Please provide details of the nature of such reimbursement, including the name of the person or persons or the name of the organisation or entity that made the reimbursement.
- z) Has the AFP budget been compensated for the extra costs to date of the Prime Minister's use of the AFP gymnasium at Barton outside normal hours or will the AFP be forced to meet the extra cost itself?
- aa) In relation to future use of the AFP gymnasium at Barton, has the AFP budgeted for extra costs? If so, please provide details of such costs and where they appear in the budget documents.
- bb) Has the Prime Minister used any other AFP gymnasium outside the ACT? If so, please provide details of each attendance, including:

- i. The location of the AFP gymnasium attended;
 - ii. the time and date of such attendance;
 - iii. the person or persons accompanying the Prime Minister on each occasion;
 - iv. whether any such attendance was outside normal hours of operation of that AFP gymnasium
- cc) Has the Prime Minister, during any attendance at an AFP gymnasium, also consulted any AFP staff in relation to diet, eating regimes or exercise programmes? If so, please provide details of the nature of such consultations, including date, time and place of such consultations.

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

- a) Personnel approved by AFP executive.
- b) Eight. The gymnasiums are located at the AFP College Barton, City Station, Tuggeranong Station, Woden Station, Weston Complex, Winchester Centre Belconnen, Majura and Fairbairn.
- c) The facility is located at Fairbairn.
- d)
 - (i) Access is available 24 hours a day, seven days per week.
 - (ii) Personnel approved by AFP executive.
 - (iii) Depends if ad-hoc use or ongoing use. For ongoing use AFP employees and employees of partner agencies must obtain membership, including an induction program.
 - (iv) The user must have a current AFP security clearance pass and access, or be escorted by an AFP employee with the requisite security clearance and access.
- e) AFP gymnasiums are accessible 24 hours per day/seven days a week.
- f) The user must demonstrate an understanding and correct use of the equipment, rules and responsibilities.
- g) AFP gymnasium facilities are unsupervised.
- h) The gymnasium at the AFP College is supervised for specified group activities only. For example, recruit training programs. General users are unsupervised.
- i) The gymnasium at the AFP College is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days per week.
- j) No.
- k) An average of 24 people per month between May and October 2008.
- l) Not applicable. The facilities are unsupervised except for specific group training programs.
- m) There are no plans to reduce the hours for any of the AFP gymnasiums.

- n) Not applicable, the hours have not been reduced.
- o) The AFP is not aware of any such reporting.
- p) The Prime Minister has been approved to use AFP Gymnasiums.
- q) For operational security reasons the AFP does not comment of the movements of the Prime Minister.
- r) AFP Gymnasium times have not been amended as a result of the efficiency dividend.
- s) The Prime Minister is always accompanied by close personal protection. For operational security reasons we will not comment on the identities of those who may or may not make up his official party.
- t) Refer to answer s).
- u) For operational security reasons the AFP does not comment on the number of staff used to provide security to the Prime Minister.
- v) There are no extraordinary staff arrangements or costs.
- w) The AFP Fitness Advisers are present at the College gymnasium to supervise specific group training programs, for example recruit training programs. This may include some evening or early morning activities, depending on program scheduling. These flexible working arrangements are governed by the AFP Collective Agreement 2007-2011.
- x) The attendance of the AFP Fitness Advisers is subject to program scheduling. There are no additional costs due to the flexible working arrangements provided for under the AFP Collective Agreement 2007-2011.
- y) Not applicable.
- z) There are no extra costs. Refer answer v).
- aa) There are no extra costs. Refer answer v).
- bb) Refer answer q).
- cc) The AFP is not aware of any request for a consultation.