

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 17

Senator Rhiannon asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2011:

Senator RHIANNON:... How much of the AusAID funding makes up the proportion of the AFP funding?

Mr Negus: Senator, we actually work with AusAID very closely. I think we are the second largest deliverer of AusAID's funding behind AusAID, so it is a large proportion. But we will just have to get that figure for you.

Senator RHIANNON: I am happy for that to be taken on notice. You receive, as you have said, the largest proportion of aid money after AusAID itself. Australian aid money that you receive goes to projects. Do you keep that separate from your core AFP funding? Are there some projects that you will only undertake because you receive aid money? If so, what are they?

Mr Negus: Yes, there are. We would have to take that on notice.

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

In 2011-12 the AFP has \$217.7 million of appropriations for Official Development Assistance¹ activities.

Official Development Assistance funding is 16.6% of the AFP's 2011-12 departmental operating and administered expenditure budget.

The AFP manages and reports Official Development Assistance expenditure in accordance with AusAID requirements. This is reported annually in the Ministerial Statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs "Australia's International Development Assistance Program" which accompanies the Budget.

The AFP is funded to perform a range of Official Development Assistance activities, outlined in the table to the answer to Question No 32 from Senator Rhiannon. The AFP would not be in position to continue delivering on the projects without specific funding.

¹ It is assumed "AusAID funding" in the Senator's question refers to the AFP's Official Development Assistance funding allocation.