

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 31**

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

1. Does the AFP Commissioner Tony Negus have a chief of staff?
2. If not why not?
3. If there is no chief of staff who is the senior staff person in the Commissioner's office?

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

1. No, the AFP Commissioner does not have a Chief of Staff.
2. The Roger Beale review recommended a third Deputy Commissioner role. Consequently, the position of chief of staff was removed, given the Commissioner was now supported by a Chief Operating Officer and three Deputy Commissioners. The responsibilities that previously necessitated the chief of staff being at an SES or senior level have been redistributed amongst the three Deputy Commissioners and the Chief Operating Officer.
3. The senior staff person in the Commissioner's Office is an executive officer who undertakes general support and broad office functions for the Commissioner.