

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 32

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

How much of the development aid money allocated to the AFP is spent in Australia?

What projects is this money spent on?

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

In 2011-12 the AFP will receive \$217.7 million in funding for official development assistance (ODA) activities and projects. The AFP's financial management system is not configured to report expenditure data by vendor locations. In order to definitively report on the specific location of ODA expenditure the AFP would have to examine every invoice and vendor location in its \$217.7m aid program. Further some components of aid expenditure may go to an Australian supplier but the equipment, goods or services are delivered directly in country. The AFP can confirm that all expenditure is focussed solely on delivering the development assistance program irrespective of where the expenditure occurs.

The largest single cost in the AFP's development program is wages and salaries of staff deployed in countries where aid is provided and staff supporting them and undertaking logistics etc which accounts for approximately 43% of expenditure. Other major expenditure items include:

- purchasing and leasing specialist policing equipment;
- provision of training;
- capital items to improve the capacity of law enforcement agencies of foreign countries;
- security costs; and
- logistics.

Given the specialised nature of this expenditure these items are not always available in the recipient country. However, where possible the AFP's policy is to ensure suppliers and contractors in the recipient country are utilised.

Below is a table of the AFP's 2011-12 Official Development Assistance projects and estimated costs:

Budget Measure	2011-12 Revised Estimates	Budget Paper
Africa – law and justice frameworks – Australian assistance	\$1.2m	Budget Paper No. 2 2009-10
Australia's civilian engagement in Afghanistan – an integrated whole-of-government approach	\$18.1m	Budget Paper No. 2 2010-11
Combating people smuggling – enhancing Australian Federal Police and regional capability	\$1.3m	Budget Paper No. 2 2009-10

Combating people smuggling – enhancing Australia’s approach to people smuggling	\$0.6m	Updated Economic Fiscal Outlook 2008-09
Enhancing regional capability to combat people smuggling	\$3.5m	Budget Paper No. 2 2011-12
Increase Australia’s law enforcement contribution to Pakistan	\$5.1m	Budget Paper No. 2 2009-10
Increasing operational activity to combat people smuggling	\$8.1m	Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2011-12
Law Enforcement Cooperation Program	\$1.2m	Core AFP funding
Pacific Police Development Program	\$27.1m	Budget Paper No. 2 2008-09
Pacific Police Development Program – inclusion of Tonga and Vanuatu	\$3.2m	Budget Paper No. 2 2010-11
Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands	\$116.1m	Budget Paper No. 2 2009-10
Timor-Leste Police Development program	\$23.5m	Budget Paper No. 2 2010-11
United Nations Mission in Sudan	\$1.4m	Budget Paper No. 2 2011-12
United Nations Mission in Timor-Leste	\$7.3m	Budget Paper No. 2 2010-11
TOTAL	\$217.7m	