

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 70

Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 16 October 2012:

- 1) How many staff does the AFP currently have? Has this figure changed over the past twelve months?
- 2) Has there been any redundancies whether forced or voluntary in the past twelve months?
- 3) If staff have been cut, from which areas did they originate from?

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

- 1) As at 27 September 2012 there were 6529 staff in the AFP. Yes.
- 2) There have been 132 voluntary redundancies in the period 29 September 2011 – 27 September 2012. There have been no involuntary redundancies in this period.
- 3) While some differences are point-in-time variations, the planned reductions previously announced are:
 - 20 FTE from Australian based International Deployment Group staff
 - 15 FTE from the closure of the AFP presence at Alice Springs Airport
 - 73 FTE (Protective Service Officers) from reforms to the Aviation function, as per the Beale Report recommendations

Further ongoing efficiencies in AFP have realised a reduction of unsworn staff in corporate and other support roles.