

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 71

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

In relation to the AFP's operations from its Robina office on the Gold Coast:

1. How many matters were referred to this office, from the Gold Coast region, in the financial years 2009-10; 2010-11 and 2012-13?
2. For those investigative officers based from the Robina office, where will they be relocated when the office closes?
3. Will the closure of the Robina office impair on the AFP's ability to conduct its operations in the Gold Coast region?

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

1. In the financial year 2009-10, 14 matters were referred to Robina Office from the Gold Coast region.

In financial year 2010-11, 19 matters were referred to Robina Office from the Gold Coast region.

In financial year 2011-12, 20 matters were referred to Robina Office from the Gold Coast region.

In financial year 2012-13, 4 matters were referred to Robina Office.

2. All AFP members at Robina Office were consulted in relation to the proposal to realign the AFP's resources in South East Queensland and all Robina Office members were provided with the opportunity to submit applications for reassignment to roles in Brisbane Office..

All submissions for reassignment were considered by the AFP Executive and all Investigative officers from Robina Office will be relocated to the AFP's Brisbane Office, with the exception of one member whom requested, and was granted a transfer to the AFP's office in Melbourne.

3. The closure of the Robina Office will not impair the AFP's ability to conduct its operations in the Gold Coast region. The Gold Coast will continue to be serviced by the AFP via a combination of its permanent presence on the Gold Coast (at the Gold Coast Airport) as well as via the flexible deployment of resources from Brisbane Office.

The additional investigative capacity that will be attached to Brisbane Office will provide the AFP with greater flexibility to deploy operational resources to meet all its operational requirements for the state of Queensland, including the Gold Coast region.