

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 73

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

1. What is the total cost of community policing at each individual airport which has AFP in attendance (dollar amount)?
2. What is the breakdown of the cost of community policing activities compared to counter-terrorism policing activities at each individual major airport as a percentage?
3. What is the number of incidents that occur in terminals (passenger related) vs. outside terminals (business park related)?
4. How many AFP are currently stationed at each airport?
5. How many of them are sworn officer as required by the change over to the All-In model?
6. What is the cost of the officers and any costs association with their work?
7. Referring to the decision to partially recover the costs of aviation security services that are provided by the AFP at Australia's international airports, which will generate \$118.1 million in revenue over four years. (2012-13 Budget Paper No2, p10)
 - a. What kind of consultation is currently underway between the Australian Federal Police, the federal government and the operators of Australian airports to determine an appropriate model for this levy?
8. What is the process by which the Australian Federal Police determine current and future AFP staffing levels at Australian airports?
9. What level of consultation is conducted between the Australian Federal Police and the operators of Australian airports with regard to current and future AFP staffing levels?

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

1. Community policing at airports is a component of the activities undertaken as Aviation Security by the AFP.

The total estimated costs of aviation security activities undertaken by the AFP at each airport for 2012-13 is as follows:

Airport	Estimated costs 2012-13 \$M
Adelaide	7.00
Brisbane	15.00
Cairns	6.60
Canberra	5.70
Darwin	8.00
Gold coast	7.00
Hobart	3.80
Melbourne	13.30

Perth	10.90
Sydney	20.90
Total costs staff and lease costs	98.20
Aviation Security Support costs	
Operational support services	34.7
Management and corporate Support	26.7
Total cost of aviation security	159.6

Percentage efforts of aviation security on community policing is estimated at approximately 35% which equates to approximately \$54m.

Operational support costs and management corporate support services are delivered in an integrated manner supporting the whole network and are not attributed to each individual airport.

The aviation security activities undertaken comprise:

- Enforcement of state and territory laws through a community policing service;
- Enforcement of federal aviation specific laws through airside proactive patrol and responses to airside breaches or suspicious activity; and
- Enforcement of federal laws specific to border protection through responses to Australian Customs and Border Protection Service seizures and assistance to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Biosecurity.

Based on an assessment of effort of resources across all airports against the activities undertaken approximately 35% related to the community policing element totalling approximately \$54m including operational, management and corporate support activities.

2. Refer to the response to question 1.

The AFP spends approximately \$54 million on community policing across all airports, which represents approximately 35% of the total expenditure on Aviation Security. The remaining 65% of expenditure relates to the enforcement of federal laws, including counter-terrorism activities.

3. AFP systems do not categorise data on whether the incident occurred either inside or outside a terminal. The total number of response incidents at the 10 major airports in 2011-12 is 20,164.

4. As at 26 November 2012, the following actual number of AFP personnel were stationed at each airport:

Airport	AFP sworn members	Protective Service Officers	Unsworn	Total
Sydney	117	4	6	127
Melbourne	89	0	4	93
Brisbane	84	4	4	92
Perth	54	3	5	62
Cairns	37	1	2	40
Gold Coast	36	1	2	39
Canberra	31	1	2	34
Adelaide	35	3	1	39
Hobart	20	1	2	23
Darwin	36	0	1	37
Total	539	18	29	586

In addition, there were 20 PSOs and 2 laterals in training at the AFP College to become sworn police officers, not stationed at airports.

5. 539 are sworn officers.
6. Refer to breakdown in the response to question 1 for cost of officers and associated costs.
7. The Attorney-General's Department (AGD) is leading the implementation process, developing the required legislation, leading consultation with industry and overseeing the development of the Cost Recovery Impact Statement (CRIS) that will explain and underpin the implementation of the measure.

The AFP is supporting AGD through participation in all industry fora, providing advice on AFP community policing at the airports and providing data for, and drafting the CRIS.

The AFP has participated in Commonwealth Attorney-General's Departmental briefing and consultation meetings with a range of stakeholders, including representatives of the Australian Airports Association and airport operators in Canberra on 14 June 2012 and 30 July 2012.

In addition, a Consultation Paper proposing four options for the cost recovery mechanism was disseminated to industry on 27 July 2012.

Further industry stakeholder consultation is proposed.

8. The AFP determines current and future staffing requirements at Australian major airports according to whole of government assessments of risk and threat to the aviation environment. The following factors are also taken into account when establishing airport staffing numbers under the 'All-In' model:
 - Geography and layout of the airport, including terminal size;
 - Airport traffic;

- Number and location of screening points;
 - Response time key performance indicators;
 - Airport operating hours;
 - Operational health and safety considerations;
 - Roster principles, including requirements of the Enterprise Agreement.
9. The determination of current and future AFP staffing levels at Australian major airports is a matter for the AFP. However, the AFP maintains close and productive working relationships with Australian major airport operators and does, where appropriate, consult with airport operators in advance of any adjustment to operating procedures.