

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

Question No. 162

Senator the Hon Joseph Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 18 November 2013:

1. Liberal party polices before the election was to have reciprocal arrangements how is the government implementing coalition policy?
2. What are the road blocks?
3. If this policy is indeed reciprocal, what plans are there for the incorporation of China, Indonesia, Malaysia and Lebanon detectives into Australian law enforcement?
4. What crimes would these foreign detectives work on?
 - a. Would they carry weapons?
 - b. Would they be given immunity or some special legal status?
5. If this is a reciprocal arrangement would Australian police then not be able to carry weapons and would they be liable for prosecution for carrying out their jobs in some unsafe jurisdictions?
6. What crimes would these Australian detectives work on in these countries?
7. Would they be responsible for investigating crimes where the judicial system had a potential death penalty attached to it?
8. Would they be responsible for investigating crimes committed by foreign nationals in overseas jurisdictions?
9. Would they be responsible for investigating crimes by Australians in overseas countries?

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

As identified in its *Strategic Plan 2013–2018*, the Australian Crime Commission (ACC) is developing an international strategy, which aims to enhance the ACC's ability to discover, understand and respond through global partnerships. The strategy includes a focus on strengthening cooperation with international partners to enhance delivery of the ACC's intelligence functions.

The ACC is currently examining what options may be available to embed ACC investigators internationally.