

# **Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade**

## **Inquiry into the main economic and security challenges facing PNG and the island states of the Southwest Pacific**

Question taken on notice at hearing 21 November 2008

### **Australian Federal Police**

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1. New multilateral Pacific umbrella treaty-level agreement (referred to in DFAT submission no. 68, p. 29)	Bishop	p. 80.

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEFENCE AND TRADE

**Agency: Australian Federal Police**

**Question No. 1**

**Senator Bishop asked the following question at the hearing on 21 November 2008:**

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

An Inter-Departmental Committee (IDC) has been established to progress a 'Niue-Plus Treaty'. This IDC is considering initiatives that promote greater use of the Niue Treaty and subsidiary Agreements to enable a more integrated approach to fisheries surveillance and enforcement operations.

The IDC is led by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and includes representatives from the Australian Federal Police, Attorney-General's Department and the Australian Defence Force.