

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND
TRADE**

REVIEW OF THE 2009-10 DEFENCE ANNUAL REPORT

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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ADF Policing and Investigation Services

Whole Committee

What progress is being made with the improvements to ADF policing and investigation services recommended by the Street-Fisher Report?

Response:

Recommendations 1 to 7 of the Street and Fisher report related directly to improving the Australian Defence Force (ADF) policing and investigation service. Accordingly, Provost Marshal ADF (PM ADF) was assigned responsibility for the delivery of these recommendations. The current status is as follows:

- Recommendation 1 - This recommendation is completed. In September 2009, the Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal agreed a new remuneration package for ADF Investigations, enabling the achievement of Pay Grade 6 after the acquisition of a range of specialist investigation competencies through the ADF Investigative Service Technical Development Program. This determination provided an increase in one Pay Grade to ADF Investigators.
- Recommendation 2 - This recommendation was completed. Action on this recommendation was cancelled by VCDF due to the ADF no longer having a problem with recruitment and retention of Service Police.
- Recommendation 3 - Work on this recommendation is continuing. To date, a joint command and control structure within the ADF Investigative Service has been approved and implementation has commenced, with a completion date of January 2015. This initiative is supported by a five-year independent review of ADFIS, due to be completed by September 2011, which will include culture-related issues within the Unit.
- Recommendation 4 - This recommendation was not agreed. Defence has instead established the ADF Investigative Service Governance Board, chaired by the Vice-Chief of the Defence Force (VCDF).
- Recommendation 5 - Work on this recommendation is continuing and is being considered as part of the broader strategic alignment of Service Police across the ADF.

- Recommendation 6 - This recommendation is completed. A revised DI(G) ADMIN 45-2 was released on 26 March 2010.
- Recommendation 7 - This recommendation is completed. A revised DI(G) ADMIN 45-2 was released on 26 March 2010.