

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 17**

**Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing of 22 February 2011:**

On 22 January, the Human Services Minister announced a taskforce to investigate people rorting Centrelink payments provided following the Queensland and Victorian floods.

It is a cross agency taskforce including people from the AFP, ACC, the tax office and AUSTRAC and is being led by Centrelink.

1. How many AFP staff are working on this taskforce?
2. Where are these staff based?

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

1. The AFP has six agents outposted to Centrelink. These agents provide advice and support to Centrelink on a range of matters relevant to law enforcement, including matters related to this taskforce if required. The AFP is not a permanent part of the taskforce.
2. AFP agents are attached to Centrelink Offices in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Queensland. AFP recently agreed to a further three outposted agents to be located in New South Wales, Victoria and ACT.