

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 57

Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 12 February 2013:

In relation to the Christmas Island Deployment:

1. Can you provide an update of how many AFP officers are currently stationed at Christmas Island?
2. Can you provide the figures as at the first day of the month for the past six months?
3. Over the past six months, has the AFP had to respond to any incidents at the Immigration Detention Centre and associated facilities on Christmas Island? If yes, detail the specific dates and nature of the incident including how many people and officers involved.

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

1. As at 27 February 2013 there are 9 members stationed at Christmas Island. Additionally 34 members were on short term deployment.
2. Please refer to the below table:

Date	Christmas Island Police	Short Term Deployments	Total
1 September 2012	9	37	46
1 October 2012	9	44	53
1 November 2012	8	42	50
1 December 2012	9	39	48
1 January 2013	9	37	46
1 February 2013	8	34	42

3. Please refer to the below table:

Date	Type	AFP involved	Detainees involved	Details
23 Sep 12	Drugs	2	1	Alleged drug related offence. Insufficient evidence to proceed.
28 Sep 12	Assault	2	2	Offender was charged and will re-appear in the Christmas Island Magistrates Court on 13 May 2013.
18 Oct 12	Assault	2	2	Offender was charged and convicted.
21 Oct 12	Assault	2	2	Insufficient evidence to proceed.
31 Oct 12	Assault	2	2	Insufficient evidence to proceed.
09 Nov 12	Assault	2	2	Insufficient evidence to proceed.
15 Nov 12	Death	2	1	Death of a 39 year old male aboard SIEV 535.
17 Nov 12	Psych Incident	2	1	Police escorted detainee to a Psychiatric Institution in Perth aboard a RFDS flight.
22 Nov 12	Assault	2	2	Alleged offender was formally cautioned by Police.
30 Nov 12	Assault	2	2	Alleged offender was formally cautioned by Police.
07 Dec 12	Assault	2	Numerous	Insufficient evidence to proceed.
23 Dec 12	Assault	2	3	Insufficient evidence to proceed.
24 Dec 12	Assault	2	2	Insufficient evidence to proceed.
30 Dec 12	Assault	2	2	Insufficient evidence to proceed.
05 Jan 13	Assault	2	2	Insufficient evidence to proceed.
06 Jan 13	Assault	1	2	Alleged offender has been returned to Colombo.
09 Jan 13	Assault	1	2	Insufficient evidence to proceed.
14 Jan 13	Assault	2	3	Insufficient evidence to proceed.
24 Jan 13	Assault	3	4	Insufficient evidence to proceed.
08 Feb 13	Assault	1	4	Insufficient evidence to proceed.
12 Feb 13	Assault	2	2	Allegation of assault. Currently under investigation.
20 Feb 13	Assault	2	2	Allegation of assault. Currently under investigation.
25 Feb 13	Assault	2	1	Insufficient evidence to proceed.