

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 63

Senator Xenophon asked the following question at the hearing on 19 October 2009:

- a) What recommendations from the Wheeler Report have been implemented by the AFP?
- b) What resources have been committed to these?

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

a) This question was answered in response to Question on Notice 58 from Budget Estimates in May 2009. There have been no further recommendations implemented.

The Wheeler Review made seventeen recommendations of which the Australian Federal Police (AFP) was given specific responsibility for implementing recommendation six. Recommendation six required the development of a Unified Policing Model (UPM) at Australia's eleven major airports.

The AFP has fully implemented the UPM which includes:

- Airport Police Commanders;
- Airport Uniform Police;
- Counter Terrorist First Response;
- Joint Airport Investigation Teams;
- Joint Airport Intelligence Group;
- Police Aviation Liaison Officers; and
- Regional Rapid Deployment Teams.

In December 2008, the Council of Australian Governments reviewed the UPM and reconfirmed its commitment to the model.

b) The AFP Annual Report 2008/09 provides the cost for delivery of Aviation Services Output 1.6. The cost is \$244.297 million.

As at 16 September 2009, there were 977 full-time equivalent AFP employees and special members.