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Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement

Inquiry into an Australian Standard for the training and use of privately contracted security and detection dogs

QoN number: 01

Subject: AFP's role in the Standards Australia development process

Asked by: Dr Sean Turner

Question:

1. The AFP is one of several stakeholders on the Standards Australia technical advisory committee which is responsible for developing the new standards for the private sector patrol and detection dogs.
 - a) What was the rationale behind the AFP's agreeing to be part of the standards development process for the private sector?
 - b) Are you able to summarise the AFP's contributions to the Standards Australia development process?

AFP Response:

1.a

Noting the Standards Australia proposal, the AFP acknowledged it was in a position to provide subject matter expertise to the advisory committee, having administered a mature and relevant operational canine program. Consequently, the AFP agreed to membership of the advisory committee to support the development of an Australian Standard that would ensure a stronger field of practice for private sector canines.

1.b

The AFP contributes one member to the advisory committee. This member currently works within the AFP Canine capability, and acts in an advisory capacity, particularly on matters concerning the discipline of canine explosives detection.

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