

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

Program: Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Question No. SBE16/096

Senator Pratt asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2016:

1. How many staff worked at the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) before the merger of the AIC and Australian Crime Commission (ACC) (now the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC)) was announced?
2. How many staff presently work at the AIC?
3. How many research staff worked at the AIC before the merger of the AIC and the ACC (now the ACIC) was announced?
4. How many research staff presently work at the AIC?
5. How many research staff members has the AIC lost since the announcement of the merger?
6. How much money has the merging of the back-end operations of the AIC and ACIC saved?
7. How much money has been spent on marketing and branding of the Australian Crime and Research Justice Centre?
8. Were any of the staff that have left the AIC since the announcement of the merger involved in the AIC's indigenous incarceration research stream?
9. Please outline the process for clearing/releasing AIC research prior to the merger.
10. Please outline the process for clearing/releasing AIC research now that the AIC sits within ACIC.
11. The AIC recently published a research paper on Non-offending parents as secondary victims of child sexual assault.
 - a. Was this research sent out to stakeholders?
 - b. If so, which categories of stakeholders/lists of stakeholders received this publication? And on what date?
12. Are all AIC research publications/releases placed on the AIC Facebook page? If not, why not?
13. Why did the AIC fail to meet its research publication KPI in 2015-16?
14. Has the AIC ever failed to meet its KPIs before?
15. What steps are being made to ensure AIC meets its KPIs next year?

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

1. 36.9 FTE (this figure excludes the Director).
2. As at 31 December 2016 the AIC had 39.5 FTE (excluding the Director).
3. 23.4 FTE.
4. As at 31 December 2016 26.9 FTE.
5. None, overall there has been a net increase in research staff members.
6. The merging of back-end operations has allowed the AIC to achieve ongoing savings in facility costs of approximately \$0.2m p.a. In addition savings of approximately \$0.340m p.a. has been realised from the ACIC CEO taking on AIC Director duties. Further savings are yet to be achieved as the legislation enabling a full merger is not yet passed, mandating separate corporate support for items such as ICT networks, financial reporting etc.
7. Nil.
8. Three staff who worked on the deaths in custody program left the AIC. These have now been replaced.
9. Prior to the merger, a publication would be cleared by the AIC Deputy Director, who would send it to the Director. The Director would then send it to the Minister's office for noting.
10. Currently, a publication is cleared by the AIC Deputy Director, the ACIC Deputy CEO and then the AIC Director for clearance. The publication is then sent to the Minister's office for noting.
11. The publication is posted on the AIC website which is publicly available to all stakeholders.
12. AIC research publications are only promoted on the AIC Facebook page if the publication has an accompanying media release.
13. The AIC has a KPI of publishing 23 peer reviewed publications in the AIC's research series. In 2015–16, 16 were published. The federal election meant that for almost two months publications could not be released. This delay impacted eight publications awaiting noting by the Minister.
14. Since KPIs were introduced in this form in 2011–12, the AIC has always met its annual targets.
15. No steps are required. Please refer to response 13.