

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 236

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 February 2014:

1. How many investigations are currently in progress by the Australian Federal Police?
2. How many investigations are currently in progress, open, on-going or pending further information concerning the security of official documents, including cabinet documents?
 - a. How long have each of these investigations been open?
 - b. When was the last action on each of these investigations?

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

1. As at 14 March 2014, the Australian Federal Police (AFP) had 1,627 investigations in progress.
2. As at 14 March 2014, there were 6 investigations related to unauthorised disclosures of Commonwealth information that are in progress.
 - a. These investigations have been open for varying periods of time, ranging from 3 months to 17 months.
 - b. For reasons of operational security the AFP does not disclose specific operational information to ensure the integrity of its investigations.