

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 191

Senator Rhiannon asked the following question in writing after the hearing of 24 May 2012:

ODA International Deployments

- a) In 12/13 budget, government identified savings of \$8.6 million over four years by reducing funding provided to the Australian Federal Police (AFP) International Deployment Group. What programs and countries are these cuts coming from? Please provide detail on this.
- b) For budget year 12/13, how much money is AFP appropriating from ODA activities?
 - i. What percentage is this of AFP's total funding?
 - ii. What percentage is this of the AFP's budget for international deployments?
 - iii. Can you provide a breakdown by country of how the AFP spends international deployment budget?
- c) How many staff does the AFP international Deployment Group currently have employed overseas?
- d) Do proposals for programs come from AusAID or from AFP?
- e) Does AFP get a bucket of money to use as they decide?

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

- a) There will be a small reduction of 21 positions in the Australian based non-mission component of the International Deployment Group of the AFP. These reductions will be achieved through natural attrition of staff.
- b) In 2012-13 the AFP has been appropriated \$192.1 million for Official Development Assistance activities.
 - i. Official Development Assistance funding is approximately 15% of the AFP's 2012-13 Budget (including departmental operating, section 31 relevant agency receipts, administered expenditure and equity injections).
 - ii. The Official Development Assistance appropriated to the AFP includes international deployments and capacity development activities encompassing people smuggling, counter terrorism and other capability development programs. The Official Development Assistance provided to the AFP for international deployments, of \$178.5m, represents 57% of the AFP's budget for international deployments as reported in Program 1.2 in the 2012-13 PBS.
 - iii. A breakdown by country of AFP ODA funding for international deployments is listed in the following table.

Country	2012-13 Budget
Afghanistan	\$27.7m
Pacific Police Development Program Includes Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga and Oceania-Unspecified	\$19.4m
Solomon Islands	\$98.5m
Sudan	\$1.4m
Timor-Leste	\$31.6m
Total ODA funded international deployments	\$178.5m

c) As at 30 April 2012 the AFP International Deployment Group had 315 staff deployed overseas. Additionally, the IDG had 40 staff deployed to Australian External Territories.

d) Proposals for programs are initiated by a variety of sources. Proposals may be developed in response to explicit government direction or policy, may be suggested by AusAID, may come from DFAT to align to Australia's international objectives or may come from the AFP where the agency has unique capacity or insight to deliver an aid program.

e) The AFP is funded to deliver specific budget measures as agreed with Government.