

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 80

Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2012:

1. How many AFP are stationed at each airport?
2. How many of them are sworn officer as required by the change over to the All-In model?
3. What is the cost of the officers and any costs association with their work?
4. Referring to the decision to partially recover the costs of aviation security services that are provided by the AFP at Australia's international airports, which will generate \$118.1 million in revenue over four years. (2012-13 Budget Paper No2, p10)

What consultation was conducted between the Australian Federal Police and the federal government and the operators of Australian airports where AFP staff are stationed in relation to the budgeted increase in AFP costs levied to airport operators

5. What is the process by which the Australian Federal Police determine current and future AFP staffing levels at Australian airports?
6. What level of consultation is conducted between the Australian Federal Police and the operators of Australian airports with regard to current and future AFP staffing levels?
7. How many FTE staffing positions will be reduced at Australian airports due to the efficiency dividend during FY2012-13?

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

1. See airport headcount table below. There are currently 637 AFP members stationed at the 10 major airports.

Airport	Total
Adelaide	44
Brisbane	91
Cairns	41
Canberra	41
Darwin	38
Gold Coast	43
Hobart	30
Melbourne	90
Perth	77
Sydney	142
Totals	637

2. As at 4 June 2012, the total number of sworn AFP permanent members is 475. The final number of sworn officers following the implementation of the all in model is 657, including 9 state police seconded to Joint Airport Investigation Teams.

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Cost of Officers & costs associated with their work	
Estimated Annual Cost	\$77,916,627

This represents the direct cost of officers undertaking community policing and counter terrorist first response roles at major airports and costs associated with the work they undertake on site. It does not include the cost of members undertaking Aviation Headquarters support components of aviation security and other roles such as Air Security Officers and National Canine Operations, which are funded from the Aviation Headquarters cost centre.

4. The AFP National Manager Aviation telephoned the Chief Executive of each Australian major airport on the day following the release of the Federal Budget in relation to this matter. The AFP has formally responded to questions received in correspondence from the Australian Airports Association and several airport operators in the period following the release of the Budget. The AFP participated in a Commonwealth Attorney Generals Departmental briefing and consultation meeting with representatives of the Australian Airports Association and several airport operators in Canberra on 14 June 2012.

A Consultation Paper proposing four options for the cost recovery mechanism was disseminated to industry and a consultation meeting in which the AFP participated was held on 30 July 2012. The Attorney-General's Department will engage further with industry stakeholders on implementation.

5. The AFP determines current and future staffing requirements at Australian major airports according to risk and threat assessments, which inform the placement and number of operational members.
6. The determination of current and future AFP staffing levels at Australian major airports is a matter for the AFP. However, the AFP maintains close and productive working relationships with Australian airport operators and does, as a matter of courtesy, consult with airport operators in advance of any adjustment to operating procedures.
7. There is no reduction of FTE staffing positions at Australian major airports due to the efficiency dividend during the FY2012-13.