

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 92**

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

In follow-up from questions asked in the February 2012 Senate Additional Estimates, Hansard transcript page 118, it was mentioned by Mr Negus that the Australian Federal Police's professional standards area was investigating the Prime Minister's bodyguard who utilised the Boeing 737 flown by the RAAF for personal business use.

- a) Is this investigation still ongoing?
- b) If so, please provide an update of where the investigation currently stands.
- c) If the investigation has been exhausted, what were the outcomes and findings?
- d) Were any further individuals involved, or did any further individuals know of the bodyguards efforts?
- e) Was the transportation and conduct by this individual a security breach?
- f) What methods have been adopted to ensure there is no repeats, or similar situations?

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

On 4 January 2012 a journalist from News Limited alleged improper conduct by one member of the Australian Prime Minister's Close Personal Protection (CPP) Team. The alleged conduct involved the transportation of model aircraft on a number of occasions from Brisbane to Canberra using the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) official aircraft for financial gain.

The AFP's Professional Standards unit conducted a thorough investigation into this allegation. That investigation is now complete. It was determined that there was no transport of items other than items meeting the RAAF requirements for personal luggage. There was no evidence of transport of any items for commercial gain. It was determined the member's actions were within existing protocols and did not amount to an abuse of the member's position and as such did not amount to misconduct.

The member's actions did not constitute a security breach.