

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Australian Federal Police

Question No. BE17-045

Senator Wong asked the following question on 25 May 2017:

Senator WONG: How many law enforcement liaison officers have worked in Minister Keenan's office since he became minister?

Mr Colvin : I would have to check and take that on notice. I think we would be on our third at the moment—I was just told it is our fourth.

Mr Wood: The first of those four was in the previous office.

Mr Colvin : In the transition.

Senator WONG: Has the tenure been less than 18 months for most of the three years, post the—shall I just call it the transitional position?

Mr Colvin : On the basis of time, it probably would have been less than 18 months—yes.

Senator WONG: Can you tell us why that is the case.

Mr Colvin : Sometimes, it might be career opportunities. I believe one may have been promoted while they were in the position. We want them to perform other roles within the organisation. There are a range of reasons.

Senator WONG: Can you tell me the tenure of the three? Leaving aside the—

Mr Colvin : We will check that. We will give you the exact details of when each of our liaison officers started and finished—I will take that on notice.

The response to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:

Four. This is consistent with the average of tenure under previous governments.