

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Australian Federal Police

Question No. BE17-058

Senator McKim asked the following question on 25 May 2017:

Mr Colvin: The PNG-APP started around 2009, but there was an earlier iteration that was overturned by a constitutional decision in PNG that was around 2005. I will take on notice the date of the current iteration. I thought it was 2009, but I have just been told by my colleagues 2008, so it is around that time.

Senator McKIM: That was in regard to when the program started, but if possible could you also on notice provide the date on which government directed the AFP to commence this program, because obviously there would be a lag between the direction and the implementation—I presume.

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

As part of the 2008/9 Budget Process (March/April 2008) the previous Government approved funding for the Pacific Police Development Program (PPDP). A component of the PPDP funding included start-up support to the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary (RPNGC).

The PNG-APP then commenced their first deployments of AFP personnel into PNG in September 2008.