

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017

Australian Federal Police

Question No. BE17-161

Senator Pratt asked the following question on 05 June 2017:

- 1) Please provide a detailed breakdown of funding to the measure ‘Addressing gang violence and organised crime - National Anti-Gang Taskforce, Gang Intelligence Centre and Criminal Assets Confiscation Taskforce’, including staffing, separated for each section of this measure:
 - a. National Anti-Gang Taskforce
 - b. Gang Intelligence Centre and
 - c. Criminal Assets Confiscation Taskforce
- 2) Will there be any reduction in staffing or funding going to this measure?
- 3) Please provide the level of funding and the number of AFP personnel that have been allocated by the AFP to:
 - National Anti-Gangs Squad (NAGS) Strike Teams in:
 - o New South Wales;
 - o Queensland;
 - o Victoria;
 - o Western Australia; and
 - o South Australia.
 - NAGS Liaison Officers in:
 - o Tasmania;
 - o The Australian Capital Territory; and
 - o The Northern Territory.

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

1. Funding for 2016-17 is as follows:
 - a. National Anti-Gang Taskforce: \$13.07m and 65 FTE (plus 13 state resources)
 - b. Gang Intelligence Centre: \$1.63m funding and 11 FTE has been transferred to Australian Criminal Intelligence Centre (ACIC); and
 - c. Criminal Assets Confiscation Taskforce: \$0m and 0 FTE
2. Funding has been extended for two years to 30 June 2019 in the Keeping Illegal Guns off our Streets and our Communities Safe measure announced in 2016-17 MYEFO. This measure builds on the 2013-14 Budget measures and includes funding for the Extension of NAGS of \$35.4m.

The level of funding allocated to each area of the AFP from the Keeping Illegal Guns off our Streets measure beginning 1 July 2017 is as follows:

- NAGS Strike Teams in:
 - New South Wales: \$2.85m and 5 FTE;
 - Queensland: \$2.85m and 5 FTE;
 - Victoria: \$2.85m and 5 FTE
 - Western Australia: \$2.94m and 5 FTE; and
 - South Australia: \$3.07m and 5 FTE.(NOTE: Funding includes 2 state police FTE and 1 ATO FTE for each state strike team.)
- NAGS Liaison Officers in:
 - Tasmania \$0.53m and 1 FTE;
 - The Australian Capital Territory \$0m & 0 FTE; and
 - The Northern Territory: \$0.62m and 1 FTE.

In addition to the above direct costs for the strike teams and liaison officers, the teams are supported nationally by surveillance, telephone intercept teams, intelligence systems and a central coordination team.