

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017

Australian Federal Police

Question No. BE17-162

Senator Pratt asked the following question on 05 June 2017:

- 1) Please provide a more detailed breakdown of funding to the measure ‘Keeping Illegal Guns off our Streets and our Communities Safe’.
- 2) In the Australian Federal Police’s response to Question No. AE17/029 asked on 28 February 2017, the AFP provided that this measure would see:
 - A reduction of \$405,000 in 2017-18; and
 - A reduction of \$22,097,000 in 2018-19-2019-20.
 - a) Did the AFP request a reduction of funding for this measure?
 - b) What effect will this have on the ASL for this program over the forward estimates?
 - c) What work does this measure do? Please provide an overview of the types of tasks/outcomes for this measure.
 - d) Is keeping illegal guns off our streets a priority for the AFP? If so, why has funding been reduced for this measure?
 - e) Has the AFP consulted with the Minister about this reduction?

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

- 1) Please find below a breakdown of the funding for the measure ‘Keeping Illegal Guns off our Streets and our Communities Safe’:

<i>Keeping Illegal Guns off our Streets and our Communities Safe</i>				
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<i>Departmental Expenses</i>				
Employee	2,188	15,497	15,432	2,135
Supplier	3,178	9,550	9,211	410
Total	5,366	25,047	24,642	2,545
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>				
	2,527	722	-	-
Total	7,893	25,769	24,642	2,545

- 2)
 - a. No. The current measure is due to terminate 31 December 2019 thus 2019-20 funding is lower. Funding beyond that provided in 2019-20 is subject to future decisions of Government.

- b. The current measure is due to terminate 31 December 2019 thus 2019-20 FTE is lower. Funding beyond that provided in 2019-20 is subject to future decisions of Government. A summary of the ASL associated with the measure is below:

<i>Keeping Illegal Guns off our Streets and our Communities Safe</i>				
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
ASL	13	90	90	13

- c. The AFP has progressed the various elements of this commitment, which will expand the capability of the AFP-led National Forensics Rapid Lab (NFRL) in Sydney, which currently targets illicit drugs, to also target illicit firearms.

Under the measure the AFP is developing offshore, online and covert capabilities that will connect with international and domestic partners to prevent, detect and disrupt the threat of firearms possession, sourcing, distribution and importation.

- d. Keeping illegal guns off the street remains a priority for the AFP. A number of government measures, including the Keeping Illegal Guns off our Streets and our Communities Safe Government measure, as well as the National Firearms Amnesty, are in place to address the issue of illegal guns in Australia. Funding beyond that provided in 2019-20 is subject to future decisions of Government.
- e. The AFP engages closely with the Minister for Justice on a variety of matters.