

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017**

**Australian Federal Police**

**Question No. BE17-164**

**Senator Pratt asked the following question on 05 June 2017:**

Page 97 of the AGD Portfolio Estimates Statement 2017-18 indicates there will be a reduction of \$184,367,000 in funding to the AFP over the forward estimates.

Year	Funding for Outcome 1	Difference compared to 2016-17
2016-17	\$1,255,166,000	
2017-18	\$1,239,647,000	-\$15,813,000
2018-19	\$1,227,308,000	-\$28,152,000
2019-20	\$1,197,449,000	-\$58,011,000
2020-21	\$1,173,069,000	-\$82,391,000
Total difference		<b>-\$184,367,000</b>

Source: AGD Portfolio Estimates Statement 2017-18 (see page 97)  
<https://www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Budgets/Budget2017-18/Documents/Attorney-Generals-portfolio-2017-18-PBS-full-report.pdf>

- 1) Please confirm that these figures are correct.
- 2) Please outline where these cuts will fall – what programs will see a reduction in funding?
- 3) Has the AFP prepared any plans or documents for responding to this funding reduction?
- 4) In response to a question at Additional Estimates on 28 February 2017, the AFP Commissioner mentioned fraud work, organised crime work and drug work as areas which would be affected by cuts in funding to Outcome 1.
  - a. Does the AFP continue to stand by these comments?
  - b. If so, will the AFP’s fraud work, organised crime work and drug work be affected by the \$184 million reduction outlined above?
  - c. Please list any other areas that will have a reduction due to this \$184 million cut over the forward estimates.

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

- 1) One correction has been made to the table below, please find below updated table:

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*Please note that the above table are total expenses and include funding from cost recovered activities and are not just departmental appropriations.*

- 2) The movement in departmental appropriations is shown in the following table. Please also refer Questions on notice from Senator Wong (BE17/001 and BE17/037) and Senator Watt (BE17/038).

AFP: Departmental Operating Funding			Movement Between				
			2015-16 and 2016-17	2016-17 and 2017-18	2017-18 and 2018-19	2018-19 and 2019-20	2019-20 and 2020-21
Appropriation Measure	Program	Expire	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Disruption and Deterrence Task Group: Upscale Regional Intelligence Gathering, Disruptions and Joint Policing Operations	1.1	30/06/2016	(7,024)	-	-	-	-
Trade Union Royal Commission	1.1	31/12/2016	(24)	(2,988)	-	-	-
Continuation of the Joint Police Taskforce for the Registered Organisations Commission	1.1	30/06/2020	3,065	2,914	(26)	10	(5,963)
Addressing gang violence and organised crime - National Anti-Gang Taskforce, Gang Intelligence Centre and Criminal Assets Confiscation Taskforce	1.1	30/06/2017	(1,677)	(13,065)	-	-	-
Keeping Illegal Guns off our Streets and our Communities Safe	1.1	31/12/2019	5,366	19,681	(405)	(22,097)	(2,545)
Cricket World Cup and Asia World Cup	1.1	30/06/2017	(1,015)	(20)	-	-	-
Extension of the Northern Territory Child Abuse Taskforce	1.1	30/06/2018	54	(59)	(794)	-	-
Enhanced Protective Security for Law Enforcement Agencies	1.1	30/06/2020	19,575	(2,976)	(837)	(101)	(15,662)
Enhanced Protective Security Arrangements Further Funding	1.1	Ongoing	6,943	1,346	(3,391)	43	-
Cyber Security	1.1	30/06/2020	3,085	2,249	36	58	(5,428)
National Security - Australian Federal Police - additional resourcing	1.1	30/06/2021	-	49,580	30,528	(5,848)	(808)
Foreign Fighters	1.1	Ongoing	106	147	-	-	-
Parliament House	1.1	Ongoing	27	28	-	-	-
Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices	1.1	Ongoing	(15)	22	-	-	-
Close Personal Protection	1.1	Ongoing	1,621	(3,251)	-	71	-
Standardisation of Overseas Allowances for Australian Government Employees - efficiencies	1.1	Ongoing	-	-	(175)	(3)	(3)
Official development assistance - Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands - continuation	1.2	30/06/2017	(3,391)	(62,993)	-	-	-
Solomon Islands Police Development Program	1.2	30/06/2021	-	18,551	(2,078)	28	117
Papua New Guinea Incentive Package - Law and Order	1.2	30/06/2017	1,110	(33,799)	-	-	-
Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation 2018 - support for meetings in Papua New Guinea	1.2	31/12/2018	-	26,576	(13,248)	(13,327)	-
IDG Future Strategy (IFS) Savings	1.2	30/06/2019	(6,800)	6,300	(200)	6,200	-
Timor-Leste Police Development Programme	1.2	30/06/2018	(719)	(756)	(5,648)	-	-
Public Service Modernisation Fund - transformation and innovation stream	1.1, 1.2	30/06/2020	-	-	-	725	(725)
Standardisation of employer superannuation contribution rates	1.1, 1.2	Ongoing	2,750	(96)	(80)	(85)	-
Minor Adjustments to WoG and AFP Specific Savings Measures	1.1, 1.2		3,057	(1,990)	1,190	430	(3)
Efficiency Dividend Impact	1.1, 1.2		(23,330)	(21,484)	(17,387)	(13,511)	(7,933)
Wage Cost Index Adjustments	1.1, 1.2		12,962	11,339	11,167	13,739	12,850
			<b>15,741</b>	<b>(4,760)</b>	<b>(1,366)</b>	<b>(33,668)</b>	<b>(26,103)</b>

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
<b>Departmental Appropriation</b>	<b>1,006,033</b>	<b>1,021,774</b>	<b>1,017,013</b>	<b>1,015,647</b>	<b>981,979</b>	<b>955,876</b>

2015-16 (pg 66 2016-17 PAES AG Portfolio) and 2016-17 onwards (pg 97 2017-18 PBS AG Portfolio)

- 3) The AFP will implement the new measures announced in the Budget consistent with the Government decisions including *National Security – Australian Federal Police - Additional Resourcing* and *Solomon Islands Police Development Program*. The previous RAMSI mission and PNG partnership programs have ceased and consequently that work will cease consistent with those decisions. Planning to implement the measures is well advanced.
  
- 4)
  - a. The AFP Commissioner stated that the forward estimates show known budget changes at the point of the forward estimates being published, and that in discussions with Government there will be measures that will cease and there will be measures that will start. This is part of the funding cycle that all agencies go through.
  
  - b. Those business areas supported by funding provided through terminating measures will be the most affected if future funding is not provided when the measures terminate. These are the subject of future funding decisions.
  
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