

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017

Australian Federal Police

Question No. BE17-171

Senator Pratt asked the following question on 05 June 2017:

- 1) What factors led to the decision to extend the Papua New Guinea – Australia Policing Partnership for a further 18 months?
- 2) Is the \$48 million announced the total cost of AFP support for the delivery of the APEC summit?
- 3) Is the \$48 million the total cost of the extended partnership?
- 4) How many AFP officers have been allocated to assist PNG deliver the APEC summit in November 2018?
- 5) Can the Department provide a breakdown of the roles AFP officers will be undertaking throughout this 18 months extension?
- 6) In respect to CN3419645 can the Department advise the quantity, make and model of motor vehicles purchased.
 - a. What is the expected life span of vehicles purchased under CN3419645?
 - b. Were the vehicles purchased under CN3419645 purchased in preparation for the APEC summit?
 - c. How will the vehicles be used once the 18 month extension to the PNG – Australia Policing Partnership ends?
 - d. Was the \$450,000.00 purchase funded through ODA?

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

1. The Australian Government agreed to support the PNG Government as a response to PNG's request for assistance in hosting APEC 2018, noting this was consistent with the commitments made by Prime Ministers and Australian Government officials. The Australian Government has committed to continue the deployment of AFP resources in PNG. From 1 July 2017 through to 31 December 2018 the PNG-APP will continue the assistance that is already in place to support the Royal PNG Constabulary (RPNGC) to prepare for APEC 2018 activities and events.
2. The \$48m commitment is the additional funding provided to the AFP for support of the delivery of the APEC Summit. The total estimated cost of AFP support (\$72m) also includes \$24m of AFP base appropriation funding.
3. No, the total cost of the extended partnership with PNG is approximately \$72m. The additional \$24m was already part of AFP base appropriation funding.
4. Seventy-three officers have been allocated to assist in PNG; 56 have dedicated APEC advisory roles and the remaining 17 provide support.

5. PNG-APP is responsible for the following commitments:
- Provide mentoring and training for the Joint Security Task Force in major event planning, and command control and coordination aspects
 - Support the establishment of a police operations centre
 - Provide close personal protection training
 - Establish and enhance criminal intelligence training and operational capabilities
 - Deliver traffic policing training to enhance motorcade movements
 - Provide training in the airport policing environment
 - Support the establishment of a water police capability
 - Enhance serious criminal and counter-terrorism investigations training
 - Deliver a bomb search and canine capability
 - Provide public order management training to enable appropriate responses to public order incidents
 - Provide police negotiation training to enable responses to hostage or siege incidents
 - Provide a range of enhancements and training in critical enabling functions underpinning the operations of the RPNGC, including finance, human resources and logistics.

Additionally, the PNG-APP works with the RPNGC to improve operational capacity in Port Moresby and Lae through a focus in the areas of: public safety, custody management, juvenile justice, gender, family and sexual violence, and internal affairs.

6. The correct amount for this contract is approximately \$237,515.36 AUD (not \$450,000 AUD as per AusTender). The published figure was incorrect and has now been rectified on the AusTender website. There were 6 vehicles purchased, Ford Rangers Super Cab 2.2LT 4WD Turbo Diesel.
- a. 3-5 years
 - b. The vehicles were purchased for the canine training activities being undertaken in preparation for APEC 2018.
 - c. Transporting police and police dogs.
 - d. Yes the funding is ODA.