SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 149

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 17 February 2006:

Further to reply to question 290 of 31 October 2005.

- a) Does the Rapid Response Team Taskforce only operate overseas?
- b) Who performs the regular duties and responsibilities of these people while they're taken overseas on these deployments for between one to six weeks?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

- a) The AFP's surge capacity, while intended for offshore incidents, is flexible for domestic incidents subject to the availability of resources.
- b) Resources are allocated and shared nationally in accordance with investigational priorities as per Case Categorisation and Prioritisation Model guidelines.