

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 150

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

Further to the reply to Question 293 of 31 October 2005:

- a) What will happen to the \$2.58 million of assets in PNG once the AFP finishes its mission in PNG or alternatively should the intergovernmental agreement not be signed?

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

a) AFP assets still held in PNG will be retained pending an outcome of negotiations between the Governments of Australia and Papua New Guinea regarding future police involvement in the Enhanced Cooperation Program.

Upon completion of the PNG mission, or if no outcome from Government to Government negotiations is achieved, the AFP will consider transferring some assets to other active International Deployment Group missions and liaise with relevant Australian Government agencies regarding the disposal of assets not elsewhere deployable. Disposal may include gifting of assets in some cases and sale on the open market in others.