

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 156

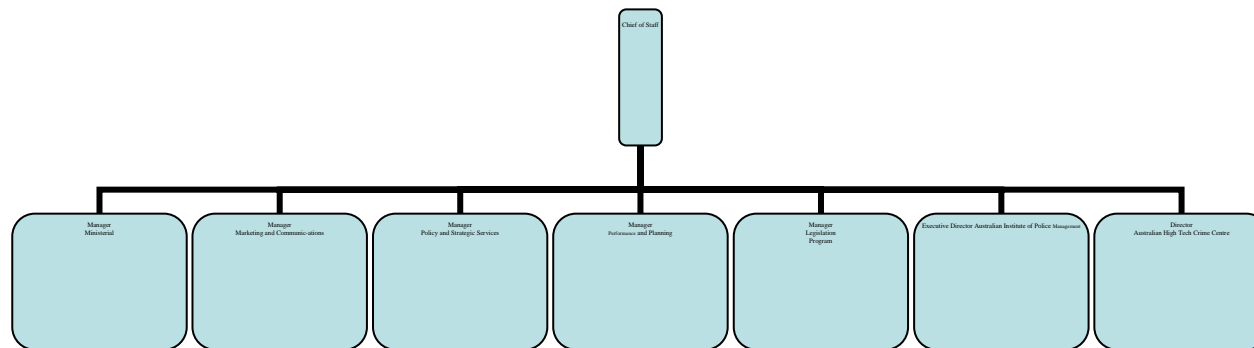
Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 17 February 2006:

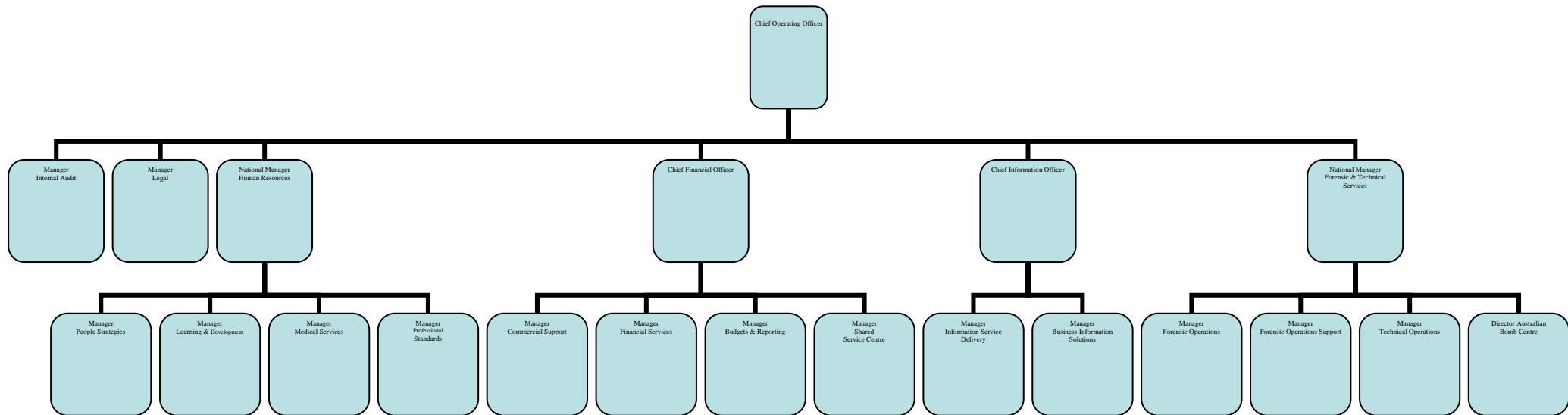
Further to the reply to Question 274 of 31 October 2005:

- a) Please provide an organisational chart for the enabling services portfolio, not an organisational chart for the AFP.
- b) Please specify how many positions are tied to ongoing RAMSI funding?
- c) Is the AFP able to indicate whether or not any officers were moved off the case during the course of the Bali 9 investigation?
- d) What reason was given for that movement?
- e) Were there any dissenting reports or opinions voiced by any members of the team in relation to any aspect of the Bali 9 operation?
- f) If so, provide details.

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

a) Enabling Services organisational chart:





b) There were 261 Australian AFP positions funded in RAMSI as at 17 February 2006, of those 212 were AFP and AFPPS personnel and 49 were drawn from state police services. A further 90 staff drawn from Pacific Island contributing countries took the total Participating Police Force strength to 351 as at the above date.

The total number of positions needed at any point in time is dependent on the outcomes required of the AFP.

c) Given operational priorities that frequently arise, the movement of staff occurs to ensure the appropriate allocation of resources. No member was directed from the investigative team.

d) Movement of members to and from the investigative team did occur, however as previously indicated no person was directed to cease operational activities or involvement.

e) As this matter involved the investigation of persons who were later charged with death penalty offences, the AFP is aware that members have personal views concerning the death penalty whilst remaining aware of their legal responsibilities as a member of the AFP. Members of the investigative team discussed these views with one another, together with their professional responsibilities as members of the AFP.

f) The AFP is aware of, and considers it an important element of a mature organisation, that members have personal views concerning the death penalty. A member's views on the death penalty are separate from their sworn obligation to enforce the laws of the Commonwealth.