

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 164

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

Regarding the release of the new 'Thesaurus of Australian Government Subjects' (TAGS):

- a) Has the AFP altered its website or any other publication, electronic or printed, as a result of the release of TAGS?
- b) Does the AFP have any plans to alter its website or any other publication, electronic or printed, as a result of the release of TAGS?
- c) If so, provide a list of the changes that have been made to the website or any other publication, electronic or printed, as a result of the release of TAGS or – if they have not been completed – the changes that are planned, and when they are intended to be made?
- d) If not, why not?
- e) Has the AFP distributed TAGS to its staff?
- f) Has the AFP begun using TAGS as a guide to developing its website or any other publication, electronic or printed?

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

- a) The AFP Marketing & Communications area and the Web Management Team advise that to date no alterations have been made to AFP websites or other publications as a result of the release of TAGS.
- b) Not at this stage, though TAGS will be taken into consideration for new versions and products. The AFP is in the process of developing a Corporate Common Language Thesaurus and TAGS hierarchical structure and terms have been considered and will be incorporated where appropriate. The AFP Thesaurus will be used as a standard for corporate information systems and as a guide for authors of AFP publications.
- c) The AFP intends to publish a new AFP public Internet site in April 2006, and the new site will include relevant terms from TAGS in AGLS metadata.
- d) Not applicable.
- e) TAGS have been made available to all AFP staff through a link to the Australian Government Information Management Office TAGS Web Page within the References section of the Online Library on the AFP Intranet.
- f) When completed, the AFP Corporate Thesaurus incorporating relevant TAGS terms will be used as a guide for future Website development and AFP publications.