

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
CRIMTRAC

Question No. 218

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2006:

- a) How many times has the CPRS User Advisory Group met?
- b) How many times per year does this committee meet?
- c) Are all members of the committee invited to each meeting?
- d) What is the minimum number for a quorum in the committee?
- e) For each of the years from 1999, how many meeting of the committee have been held, how many achieved quorum, how many did CrimTrac attend?
- f) Please provide the agenda for each meeting.
- g) Please provide the minutes for each meeting.
 - i) If that is not possible, please provide the outcomes of each meeting – what was agreed on, and how was that intended to be actioned.

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

- a) The CPRS UAG has met 9 times in total (4 December 2001 to 9 March 2004).
- b) The Agency policy is that UAG meets as required up to four times per year.
- c) Yes.
- d) There was no quorum defined for this type of meeting.
- e) Nine in total. The CPRS UAG met once in 2001, four times in 2002, three times in 2003, and once in 2004. There have been no meetings during 2005, as jurisdictions have been fully informed on the progress of the MNPP project through the Strategic Issues Group and the MNPP project board (recently renamed MNPP Steering Committee). There is no quorum. CrimTrac attended all UAG meetings.
- f) No. The papers for meetings and the record of meetings are 'law-enforcement-in-confidence' as they cover discussions on Board of Management business, strategic and operational police matters and information. There is the possibility that releasing the content of ongoing discussions of the SIG could jeopardise future CrimTrac/Commonwealth/State and Territory cooperative arrangements.
- g) See response to f).
 - i) N/A.