

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 266**

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

To date, how many such DFAT appointments has the AFP supplied adverse information on

- (b) What was the nature of those concerns?
- (c) What was the result of the AFP providing that adverse information in each case?
- (d) What action did DFAT take as a consequence of that AFP advice?

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

- (a) For the 2005 calendar year 912 police checks were processed for DFAT with 31 resulting in the release of a criminal record. Please note it is not possible to differentiate between criminal record checks related to screening for potential new DFAT employees or security clearances/renewals for existing staff.
- (b) For privacy reasons we are unable to disclose individual information.
- (c) The AFP is not involved in the decision making processes to determine the suitability for engagement of DFAT appointments resulting from the release of a police check.
- (d) As per c) above.