SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Ouestion No. 120

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 13 February 2007:

With reference to the AFP's response to QoN 97 taken on notice at the Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing, could the AFP provide:

- a) A definition of the terms 'cash on call', 'cash at call' or 'cash on hand' as used by Mr Gaukroger, AFP Chief Financial Officer, at the *Hearing under Standing Order* 25(2)(b) regarding the performance of the Australian Federal Police on 16 October 2006?
- b) An estimate of the amounts of (i) 'cash on call', (ii) 'cash at call' and (iii) 'cash on hand' that the AFP estimates to have in each of:
 - 1) 2006-07:
 - 2) 2007-08;
 - 3) 2008-09;
 - 4) 2009-10.

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

- a) The terms "cash on call" and "cash at call" are plain English terms used to describe Appropriations Receivable. The term "cash on hand" was used to describe "cash and cash equivalents" and relates to the cash amounts in the AFP bank accounts at any one time.
- The AFP Appropriations Receivable estimates are as follows: b) (i)
 - 1) 2006-07 \$332.3m
 - 2) 2007-08 \$350.2m
 - 2008-09 \$365.7m 3)
 - 2009-10 \$389.7m 4)

These amounts are included in the "Receivables" estimates in Table 3.2 of Page 96 of the Attorney-General's Portfolio 2006-07 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements.

(ii) The estimated "cash and cash equivalents" (as per Table 3.2 on page 96 of the Attorney-General's Portfolio 2006-07 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements) was:

1) 2006-07	\$31.2m
2) 2007-08	\$26.6m
3) 2008-09	\$26.0m

4) 2009-10 \$26.0m