SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 134

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

Regarding the community policing in airports, please provide a table summary showing, for each airport:

a) The numbers of community police; and

b) The forces from which the community police are drawn.

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

Uniformed police at Australia's eleven designated airports are sourced from the jurisdictional police of the state or territory in which the airport is located. The number of officers per airport and their deployment timelines, based on commitments from state and territory governments, are as follows:

Adelaide	South Australia Police. All 21 officers are in place.
Hobart	Tasmania Police. All 11 officers are in place.
Melbourne	Victoria Police. All 55 officers are in place.
Canberra	Australian Federal Police (ACT Policing). 13 are in place. (A further four will deploy by May 2007 and the remaining three will be deployed later in 2007.)
Perth	Western Australia Police Service. 12 are in place. (A further 12 will deploy early in 2008 and the remaining 12 will be deployed by the end of 2008.)
Sydney	NSW Police Service. The NSW Police officer in charge is in place. (The remaining 69 officers are expected to deploy by September 2007.)
Alice Springs	Northern Territory Police Service (NTPOL). 12 officers will deploy in April/May 2007.
Darwin	NTPOL. 25 officers will deploy in April/May 2007. (Subject to further negotiations, a further two NT Police positions are expected to be filled by the end of 2008, deployed to either Darwin or Alice Springs.)
Brisbane	Queensland Police Service (QPOL). 30 officers will be deployed by July 2007.
Cairns	QPOL. 20 officers will be deployed by September 2007.

Gold Coast QPOL. 20 officers will be deployed by November 2007. (An additional 20 officers will be deployed across Brisbane, Cairns and Coolangatta airports by March 2008 and a further 23 officers will be deployed across these airports by June 2008. Their precise numbers and deployment dates at particular airports are subject to final consultation.)