

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 29**

**Senator Ludlam asked the following question at the hearing on 23 February 2009:**

With regard to AFP counter-terrorism training exercises:

- a) how much was spent by the AFP on these in the last budget cycle, and
- b) how much is projected to be spent on these in the current budget cycle?

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

The AFP participates in a broad range of exercises under the National Counter Terrorism Committee (NCTC) exercise framework.

The AFP participates in domestic counter terrorism exercises funded from within existing budgets. The AFP does not record specific funding on domestic exercises.

ACT Policing participates in domestic counter terrorism exercises funded by the NCTC and from within existing internal budgets. In 2007-08, ACT Policing expended \$64,439.36 on counter terrorism exercises funded by the NCTC and in 2008-09 total expenditure on NCTC endorsed exercises is anticipated to total \$51,869.00.

No internally funded counter terrorism exercises were conducted by ACT Policing during this time.

Commencing in 2006-07 the AFP was funded \$300,000 per year under the Regional Law Enforcement Counter Terrorism Liaison and Capacity Building New Policy Initiative to deliver an offshore exercises program each year through to 2009-10. Since 2006-07, \$300,000 per year has been expended. The same amount is expected to be expended during the current financial year.