

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

Question No. 135

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 8 February 2010:

The ACC's Outlaw Motorcycle Gang National Intelligence Taskforce was disbanded by the Government in June 2008. Following the release of the Beale Report, the Government has announced that the AFP would be re-structured to create a specialised division investigating criminal syndicates such as OMCGs:

- a. What tasks did the ACC OMCG National Intelligence Taskforce undertake?
- b. How many staff were working on the ACC taskforce?
- c. When the taskforce was disbanded, what happened to the members assigned to the taskforce? Were they offered redundancy packages, or were they re-assigned?
- d. If they were offered redundancy packages, did these costs come out of the ACC's budget? What was the cost to the ACC?
- e. Is the ACC familiar with the tasks that the new AFP taskforce will be undertaking?
- f. Will the AFP taskforce be investigating the same crimes and criminal syndicates the ACC used to under the OMCGNIT?

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

On ACC recommendation, the ACC Board approved the transition of the OMCG NITF into the Serious and Organised Crime National Intelligence Task Force (SOC NITF) in June 2008. This was a decision of the ACC Board which consists of representatives of the Commonwealth as well as the States and Territories.

- a. The OMCG NITF coordinated intelligence collection nationally and in partnership with stakeholders undertook intelligence collection, co-ordination and target development activities in response to the OMCG threat.
- b. 12.
- c. In June 2009, the work and staff of the SOC NITF transitioned into the High Risk Crime Groups (HRCG) No. 2 Determination. Under HRCG No.2, the ACC continues to collect and coordinate intelligence regarding OMCGs involved in serious organised crime. No redundancy packages were offered.
- d. N/A
- e. Yes.
- f. No. The ACC provides intelligence to, and works in partnership with, the AFP to support relevant investigations.