

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 58

Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 12 February 2013:

1. Can you provide an update on the 500 sworn police officers that were promised by the current Government during the 2007 election campaign?
2. How much has been spent to date to fulfil this promise? How many officers have been sworn in?
3. Is this a promise that has been hard to fulfil give the staff and budget cuts the Government have asked your agency to make?

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

1. The increase in Sworn Police Officers against the Additional 500 commitment was announced in November 2007. Please find an update below:
 - 309 new members against this measure have been sworn in as at February 2013.
 - By 30 June 2013, 341 new members will have been sworn in and a further 125 will be part way through their training at the AFP College.
 - By 30 June 2014, 455 new sworn officers will have commenced AFP service.
 - The AFP will achieve the 500 target consistent with the revised timeframe of 2014/2015.
2. As at 28 February 2013 the expenditure against this measure is \$153.8m. As at 28 February 2013 309 new members against this measure have been sworn in to the AFP.
3. Careful management of the budget has allowed the AFP to achieve the planned implementation of this measure.