

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 101

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2006:

Please provide the committee with a breakdown of the training modules for counter-terrorism type work.

- a) for recruits.
- b) for officers.

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

- a) for recruits:

The AFP College currently provides the following Counter-Terrorism (CT) type training to new and lateral recruits:

Federal Police Development Program (FPDP) and Federal Police Lateral Program (FPLP) - members deployed to National Operations.

During all FPLP and FPDP training, participants are provided with training in a range of subjects relevant to CT. This training is provided via face-to-face and research project methods over two days, and covers the following subject matter:

- The history of terrorism (Middle-East and SE Asia);
- Commonwealth CT Legislation;
- The National Counter-Terrorism Plan (NCTP) and NCTP Handbook;
- The AFP's Family Investigative Liaison Officer (FILO) program and role;
- The role of the AFP, the AFP's Joint Counter-Terrorism Teams (JCTT's), Protective Security Coordination Centre, Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, Attorney-General's and the Australian Intelligence Community in CT;
- Command and Control; and
- Crime Scene Management.

Federal Police Development Program (FPDP) - members deployed to ACT Policing

FPDP participants who are to be deployed to ACT Policing receive the same CT training as noted above. In addition to this, training is also provided in the following subject matter relevant to CT and community policing:

- Terrorism indicators; and

- Critical Incidents - First Response.

b) for officers:

For serving AFP employees, the AFP College offers the following CT specific courses:

Advanced Counter Terrorism Investigations Program (ACTIP)

The ACTIP, delivered by the AFP's Counter Terrorism Training Centre (CTTC), aims to develop the strategic and tactical law enforcement skills of CT investigators undertaking complex CT investigations.

Throughout the Program participants from Australian and International law enforcement agencies are exposed to a range of methodological approaches to enhance knowledge and skills to detect, disrupt, prevent and respond to the threat of terrorism and terrorist acts.

The three week Program covers the following subject matter:

- Law Enforcement in the CT environment;
- Terrorism in the Middle East, emerging threat groups in South East Asia;
- Analysis of terrorism Case Studies;
- Commonwealth CT Legislation, Terrorist Financing and emerging prosecutorial and legislative issues (particularly Control Orders and the *National Security Information (Criminal & Civil Proceedings) Act 2004* ;
- Emerging challenges in the CT environment;
- CT incidents / investigations and the Media;
- First Response; Chemical Biological Nuclear Radiological; and Post Blast / Disaster Victim Identification / Crime Scene Management; and
- An outdoor exercise involving several actual bombing serials and blast scene scenarios.

The CTTC is currently developing a one week intermediary CT investigations program. This program will be aimed at the intermediary level investigator with little or no practical experience in CT investigations. The program will be delivered via the AFP's On-Line Learning system and face-to-face tuition methods and is planned to be ready for delivery at the AFP College in the later-half of 2006.

Financial Investigations Program (FIP)

The Investigations Training Team based at the AFP College conducts the AFP's Financial Investigation Program (FIP). The FIP is aimed at providing AFP investigators with essential knowledge and skills to enable the investigation of financial aspects of AFP case referrals, including proceeds of crime investigations and terrorist financing. The three week program incorporates a half-day session addressing terrorist financing issues and investigative strategies.

In addition to these courses, AFP officers have access to a range of CT-relevant courses offered at the Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement. These include:

- Post Blast Analysis
- International Management of Serious Crime Course
- Major Investigations Management
- Post Blast Incident Management
- Terrorist Organisations and Management
- Intelligence Analysis and Intelligence Reports