SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 72

Senator Nettle asked the following question at the hearing on 23 May 2007:

- a) What is the current expenditure on the one control order?
- b) It looked like this was a line item. Will it be in a line item for you to go back and look at the expenditure for the current control order? Have we got a line item for this or is it going to be a gathering from elsewhere?

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

a) Total expenditure to date for control orders has been about \$1.05 million for employee expenses and \$0.675 million for supplier expenses.

Expenditure has included preparation of applications, development of control order governance frameworks, establishment of capacity for monitoring control orders, expenses for implementing the frameworks for control orders, preventative detention orders and the *National Security Information (Civil and Criminal Proceedings) Act 2004*, consultation with external agencies and the Australian Muslim community.

b) As indicated by Mr Cornall, "There are other matters in this measure which go to the costs of prosecuting terrorism cases. They include security resources for the courts—the cost of clearing people in courts who are dealing with these matters—and also the cost of computers and other facilities required to conduct these trials in a secure fashion. So there are a number of items in this measure, but the control order item is the most significant financially".

The funding specifically provided to the AFP is primarily for control orders, however it also provides for costs associated with training and governance for preventative detention orders, and protection of information under the *National Security Information (Civil and Criminal Proceedings) Act* 2004.