

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 16

Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 26 May 2008:

- a) On what date did the Australian Federal Police write to Prime Minister and Cabinet seeking support from NCTC that future exercises address the investigation and prosecution of terrorist offences in Australia?
- b) On what date did Prime Minister and Cabinet provide a substantive response?

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

- a) The AFP Deputy Commissioner National Security wrote to Mr Duncan Lewis, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on 4 April 2008, requesting the National Counter Terrorism Committee facilitate exercises which address challenges associated with investigating and prosecuting terrorist offenders in Australia.
- b) Mr Duncan Lewis, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet responded on 29 April 2008, indicating support for the exercises.