

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 113**

**Senator Trood asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2010:**

- a) What is the current status of the investigation into the Balibo Five?
- b) What cooperation has the AFP received from the Indonesian Government in relation to the investigation?
- c) How many officers are currently assigned to this case?
- d) Have the families been kept up-to-date on the major developments in the investigation?
- e) When is the investigation likely to conclude?

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

a-c) The Australian Federal Police (AFP) investigation into the deaths of five journalists, collectively known as the 'Balibo Five', in Timor-Leste in 1975 is ongoing. The AFP has completed Australian based inquiries including the interview of witnesses resident in Australia.

d) Yes.

e) Other inquiries are underway and at this stage it is not possible to speculate on a date for the conclusion of the investigation.