

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY

Question No. 352

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

If the AIC employs a firms, which firm is employed to stage the conferences?

- (a) Was there a tender process for their selection?
- (b) Who was on the selection committee?
- (c) What was the selection criteria?
- (d) What other tenders were received, and why were they rejected?
- (e) Was the tender process advertised?
- (f) What was the cost of advertising?
- (g) Who made the decision on the tenders?
- (h) What were their qualifications?
- (i) When was the decision made?
- (j) Have any of the successful tenders previously submitted tenders for similar contracts?

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

The AIC employs an organisation called Conference Coordinators to organise the administrative aspect of conferences.

- (a) There was an invitation to tender process for their selection.
- (b) The Manager, Public Affairs and the Research Analyst responsible for organising conference speakers were on the selection committee.
- (c) The selection criteria included: experience and resources to effectively manage a high quality conference; organisational skills; conference experience; financial management skills; and competitive pricing.
- (d) Three organisations were invited to submit tenders. Of the two organisations that submitted tenders, Conference Coordinators was selected on the basis that they offered more experience and expertise and they were also more financially competitive.
- (e) The tender process was not advertised. Organisations were invited to tender.
- (f) N/A

- (g) The decision on the tenders was made by the Director of the AIC, the Manager, Public Affairs and the Research Analyst involved in the process.
- (h) Qualifications involved in-depth knowledge of the hiring process as well as extensive knowledge of the conference process.
- (i) The decision was made in February 2004.
- (j) The successful tenderer has previously submitted contracts for AIC conferences.

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If the AIC does not employ a firm, who is responsible for organising the conferences, and what is their experience in this activity?

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

The AIC does employ a firm for organising conferences, so this is not applicable.

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Question No. 354

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

What feedback has the AIC received from the conferences and roundtable discussions?

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

The AIC asks delegates to complete an evaluation form after each conference. For instance after the *Crime in Australia: International Connections* conference, the evaluation forms reported that:

- 38 per cent thought the conference was excellent.
- 58 per cent thought the conference was good.
- 4 per cent thought the conference was average.

Verbal feedback is received from roundtable discussions.

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Question No. 355

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

Regarding the crime and violence prevention awards, on what criteria are the winners selected, who is on the panel that selects the winners and how many entries are received?

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

Criteria for the Awards

Nominations for the award are invited from projects that have effectively reduced or prevented violence and other types of crime, or have the potential to do so. Projects must have been in operation for at least 12 months.

Relevant factors include:

- the extent to which the project has reduced or prevented violence or other types of crime
- whether the project has been evaluated
- whether the project monitors its results
- the capacity of the project to be copied and used elsewhere
- whether the project has an enduring quality so that its outcomes are likely to last
- whether the project provides good value for money
- whether the project is special or innovative
- whether the project raises community awareness, has a local impact, or reduces fear of violence or other types of crime

Selection panel

The panel that selects the winners comprise appointees of the heads of Australian governments and members of the Australian and New Zealand Crime Prevention Ministerial Forum. Representatives for 2004 are:

- ACT – Mr Alan Castle
- NSW – Superintendent Mick Plotecki
- NT – Ms Terri Robson
- Tas – Commissioner Richard McCreadie (represented by Ms Sandra Lovell)
- WA – Mrs Pat Morris
- Qld – Vacant (represented by Mr Paul Friedman)
- SA – Vacant (represented by Mr James Armitage)
- Vic – Vacant (represented by Mr Peter Jones)

The selection board is chaired by the Director of the Australian Institute of Criminology, Dr Toni Makkai.

In 2004 there were 73 eligible nominations.

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Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

What are the aggregate costs of the AIC library's upkeep?

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

The total operating expenses for output 1.2 for the financial year 03/04 was \$926,817.