

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 243

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2005:

- a) How much of the funding provided for the enhancement of protective security services has been expended?
- b) Has all funding been expended?
 - (i) If not, how much funding has yet to be expended?
- c) Was there any variation to the stated budget for this program?
 - (i) If so, what was the variation?
 - (ii) Was additional funding provided, or did the program lose funding?
 - (iii) If the program lost funding, where was the funding transferred, and why?
 - (iv) Were any stop-gap measures put in place to ensure the continued operation of this program despite the variations?
- d) What was the stated outcome of the program at the time the funding commenced?
 - (i) Did the program meet its stated outcome?
 - (ii) If not, in which areas did it not meet its stated outcome?
 - (iii) Were any other measures or additional funding required to meet the stated outcome of the program?
- e) Has a review been conducted of the program?
 - (i) If so, could you provide a copy?
 - (ii) If not, why not?
 - (iii) Is one being conducted, or will one be conducted?
 - (iv) Are there any interim reports available?
 - (v) Are there any plans to produce any interim reports?

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

The 2002-03 Budget appropriated \$110.1m over four years for the enhancement of protection security services. This was in addition to the \$9.2m provided in 2001-02.

- a) This program was to expand existing protective security services. Once the measure was fully implemented, financial data relating to the specific additional funding was not kept. However, budgets for the AFP's protective security services has been fully expended over the past three years.
- b) Yes.
 - (i) Not applicable.

- c) No.
 - (i) Not applicable.
 - (ii) Not applicable.
 - (iii) Not applicable.

- d) The outcome was to contribute, under the National Counter Terrorism Plan, to ensuring cooperative arrangements exist to combat terrorism and respond as needed. The Protection Services output contributes to the outcome through the prevention of crime against Commonwealth interests.
 - (i) The program met its stated outcome.
 - (ii) Not applicable.
 - (iii) No other measures or additional funding was required.

- e) A review has been conducted of the program.
 - (i) A copy of the review report cannot be provided at this time as its contents are classified as Cabinet-in-Confidence as part of the 2006-07 Budget process.
 - (ii) Not applicable. See above.
 - (iii) The review has been completed.
 - (iv) See above.
 - (v) There are no plans to produce any interim reports.