

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 258

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

What countries and programs are the AFP involved in regarding the elimination of violence against women and children.

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

The AFP remains committed to the fight against people trafficking and child sex offences. The AFP is actively involved with many Asian and Pacific Countries to jointly tackle this serious problem. The AFP actively participates in the whole-of-government approach to combating offences against women and children. AFP members have led and participated in a number of training courses to regional law enforcement agencies including international law enforcement attending the AFP Transnational Sexual Exploitation Investigators Course in Canberra in August 2005.

The AFP International Network currently deploys 65 staff to 30 offices in 25 countries that collaborate with host law enforcement agencies to combat transnational crime including offences against women and children.