SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 264

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

- a) Please provide an organisational chart for the Counter-Terrorism intelligence portfolio and provide the funding that this portfolio received this year, for the previous four years and the projected spending for the next four years.
- b) Could you please provide the funding that each of the following programs receive, including the funding received this year, the funding for the previous four years and the projected funding for the next four years...
 - (i) South-East Asia-Indonesian Team (INTELL TEAMS)
 - (ii) South-East Asian-Philippines Team
 - (iii) Convergence Team
 - (iv) Target development team
 - (v) National Threat Assessment Centre
 - (vi) Joint Counter-Terrorism intelligence Coordination unit

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

a) The AFP does not have a Counter Terrorism intelligence portfolio within its organisational structure. All intelligence activity relating to counter terrorism is undertaken within the Intelligence portfolio. Within the Intelligence portfolio, a dedicated Counter Terrorism team was established in 2005-06. Funding for the CT intelligence team for 2005-06 is \$1.2m. Forward budgets have not yet been formulated for this activity.

b)

- (i) No separate funding is allocated to the South-East Asia-Indonesian Team (INTELL TEAMS).
- (ii) No separate funding is allocated to the South-East Asian-Philippines Team.
- (iii) No separate funding is allocated to the Convergence Team.
- (iv) Target development team has been allocated funding of \$3.3m in 2005-06. A budget of \$2.4m was allocated to this team in 2004-05.
- (v) National Threat Assessment Centre is actually located within ASIO. The AFP currently has two members seconded to this centre.
- (vi) The Joint Counter-Terrorism Intelligence Coordination unit is located within ASIO. The AFP currently has one member seconded to this unit.