

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 266**

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

Please provide an organisational chart for the Illicit drugs 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.

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

The AFP's organisational structure does not have a separate Illicit Drugs portfolio. The National Manager, Border & International has functional responsibility for illicit drugs while operational investigative & intelligence capacity around the country and overseas are tasked with illicit drug cases.

The Government has provided the AFP with National Illicit Drugs Strategy (NIDS) funding over five stages since 1997-98. Total funding over the years 2000-01 to 2005-06 is as follows:

<b>TOTAL NIDS 1997-98 to 2005-06 (ongoing)</b>	<b>2001-02 \$m</b>	<b>2002-03 \$m</b>	<b>2003-04 \$m</b>	<b>2004-05 \$m</b>	<b>2005-06 \$m</b>
Mobile Strike Teams	13.643	13.745	13.943	14.403	14.705
Thursday Island	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.207	0.211
Heroin signature program	0.305	1.485	1.485	1.495	1.501
Informant handling and witness protection	1.230	1.200	1.200	1.240	1.266
Overseas Liaison Posts	2.995	2.906	2.967	3.065	3.129
Law Enforcement Cooperation Program	3.559	3.605	3.681	3.802	3.882
Increase Telephone Interception Capacity	0.933	0.939	0.959	0.990	1.011
Overseas Liaison Posts - connection to AFPNET	1.205	1.213	1.238	1.279	1.306
<b>TOTAL NIDS 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5</b>	<b>24.071</b>	<b>25.293</b>	<b>25.672</b>	<b>26.481</b>	<b>27.012</b>

The majority of the NIDS funding (\$21m) is ongoing and this funding will continue beyond 2005-06. The remaining NIDS funding (\$6m) will lapse at the end of 2006-07.