

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 268

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

- a) Please provide for the Economic and Special Operations 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) The Australian High-Tech Crime Centre
 - (ii) Virtual Global Taskforce
 - (iii) Joint Banking and Finance Sector Investigations Team
 - (iv) Identity Crime Taskforce

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

- a) The Economic and Special Operations (ESO) portfolio, headed by the National Manager ESO, was established in 2004-05 under the Functional Model. Actual funding received in 2004-05 was \$4.2m, with current funding provided in 2005-06 totalling \$8.1m. No projections of funding beyond 2005-06 are available.

This funding does not include the operations funding provided to AFP Offices to perform ESO operational activity.

- b)
- (i) In the 2002-03 Budget funds were appropriated to the AFP \$6.8m over 4 years as part of a cross-portfolio measure to improve security awareness and management of the national information infrastructure. The AFP uses this to fund to operate the Australian High-Tech Crime Centre (AHTCC). A breakdown of the funding is below. Funding under this 2002-03 measure is ongoing.

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Budget	\$1.7 m	\$1.7m	\$1.7m	\$1.7m

- (ii) There is no specific funding for the Virtual Global Taskforce (VGT). Activities for the VGT are jointly funded from existing funding available to the AHTCC and Online Child Sex Exploitation Team (OCSET) within the ESO function.

- (iii) There is no specific funding for the Joint Banking and Finance Sector Investigations Team. This team is funded from existing funding available to the AHTCC. Secondment costs to this team are met by the agencies from whom members are seconded.
- (iv) There is no specific funding for this task force. The task force is funded from existing funding within the ESO function.