

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 289

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

- a) How many staff are posted at the Transnational Crime Coordination Centre.
 - i) Could you provide a breakdown for sworn and unsworn officers and contractors.
- b) Are they all AFP staff? If not, what other agencies have staff there?
- c) How many teams does the centre have?
- d) How many members of each team?
- e) What are the roles and functions of each team?

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

- a) The Transnational Crime Coordination Centre (TCCC) has 46 staff.
 - i) The TCCC has 16 sworn positions, 13 unsworn positions and 17 sworn or unsworn positions. Four of the unsworn staff are employed on a non-ongoing basis, as their positions are funded for four years under the AFP's Online Child Sexual Exploitation Team New Policy Initiative. No contractors are employed.
- b) Yes.
- c) Six.
- d) Passenger Alert and Clearance Evaluation (PACE) Team – 5 staff
Client Liaison and Evaluation Team – 10 staff
Operations Performance, Monitoring and Analysis Team – 6 staff
Controlled Operations – 1 staff
Response Teams (Five Teams) – 4 staff to each team.
INTERPOL Administration Team – 3 staff
- e) Passenger Alert and Clearance Evaluation (PACE) Team

Ensures the effective and timely delivery of alert requests and amendments to the PACE and Australian National Child Offender Register (ANCOR) systems by AFP by State police and partner law enforcement agencies and other Australian Government agencies.

Client Liaison and Evaluation Team

Responsible for the receipt and processing of evaluation referrals for investigation received from Australian government agencies, other organisations and members of the community.

Contact point for members of the public and Australian government agencies to discuss referral of investigations and enquiries to the AFP.

Facilitates referrals received from financial institutions relating to the matches with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Prescribed List.

Receives and processes all National Security Hotline reports received by the AFP within business hours.

Facilitates inter-office communication and information flow between AFP Headquarters and other AFP Offices / Functions.

Responsible for processing Call Charge Record requests and telecommunication subscriber checks for enquiries conducted by the TCCC and investigations conducted within AFP Headquarters.

Provides secretariat support to forums supported by the TCCC.

Operations Performance Monitoring and Analysis Team

Primarily responsible for monitoring AFP business systems and reporting on matters arising from the AFP's national and international operational activities.

Controlled Operations

Performs the role of National Registrar for Controlled Operations for the AFP.

Response Teams

Maintains a 24 hour per day, seven days per week roster, ensuring the AFP can be contacted at all times. The teams facilitate all communication with Australian Government agencies and the public outside of business hours.

Facilitates urgent enquiries and taskings through the AFP's International Network and Interpol.

Maintains the AFP's Drug Intelligence Hotline and receipt after hours of the National Security Hotline reports.

INTERPOL Administration Team

Provides support to the Border and International Function to facilitate Australia's law enforcement role in the INTERPOL network by researching, assessing, reporting and responding to requests of an administrative nature received from the INTERPOL Secretary General's office.