

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 291

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

- a) Could the AFP provide a breakdown of funding the AFP and AusAid are giving to the Philippines in terms of its counter terrorism capacity building project?
- b) Could the AFP also indicate if the AFP are providing similar funding to any other countries and, if so, which ones?
- c) How much funding has been provided so far?
- d) Please provide a break down of funding for each country?
- e) Does the AFP intend to establish any more counter terrorism regional cooperation teams?
 - (i) If so, when are they due to be established?
 - (ii) Where are they due to be established?

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

- a) The Philippine Counter Terrorism Capacity Building (PCTCB) Project is a joint AFP/AusAID project managed by the AFP. This is a 32 month (April 2004 to December 2006) \$3.69m project, of which \$525,000 is the AFP contribution and \$3,165,000 is the AusAID contribution.
- b) The AFP and AusAID also fund the Indonesian National Police Transnational Crime Coordination Centre (INP TNCC). This is a four year, \$4.75m initiative to support the efforts of the INP to combat all forms of transnational crime including counter terrorism, illicit drugs, human trafficking and identity fraud.
- c) See table below.

	FY 2003/2004	FY 2004/2005	FY 2005/2006 (to 30.11.05)	TOTAL
PCTCB	\$62,618	\$1,064,916	\$314,846	\$1,442,380
INP TNCC	\$992,855	\$586,213	\$545,260	\$2,124,328
TOTAL	\$1,055,473	\$1,651,129	\$860,106	\$3,566,708

- d) Refer to answer c).

- e) The AFP is reviewing off-shore regional counter terrorism cooperation team arrangements. As part of the review the AFP is in ongoing sensitive discussions with regional partners to examine and enhance effectiveness of existing international arrangements and to enhance efforts with respect to combating the terrorist transit triangle.
 - i) Refer to e) above.
 - ii) Refer to e) above.