

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Question No. 296

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

- a) Regarding the \$79,942 expended in the 2004/05 in private sector guarding, is it correct that this is not openly contracted?
- (i) Why is it not openly contract?
 - (ii) Who are the service providers?
 - (iii) How are they chosen?
 - (iv) What exactly do they do?
 - (v) What sort of security programs do they undertake?
- b) Are these security providers employed elsewhere by the AFP on any other basis?
- (i) What sort of contacts do they have?
 - (ii) Are the services provided on an ongoing basis or an intermittent basis?

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

- a) Yes.
- (i) This service is not put out to open contract because of the infrequent requirement for it would not be appropriate for such a process.
 - (ii) South Australian Police Security Services, Chubb Security and SNP Security.
 - (iii) Chubb and SNP chosen on advice from local authorities and availability to fulfil a specific need at very short notice.
 - (iv) SA Police Services provide guarding for the UK Consulate-General in Adelaide. Chubb and SNP have provided guarding at other Diplomatic locations for periods of less than three consecutive days.
 - (v) All service providers are required to hold the relevant State or Territory licences.
- b) No.