

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 46**

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

- a) In May estimates, it was indicated that there was a court case pending in the Solomon Islands on similar grounds to the one brought in PNG...
- b) Could you indicate what the outcome of that court case was in the Solomon Islands?
- c) Did it lead to the alteration of the status of any of the AFP or other personnel stationed on the Solomon Islands?
  - (i) If so, how and what measures were taken to accommodate this?
- d) Are you aware of any other court cases or other legal challenges to the foreign deployment of AFP personnel or personnel from any other government department or agency?

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

- a) Yes.
- b) The case is ongoing.
- c) See above.
- d) Three civil claims have been brought against the Participating Police Force in the Solomon Islands. Apart from the *Wenge* decision, the Attorney-General's Department is not aware of any court cases or legal challenges to the foreign deployment of its personnel.