

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

**Question No. 93**

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

- (a) How many former police officers has the ACC specifically recruited?
- (b) What were the reasons behind the recruitment of these officers?
- (c) Why was it the case that the ACC needed to recruit these officers, instead of getting them on secondment from another police agency?
- (d) What were the needs identified that required the ACC to recruit its own police officers?
- (e) How many surveillance, technical and covert intelligence officers does the ACC employ?
- (f) When were these recruited?
- (g) Why were they recruited? Again, why couldn't they be seconded from other agencies that already had the capacity?
- (h) Could you also indicate on how many occasions an ACC employee has been made a special constable by either the AFP or a state police force?
  - (i) On each occasion, could you specify how long the person held the position of special constable?
- (i) How many ACC employees are currently special constables under the aegis of one of those agencies?

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

- (a) ACC employees are covered by the Public Service Act, 1999. The ACC has not specifically engaged any former police officers as employees of the agency.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Not applicable.
- (e) The ACC currently employs the following numbers of surveillance, technical and covert intelligence officers:

<i>Title</i>	<i>Numbers</i>
Technical Surveillance Operative	10
Physical Surveillance Operative	5
Physical Surveillance Team Leader	10
Manager Technical Surveillance	2
Manager, Technical & Physical Surveillance	1
Covert & Deep Cover Operatives	14
Manager Covert Operations	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43</b>

(f)

Appointment Date	Total
1995	2
1998	2
1999	5
2001	3
2002	11
2003	2
2004	16
2005	2
Total	43

(g) The positions identified in (e) satisfy agency ongoing requirements whilst preserving operational integrity and consistency.

(h) 74 occasions.

(h)(i)

Count of Special Constable Type	
Length of powers (in months)	Total
1	1
2	5
3	1
5	11
6	8
10	1
11	2
12	2
13	2
14	9
16	2
17	4
18	1
20	5
22	1
29	1
33	6
34	5
42	7
Total	74

(i) There are currently 47 ACC employees who have special constable powers. Of these, 11 officers have more than one special constable power, eg. AFP & NSW. The breakdown of police powers by jurisdiction is as follows:

Special Constable Type	Total
AFP	33
NSW	17
NTPol	2
WAPS	6
Grand Total	58