

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 89

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 20 October 2008:

The Police Federation of Australia (PFA) has sought the Government's commitment to support and fund a National Police Workforce Planning Study as a collaborative effort between the PFA and all state and territory jurisdictions. The Government gave an indication prior to the 2007 election that they would support such a study.

- a) Has this study commenced?
- b) If so, has the Government provided funding for it as promised?
- c) If commenced, what is the current status of the study?

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

The Government has held discussions with the PFA regarding the study.

The Australia and New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency has agreed to conduct workforce planning activities as part of its current agenda.

In addition, the Government will be announcing the Terms of Reference for the Federal Audit of Police Capability in due course.