

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 91

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

The PFA seeks a commitment from the Government to support and fund the development of a National Police Registration Scheme. Such a scheme would improve the status of the police profession, facilitate inter-jurisdictional mobility, and protect the police professional domain, and would encompass the development of a national police code of ethics, code of conduct, develop national educational and training standards. The Government gave its undertaking to enter into negotiations with state and territory Governments and police unions to achieve this.

- a) Has the Government commenced negotiations with the appropriate state and territory representatives and police representatives to achieve this aim?
- b) If negotiations have not commenced, when does the Government anticipate they will?
- c) If negotiations have commenced, how advanced are they?

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

There are several fundamental issues regarding national registration which are being examined by the Australia New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency (ANZPAA). The following consultation has occurred:

- ANZPAA has prepared a paper examining the police professionalisation environment (including a proposed national police registration scheme), which was considered by the ANZPAA Board at its meeting on 6 November 2008. The ANZPAA Board, includes Police Commissioners from all jurisdictions and New Zealand.
- On 7 November 2008, the Police Federation of Australia made a presentation on its proposal regarding a National Police Registration Scheme to the Ministerial Council for Police and Emergency Management - Police (MCPEMP). The MCPEMP meeting is attended by Police and Justice Ministers from all jurisdictions.