

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 107

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2010:

I refer to the article in the Sunday Canberra Times on 17 October 2010 headed “Cop Out”:

- a) How many AFP staff have been sacked or dismissed in total over the last 12 months?
- b) How big is the Professional Standards Unit?
- c) Is the Professional Standards Unit based in Canberra? If not, where are they based?
- d) The three staff that are reported to have been sacked, can you please advise what positions and how much service each of these officers had attained?

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

- a) Two Australian Federal Police (AFP) employees had their employment with the AFP terminated during the period 18 October 2009 to 18 October 2010.
- b) AFP Professional Standards currently has sixty-nine personnel.
- c) Yes, but with outposted officers in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
- d) The years of service and positions held by the three employees who had their AFP employment terminated between January 2003 and June 2009 as reported are:
 - o Band 4 with nine years AFP service;
 - o Band 6 with five years AFP service; and,
 - o Band 2 with sixteen years AFP service.