

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 108

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

- a) What was the duration of the stay of the AFP officers sent to the Delhi Commonwealth Games and what was their cost?
- b) What is the total cost of the latest deployment of 16 AFP officers to Afghanistan?
- c) Have there been further redundancies of AFP personnel since the last Estimates Hearing in May 2010?
- d) What are the figures of AFP officers deployed to Christmas Island as of today (18 Oct)?
- e) Is there a foreseeable need for an increase in AFP officers to Christmas Island? If so, why?

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

- a) The Australian Federal Police (AFP) deployed 14 members in total from Australia to Delhi in direct support of Australians visiting India in the lead-up to and during the Commonwealth Games. The members were deployed to Delhi on a staggered basis which was determined in accordance with their designated roles and responsibilities. The first members arrived in India on 1 September 2010 and the last of the members deployed to Delhi departed on 20 October 2010.

The total number of days spent in Delhi by the 14 AFP members was 413 days which equates to an average of approximately 30 days per person deployed to Delhi.

Whilst costs are still being finalised, as at 26 November 2010, the estimated total costs incurred by the AFP for the Delhi Commonwealth Games are \$570,654, being made up of the following:

Employee Costs: \$104,029
Supplier Expenses: \$466,625

- b) The AFP appropriation for its operation in Afghanistan is \$32.1 million over two years from 1 July 2010. The operation involves deployment of 28 AFP members on a rotational basis, including the 16 recently deployed members.
- c) From 25 May 2010 to 18 October 2010, the following redundancies have occurred:
 - Six unsworn staff performing corporate support/administrative roles;
 - Two sworn police officers performing non-operational roles; and
 - Sixteen Protective Service Officers.
- d) 37.

- e) No. The AFP, however, continues to assess staffing levels according to operational requirements.