

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 12

Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2011:

Senator BRANDIS: We have about 20 under a commander engaged in all of the Australian Federal Police's activities in Indonesia in collaboration with the Indonesian policing authorities?

Mr Negus: That is right.

Senator BRANDIS: Of whom six are specifically tasked to deal with people smuggling?

Mr Negus: That is right.

Senator BRANDIS: Has that number changed since the 2009 budget measure was introduced or has it remained constant at six?

Mr Colvin: I would expect that the number has fluctuated according to needs.

Senator BRANDIS: You might take on notice how it has fluctuated in each of the years since the 2009 budget.

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

Since the People Smuggling New Policy Initiatives came into effect on 1 July 2009, the AFP has had the following number of staff in Indonesia tasked to deal with people smuggling:

- 2 in 2009
- 4 in 2010
- 6 in 2011*

* count taken on 1 July each year.