

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 78**

**Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 16 October 2012:**

In relation to the 500 sworn police officers:

1. Can you provide an update on the 500 sworn police officers that were promised by the current Government during the 2007 election campaign?
2. How much has been spent to date to fulfil this promise? How many officers have been sworn in?
3. Is this a promise that has been hard to fulfil give the staff and budget cuts the Government have asked your agency to make?

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

1. Since November 2007, the number of sworn police officers under the Additional 500 has increased by 251 as at 20 December 2012 and:
  - by June 30, 2013 there will be 285 with a further 70 part way through their training at the AFP College;
  - by June 30, 2014 there will be 400 new sworn officers; and
  - the AFP will achieve the 500 target consistent with the revised timeframes.
2. In the four years to 30 June 2012 the AFP has received a total of \$107.5m to implement this measure with a further \$64.2m available in 2012-13, which will be fully consumed.
3. The AFP has implemented the required recruitment programs to achieve the sworn officer targets as required by the measure.