

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 55

Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 26 May 2011:

Senator BRANDIS: Has the AFP been given information from DIAC or other agencies about people smugglers operating from Australia?

Mr Colvin: The AFP takes information from a range of agencies. Again, I will be careful; we do have current investigations about alleged people-smuggling activities in Australia. Whether that has come from DIAC specifically I could not say.

Senator BRANDIS: You might take that on notice.

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

The AFP routinely receives information relating to people smuggling from a range of sources, including domestic and international agencies and members of the public. Due to operational sensitivities, it is not appropriate to comment on how that information is used for intelligence or investigation purposes. Questions about whole of government arrangements in the area of People Smuggling should be directed to the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service.