

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 91**

**Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2012:**

Question on notice 31 from the February 2012 Senate Additional Estimates indicates that there was no meeting between the lower levels of the Australian Federal Police in October 2011 in relation to investigations surrounding carbon tax fraud. It was relayed by Mr Colvin that the lower levels of the Australian Federal Police were to meet in October 2011 to discuss what processes, rules and terms of reference the working group would adhere to.

- a) Why was this meeting never held?
- b) Was the meeting on 14 December 2011 a replacement meeting for the October meeting? If so, what were the reasons for the delay?

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

- a) There was no meeting that occurred in October 2011 between the lower levels of the AFP in relation to this matter. On 8 November 2011, the Clean Energy Legislative Package, was passed by the Senate, and as a result of this, the HOCOLEA working group met as soon as practicable afterwards (on the 14 December 2011), to endorse a Terms of Reference.
- b) Yes, please refer to response above.