

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 94

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

- a) What is the Australian Federal Police's involvement in relation to the Community Placement Network program announced by the government in May 2012?
- b) As the Community Placement Network website outlines that the program is a form of community detention, will the Australian Federal Police respond to situations which may arise?
- c) Has the Department of Immigration and Citizenship made representations to the Australian Federal Police regarding this program? If so, please provide detail.
- d) Has the Australian Federal Police conducted a risk assessment of this program, or provided information to DIAC and/or the government on possible risks associated with it?
- e) How many criminal record checks have the Australian Federal Police undertaken in regards to the Community Placement Network? How many of these checks have been adverse?
- f) Of these record checks, how many had been found adverse once the placement of the asylum seeker had been made?
- g) Is the Australian Federal Police offering any training to the host families regarding this program? Has training been provided to DIAC?
- h) Are the Australian Federal Police aware of the locations and whereabouts of asylum seekers on this program?

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

- a) The AFP has had no involvement in the Community Placement Network program.
- b) Incidents that occur in the community are a matter for the relevant State or Territory Police.
- c) No representations from DIAC to the AFP have been undertaken in relation this matter.
- d) The AFP has not been requested to undertake a risk assessment of this program.
- e) The AFP has not been requested to undertake any criminal records checks in regards to the Community Placement Network program.
- f) The AFP has not been requested to undertake any criminal records checks in regards to the Community Placement Network program.
- g) The AFP has not been requested to undertake any training.
- h) No.