

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No.89

Senator Ludlam asked the following questions in writing, following the hearing on 19 October 2009:

Regarding Colombia;

- a) has the Australian Federal Police (AFP) taken part in any other intelligence gathering tasks or operations on trade unionist or opposition activists in Colombia, apart from interrogating Lilianny Obando, human rights organiser for the Agricultural Workers Union (FENSUAGRO);
- b) has the AFP worked with or assisted Colombian Police officers or authorities implicated in "False Positives", or other human rights abuses;
- c) has the AFP received or acted upon information of Colombian Police or DAS trafficking narcotics to Australia;
- d) has the AFP worked with Lilia Babativa of the DAS in Colombia; and
- e) what has been the AFP's involvement with specific DAS and Colombian police officers that have been convicted of drug trafficking?

The answers to the honourable senator's questions are as follows:

- a) No
- b) No
- c) No
- d) In October 2003, the AFP Bogota Office forwarded migration inquiry requests to Lilia Babativa, in her capacity as Department of Administrative Security (DAS) Sub-Director Migratory Affairs.

In March 2004, the AFP presented a Law Enforcement Cooperation Program funded computer and ancillaries to DAS Migratory Affairs. The items were presented to Lilia Babativa, in her capacity as Sub-Director Migratory Affairs.

- e) No involvement.