SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 113

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2010:

- a) On 14 October 2010, the AFP and Customs announced a cocaine seizure of 464kg from a yacht in Queensland. How many people were arrested in connection with this seizure and were they linked to a larger organised trafficking syndicate?
- b) Can you provide figures for illicit drug seizures over the past financial year?

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

a) The investigation resulted in the arrest of five offenders (two foreign nationals and three Australian citizens). Further investigation and inquiries continue through the AFP's international network and with our partner agencies.

b)

Drug Seizures by Federal Agencies		
Type of Drug	2009-10	
	Reported weight (kg)	Seizure Count
Amphetamine and ATS – excluding MDMA	176.8	1,438
Cannabis (Including resin)	17.7	1,595
Cocaine	392.6	392
Heroin	137.9	322
MDMA	9.0	69
Precursor	343.2	58
Sedatives	97.0	62
Other	71.3	293

Note: Figures for 2009-10 are correct at time of publication of the AFP 2009-10 AFP Annual Report. Recorded weights and drug types may vary from those previously reported. Seizures by "federal agencies" include those made by the AFP, the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service and the Joint Asian Crime Group where the drugs have been held in AFP custody. International seizures are excluded.