

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 28

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2011:

Senator HUMPHRIES: ... Between 9 and 12 June there was a riot on Christmas Island involving approximately 100 detainees, with a group on the roof of one of the buildings, I understand. I understand that they were using metal poles and concrete blocks as weapons. Perhaps you can take this on notice: could you give us details of the weapons that were allegedly used by those people with respect to that incident, and can you also update us on the status of charges out of that incident, please.

Mr Colvin: We will take on notice the particular details of what weapons, but the matter is ongoing.

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

1. Weapons

One person has been charged with use of a weapon (*Migration Act 1958*) during the riots in March this year. The weapon was a number of rocks thrown at Police. No other persons have been charged with weapons offences.

2. Update on incident and charge status

A total of 22 persons have been charged to date in relation to this incident. Of those 22, prosecution for three has now been discontinued due to insufficient evidence to support the charges laid. The remaining 19 are listed for mention on 11 November 2011. The investigation is ongoing.