SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION SERVICE

Question No. 47

Senator Hanson-Young asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2011:

How many boats have customs and border protection received intelligence about?

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

Customs and Border Protection is not able to disclose information on intelligence-related matters. This is because disclosure of the information sought will likely provide people smugglers with insight on the capability of enforcement and border agencies and may hinder the effectiveness and safety of our law enforcement operations.