

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Group 3

Question No. 235

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 February 2014:

- 1) Which FOI applications was the Joint Agency Taskforce for Operation Sovereign Borders informed of?
- 2) Who was the correspondence between in the departments/agency between?
- 3) Have any FOI files referred to the minister been delayed because of this consultation or still not been released or changed since September 7th 2013?

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

1. The Australian Federal Police informs the Joint Agency Taskforce for Operation Sovereign Borders of any applications related to their area of responsibility. The AFP provides restricted details on related Freedom of Information applications. The taskforce is informed of the
AFP reference number;
date the application was received;
scope of the application;
due date; and
completion date.

No personal information concerning the applicant or the actual documents released are provided to the Joint Agency Taskforce for Operation Sovereign Borders. The table below shows the information provided for the AFP FOI applications as at 27 February 2014.

2. The Coordinator Information Access, Government relations provides the information to the Taskforce though Australian Customs and Border Protection Services.
3. No

Agency Ref No	Agency	Date Request Received	Scope of Request	Date Decision Due	Date Finalised / Decision issued
2014/115	Australian Federal Police	19/09/2013	Request for access to documents relating to an incident where a detainee was injured at Christmas Island Detention Centre around mid-2011.	22/11/2013	21/11/2013
2014/89	Australian Federal Police	28/08/2013	Request for all documents in relation to a complaint made by the applicant in relation to an alleged assault at Curtin Immigration Detention Centre on 20/2/12	28/10/2013	29/10/2013
2014/52	Australian Federal Police	30/07/2013	Confirmed scope: All emails exchanged between the AFP's Liaison Officer and WA Police in relation to the Inquest conducted by the WA Coroner into the death of passengers on SIEV358 which sank on 21 June 2012.	11/03/2014	
2014/5	Australian Federal Police	3/07/2013	Request for all documents relating to any investigation conducted by the AFP into the death of a detainee at Villawood Immigration Detention Centre on 20/9/2010.	Outside statutory timeframes	14/12/2013
2014/151	Australian Federal Police	16/10/2013	Request for all documents relating to people smuggling activities to bring Lebanese people to Australia	Notice of Intention to refuse issued on 12/11/2013 Scope clarified - work recommenced on 22/11/13. Applicant agreed to extension to 24/12/13	23/12/2013
2014/160	Australian Federal Police	15/10/2013	Request for information on Indonesian minors convicted of people smuggling charges	17/02/2014	
2014/198	Australian Federal Police	20/11/2013 (transferred from Immigration and Border	Information in the period 2008 to 2013 regarding the place or origin of individuals who have been: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charged with people smuggling offences, Not charged with people smuggling 	14/12/2013	Withdrawn 13/12/2013

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		Protection)	<p>offences, on the basis of s236B(2) of the Migration Act 1958 (Cth) and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those detained for but not charged for people smuggling offences. <p>The information sought relates to people from Indonesia only, that is, if a person is from Indonesia and fits into the above category, further information is sought as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The date of apprehension • Charge date • Island and province from which they originate. <p>Withdrawn by applicant on 13 December 2013. Information provided outside the FOI regime.</p>		