SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. AE16/038

Senator Ludlam asked the following question at the hearing on 9 February 2016:

Ms L Close: Yes. As well as the areas you are outlining, we also have a memorandum of understanding between the Australian Federal Police and the Sri Lankan police. That sets out the aspects in relation to what equipment, training et cetera that we will provide to them.

Senator LUDLAM: A formal MoU?

Ms L Close: Yes.

Senator LUDLAM: When was that signed? **Ms L Close:** I will have to take that on notice.

Mr Colvin: It is a while ago. Senator LUDLAM: 2009 is—

Mr Colvin: I think that was the initial one and it may well have been updated since it.

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

The Memorandum of Understanding between the Australian Federal Police and the Sri Lanka Police on combating transnational crime and developing police co-operation (the MoU) was signed on 14 May 2009. Both parties formally agreed on 13 May 2015, under the existing terms, to extend the MoU for a further 3 years.