

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
COMMONWEALTH DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

Question No. 86

Senator Hanson-Young asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2012:

- a) How many age determination hearings are still before the court?
- b) Since March 2012, how often has Dr Vincent Low been called to give expert evidence in age determination?
- c) How many times have wrist x-rays been used in age determination since March 2012?
- d) How many current briefs of evidence in boat crew matters include wrist or dental x-rays?

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

- (a) As at 24 May 2012 1 matter was listed for an age determination hearing.
- (b) Nil.
- (c) Nil.
- (d) As at 24 May 2012, 3 include wrist x-rays. In 2 of these matters, age has been conceded by the defence. In the other matter the CDPP has informed the defence that no reliance is placed on the x-ray report to prove that the defendant is over 18 years old. As at 24 May 2012 none include dental x-rays.