

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017**

**Australian Federal Police**

**Question No. BE17-064**

**Senator Kakoschke-Moore asked the following question on 25 May 2017:**

Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: Have you conducted any investigations into the importation of molasses tobacco over the past few years?

Mr Colvin: I think we would have to take that on notice. It certainly does not come to mind as something that we have done recently.

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

Tobacco, including molasses tobacco, is not an illegal import, although it may be the commodity associated with other forms of offending, such as failing to pay excise and duties. The AFP has not conducted investigations focused on molasses tobacco. The AFP understands the Australian Border Force (ABF) and Australian Taxation Office (ATO) may have investigated offences relating to the importation of tobacco.