

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
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**Senator Collins asked the following question at the hearing on 20 October 2015:**

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Maybe I misunderstood the structure here, but the task force's role is to coordinate the various jurisdictions into who should look at or follow through what, and assist in cross- jurisdictional matters?

Cmdr Ney: Correct. Where there are matters that traverse the jurisdictional boundaries, obviously there is a part for me to play in coordinating that activity across the states. But predominantly, the investigations that have been undertaken in a particular jurisdiction are handled by that task force. So in Queensland the matters are dealt with by the Queensland task force, and police officers make their determination based on their oath of office as to whether they should exercise their powers or not.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Do you have any cross-jurisdictional matters?

Cmdr Ney: There are matters that have traversed the various jurisdictions—correct.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: How many are there of those?

Cmdr Ney: I would have to take that on notice. But I would say that more of the matters are pretty much state based, based on the activity that has been identified.

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

Yes. There are currently eight cross-jurisdictional matters under investigation.