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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Joint investigations with the AFP

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Senator EGGLESTON asked:

How many joint investigations are done with the Australian Federal Police every year? State on a year-by-year basis over the last ten years and who the investigation was about.

Answer:

ASIC is often required to work and liaise with the Australian Federal Police (AFP). For example the AFP assists ASIC with the execution of search warrants, effecting extraditions, executing arrest warrants. The AFP also sometimes provides information to ASIC and conversely, ASIC sometimes provides information to the AFP.

Beyond this assistance, at times ASIC and the AFP conduct joint investigations. The table at Appendix 1 sets out a list of the joint investigations over the last 10 years, as at 19 July 2010. The names of the matters have not been included for operational reasons.

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