SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 165

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 17 February 2006:

- a) How many cases of sexual slavery and servitude has the AFP investigated in the last 12 months?
- b) How many charges have been laid as a result of those investigations, and against how many people?
- c) How many convictions have there been from those charges? How many charges dropped? How many not guilty? How many have been overturned on appeal? How many entries of nolle prosequi have there been?

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

- a) 16 cases were investigated between 17/2/2005 and 17/2/06.
- b) There have been 2 charges laid against 2 persons in relation to slavery offences.
- c) Both matters are currently before court awaiting the confirmation of a trial date.