

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 98

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 23 February 2009:

What is the AFP's current involvement with the Britt Lapthorne case?

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

The AFP's involvement in the Britt Lapthorne case has been to assist the Croatian Police through Interpol by:

- deployment of liaison officers to Croatia to improve communication and assistance;
- conducting domestic enquiries on behalf of the Croatian Police;
- collecting, assessing and providing intelligence relating to, or possibly relating to, this matter or similar matters;
- obtaining and providing statements and photographs from witnesses in Australia either directly or through state police;
- using international contacts to assist with obtaining statements of witnesses overseas;
and
- collection of DNA samples and dental records.

The AFP Senior Liaison Officer Belgrade continues to receive a monthly update from the Croatian authorities.