

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION SERVICE

**Question No. 68**

**Senator Hanson-Young and Senator Fielding asked the following question at the hearing on 8 February 2010:**

Regarding the 240 asylum seekers who boarded a boat in Merak, when was the ACBPS first aware that the boat was heading towards Australian waters?

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

We cannot respond to this question as it would expose operational and intelligence methods and capabilities.