

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 22**

**Senator Hanson-Young asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2012:**

**Senator HANSON-YOUNG:** I have a quick follow-up to a question from Senator Furner about the growth of people trafficking. I am wondering if you have mapped what the percentage of growth has been in the last 12 months.

**Mr Colvin:** I do not believe we have, but let me take that on notice and I think I will be able to give you an answer before we finish with the committee. I can certainly give you a sense of the referrals. For instance, for the full 2010-11 financial year we had 35 referrals, which led to 45 separate investigations. For this year to date we have 23 referrals, which have led to 16 separate investigations. Those numbers are fairly comparable, so it is not necessarily a trend that is increasing, but certainly the community has a concern about this. I think the public attention it gets has focused our attention.

**Senator HANSON-YOUNG:** Okay. Thank you.

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

The AFP is able to provide statistics on the number of **new** cases accepted for investigation for each financial year, up to 31 January 2012. This includes the growth/decline expressed as a percentage over the previous financial year.

	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012
New Cases Accepted	17	25 (+20%)	20 (-25%)*	28 (+36%)	17 (-65%)**

\*Data includes two generic cases which may contain multiple referrals for that financial year

\*\*Data for 2011/2012 financial year is to 31 January 2012 only

The number of **ongoing** investigations is as follows:

	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012
Active Investigations	23	25	38	45	41*

