

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 7**

**Senator Nettle asked the following question at the hearing on 26 May 2008:**

In relation to the Woodside Petroleum Limited Investigation, were those people in Mauritania involved in the investigation cooperative?

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

In September 2006, AFP representatives visited Mauritania and met with the Prosecutor General. The Prosecutor General advised he would not re-open this matter and the Mauritanian file would remain closed.

The AFP, utilising a number of communication channels, sought access to information from Mauritania. Many requests went unanswered.