

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

**Question No. 67**

**Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 26 May 2009:**

Was the press conference held at 2.30pm on 16 April 2009 at Parliament House, the first occasion on which there was an announcement to the public regarding the SIEV 36 incident?

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

No. A media release was issued by the Office of the Minister for Home Affairs at 11:57 (AEST) on 16 April 2009.