

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
COMMONWEALTH DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

**Question No. 13**

**Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2011:**

Are you able to give us an estimate comparing like for like as at 30 June 2010, that is, how many people-smuggling cases were on the hands of the DPP at the investigation stage only?

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

The Australian Federal Police are responsible for the investigation of people smuggling cases. Prosecution of people smuggling cases are generally commenced by the AFP by way of arrest and charge.

On 30 June 2010, the CDPP had four people smuggling briefs under assessment. On the same date there were 102 people smuggling prosecutions involving organisers, captain and crew before the courts.

On 25 May 2011, the CDPP had eight people smuggling briefs under assessment. On the same date there were 294 people smuggling prosecutions involving organisers, captain and crew before the courts.