SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT INTEGRITY

Question No. 38

Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 30 May 2013:

Senator BRANDIS: How many search warrants have you executed in relation to suspicion of corruption among Customs officers since the investigation began in January the year before last?

Mr Moss: In the context of a joint investigation some of the warrants executed are in the name of ACLEI and some are executed in the name of the AFP.

Senator BRANDIS: How many have been executed in the name of ACLEI?

Mr Moss: I do not have a figure on that right now. I can take that question on notice, if I may.

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

To date, all of the search warrants executed during the joint investigation—known as Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI) Operation Heritage / Australian Federal Police (AFP) Operation Marca—have been issued to appointees of the AFP. Accordingly, ACLEI staff members have held no search warrants as part of this investigation.