SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 256

Senator Milne asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2005:

SIEV-X: What investigations have been undertaken into a third person and the role that third person may have had?

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

The AFP investigation relating to SIEV-X is ongoing. A number of witness statements have been taken in relation to the involvement of additional persons in the SIEV-X matter. Extensive consultation is taking place with the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions in relation to the sufficiency of evidence to support prosecutions against any remaining suspects. As this matter is ongoing it would be inappropriate to comment on the identity of the alleged offenders.