

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 101**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2006:**

- a) Does the AFP receive requests from Centrelink relating to search and seizure powers?
- b) If so, how many?

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

- a) Yes.
- b) In the 2005-06 financial year the AFP received 167 referrals from Centrelink. Of these, 161 referrals were accepted by the AFP, including 131 requests for assistance. These requests for assistance included the execution of 119 search warrants and one arrest warrant.

In the current financial year (as at 30 October 2006) the AFP has received 56 referrals from Centrelink. Of these, 55 referrals were accepted by the AFP, including 42 requests for assistance. These requests for assistance include the execution of 35 search warrants.