

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 103

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

In my correspondence addressed to the Minister for Justice and Customs dated 30 November 2005, I submitted various documents including some police documents which included a police intelligence report (dated 7 April 2005). This report referred to a flat (54 Ballina Apartments, Darley Street, Darlinghurst), is this the same flat as it appears to be in the newspaper article (copy included in the documents) that featured in the Weekend Australian, 31 July - 1 August 2004?

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

The AFP has comprehensively evaluated the material forwarded by Senator Heffernan, to the Minister for Justice and Customs on 30 November 2005, to determine whether any AFP action is appropriate. This evaluation included overseas enquiries to assess whether any potential breaches of Commonwealth legislation had occurred. The evaluation did not include a micro-review of particular investigations already conducted by other police agencies, as were referenced in the referred material. At the conclusion of its evaluation, the AFP determined that no evidence existed to warrant further AFP inquiries. The AFP is unable to confirm any correlation between the address in the intelligence report and the premises shown in the media article as this was neither part of the AFP investigation nor related to the allegation being investigated by the AFP.