

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 104

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

In the Statutory Declaration from a young male prostitute (dated August 2000 and part of the above mentioned correspondence) and a signed police statement (dated 25 Sept 1998) allegations are made of a pattern of activity between this person and a judge at a particular flat located 100 metres from "the wall", can you confirm that the address referred to is the same flat referred to in the above-mentioned newspaper article and police intelligence report (dated 7 April 2005)?

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.