SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 132

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

As Australia has intelligence on the current activities of the 2 people smugglers,

- a) Has that intelligence been passed on to Indonesian authorities. If not why not.
- b) And if so what action has been taken to apprehend and or prosecute by Indonesian authorities.

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

- a) The honourable senator has made reference to a statement offered by Mr Vince McMahon from the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs and, in this regard, the AFP is unaware to whom Mr McMahon was specifically referring. The AFP is actively investigating people smuggling operations in close cooperation with the Indonesian National Police and other government agencies.
- b) The AFP is unable to comment on action taken by Indonesian authorities.