

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 27**

**Senator Rhiannon asked the following question at the hearing on 16 October 2012:**

**Senator RHIANNON:** ... The other document that I am after is the MOU on combating transnational crime and developing police cooperation between the Australian Federal Police and the Sri Lanka police service. It is also a 2009 document, dated May.

**Mr Colvin:** That does sound like a document that would be ours. In fact, I think I may have been the signatory to that document. We would have to check as to whether it can be made publicly available. I will take that on notice.

**Senator RHIANNON:** Thank you.

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

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Australian Federal Police and the Sri Lanka Police on combating transnational crime and developing police co-operation cannot be made publically available, for reasons as outlined under section 33 of the FOI Act 1982, that being that this MOU has been developed in confidence with a foreign government.