

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 91**

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

In August 2011 the Australian Communication and Media Authority referred the interactive gambling provider [www.casino.com](http://www.casino.com) to the Australian Federal Police for investigation for breaches of the *Interactive Gambling Act 2001*.

- a) Can you please advise the status of this investigation?
- b) [If an investigation has not commenced], can you please advise why?
- c) What other interactive gambling providers have been investigated by the AFP?
- d) What was the outcome of those investigations?

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

- a) In August 2011, the AFP evaluated ACMA's referral and no further action or investigation was undertaken.
- b) The AFP did not undertake an investigation as the site is hosted in an overseas jurisdiction.
- c) The AFP does not confirm or deny, who it is or, is not investigating.
- d) Since 2003 the AFP has received 39 referrals related to alleged breaches of the Interactive Gambling Act 2001. Of these, 36 were unable to be investigated due to jurisdictional and operational issues, 2 investigations resulted in insufficient evidence to prosecute and 1 investigation remains ongoing.