

SUBMISSION NO. 3

The Secretariat

Attention Serica Mackay

Thankyou for a copy of the Hansard. The AFP do not wish to change anything but provide the following answers to questions raised during the hearing.

1) How long has the AFP had officers based at The Hague?

The AFP started in October 2000 with one officer based at The Hague. This was increased to two officers in June 2003.

2) How were the crime types decided upon? Do they exclude other crime types?

The Agreement on Operational and Strategic Cooperation between Australia and the European Police Office (Europol Agreement) covers all crime types within Europol's mandate (Article 3.1) and is not limited to the list at Annexure 1. Annexure 1 is not a list of every crime type covered by the Europol Agreement. Instead, it is probably best explained as a list of definitions of some of the crime types covered by the Europol Agreement.

Please advise if this response is not in a suitable form.

Regards



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