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Inquiry into Slavery, Slavery-like conditions and People Trafficking

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Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE

Question on Notice

Senator PARRY: On each one of the community service announcements there is 'Call the AFP number'. Are you aware whether the AFP have had an increase in calls on that number since the community service announcements were run?

Prof. Burn: I must ask them that question.

Senator PARRY: Maybe we can do it by question on notice. So you have no information whatsoever?

The answer to the Committee's question is as follows:

The telephone number displayed in the Anti-slavery Australia advertisements (131 237) is the number for the AFP Operations Coordination Centre (AOCC). This telephone number also serves as the point of contact for members of the public, private entities, government agencies or other police services for AFP assistance and to report suspicious activities at Defence, Diplomatic or Government Establishment or Major Australian Airports.

AOCC provides a 24/7 capability for initial response, coordination and communications for AFP national and international operations.

A figure for the number of telephone calls received relating to human trafficking during the period of interest is not available as the current system is unable to extract the data for specific crime types.

Telephone calls received by AOCC are referred to the relevant operational area of the AFP. The Human Trafficking team maintains records in relation to all referrals for human trafficking and related matters. Interrogation of the AFP's databases has revealed the following month by month figures for human trafficking referrals to the AFP in 2011.

The breakdown of referrals does not appear to show any particular spike during the period 22 September to 3 November 2011.

Human Trafficking related case referrals in 2011

Date Reported	Total
January	4
February	4
March	0
April	6
May	3
June	2
July	3
August	3
September	**2**
October	**6**
November	**4**
December	4