

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. AE16/040

Senator Lambie asked the following question at the hearing on 9 February 2016:

Senator LAMBIE: Thank you. That would be wonderful. I am sure they will be looking forward to that. I have a couple of questions on the shipping incident that happened last week, Attorney-General, because I know this has nothing to do with the Federal Police. Is it true that 70 civilian police showed up to remove eight men from a ship? Can you clarify that for me, and who gave the order to use 70 civilian police to remove six or eight personnel from a ship?

Senator Brandis: I do not know. I will take that on notice.

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

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) was not involved in this matter. Enquiries made by the AFP can confirm that no AFP members were present on the day the ship was boarded. Media reporting indicates that this was a New South Wales Police operation. As such, the AFP is unable to answer the Senator's question.