

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 88

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2012:

In response to question on notice 32 from the February 2012 Senate Additional Estimates, the Australian Federal Police indicated that only 1 referral of alleged fraud against the Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payments (AGDRP) was referred from the Department of Human Services since January 2011.

- a) What is the current status of this referral? Has the issues been resolved? If so, what were the outcomes?
- b) Have there been any further referrals of fraud against the AGDRP?
- c) Is Centrelink the only agency tasked with investigations surrounding AGDRP fraud?

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

- a) As this matter remains ongoing, it would be inappropriate to comment further.
- b) As at 31 May 2012, the AFP has not received any further referrals in relation to allegations of fraud against the AGDRP.
- c) Centrelink has responsibility for investigations surrounding AGDRP fraud.