SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Senator Singh asked the following question at the hearing on 26-29 May 2014:

Senator SINGH: And how many arrests have been made from Polaris and Trident?

Mr Negus: Particularly with Polaris, there have been substantial arrests and seizures of cargo and those sorts of things. We will just see if we have those. We might have to take that on notice, I am sorry.

Senator SINGH: And Trident's as well?

Mr Negus: We can provide—

Senator SINGH: I think we did take that on notice, though, at last estimates and I still have not had an answer.

Mr Negus: I think it is on its way back to you. Again, we answered the question earlier about where that process is up to.

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

Figures as at 30 May 2014:

- Since commencing operational activity in July 2010, the Polaris Taskforce has made 62 arrests;
- Since commencing operational activity in September 2012, the Trident Taskforce has made 32 arrests; and
- Since commencing operational activity in July 2013, the Jericho taskforce has made three arrests.