

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

**Group: 3**

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**Question No. BE15/098**

**Senator Collins asked the following written question from the 27 and 28 May 2015 hearing:**

1. How common is kidnapping in Australia?
2. Are you aware of any recent cases of wealthy individuals in Australia being kidnapped and held for ransom?
3. The Government has announced it will roll back tax disclosure laws to address what it says are security concerns. The Government has said it is worried that wealthy business owners might be put at risk of kidnapping if they were identified under these laws. Has the AFP done any analysis of this risk?
4. Has the Government consulted with the AFP about this issue?

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

Questions relating to kidnapping in Australia are a matter for state and territory police. Kidnapping offences are captured in state and territory legislation. There is no specific offence for kidnapping in Australia under Commonwealth legislation.