

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 114

Senator Milne asked the following question at the hearing on 13 February 2007:

- 1 (a) In response to Question on Notice No. 121 asked at Budget Estimates in February 2003, the AFP provided 2 lists of passengers who travelled on SIEV-X - one list contained the names of survivors compiled by IOM & UNHCR. This list is partially blacked out and 27 names are illegible. No explanation was provided for the censorship. Will the AFP now release this document uncensored with the full list of names of the 45 survivors? If not, why not?
- (b) At the Brisbane committal hearing of Khaleed Daoed in 2004, the witness Karim Jabbar Hussein Al Saeedy was questioned about a list of names of those who had drowned on SIEV-X which was an exhibit at the committal hearing. Al Saeedy's evidence suggests that the list was compiled by himself and other survivors and as provided to the AFP. Will the AFP now provide a copy of this list? If not, why not?
- (c) In evidence at the same committal hearing a number of witnesses referred to Abu Quassey's assistant Miythem keeping a small red book that listed the names and payments made to Abu Quassey for the SIEV-X journey by passengers. According to witness Rami Abbas Akram, sometime after the sinking of SIEV-X he accompanied Indonesian Immigration officials to Khaleed Daoed's residence where they found "a small red book" with the "names of all the people" who travelled on SIEV-X listed. Akram's evidence indicated that this book was confiscated by these officials. Did Indonesian Immigration or any other Indonesian officials show this book/ledger to the AFP?
- i) Did the AFP make a copy? If not, why not?
- ii) If so will the AFP now provide a copy of the names listed in this book?
- iii) If the AFP has not seen this book, will the AFP now approach Indonesian Immigration and/or Indonesian police to obtain a copy?
- iv) If the AFP is unable to provide the list of names contained in this book due to ongoing investigations, will the AFP then provide details of the progress of its investigation into Miythem's alleged role in organising the SIEV-X voyage?

The answer to the honourable senator's questions are as follows:

- 1 (a) No. This investigation is ongoing.
- (b) No. This investigation is ongoing.
- (c) No.
i) No.

- ii) No.
- iii) The investigation is an ongoing operational matter and all avenues of enquiry are assessed.
- iv) The investigation is ongoing.