

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 26

Senator Siewert asked the following question at the hearing on 23 February 2009:

Has there been any interaction under the provisions of the *Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation* regarding the 2008 whale meat scandal in Japan, where whale meat was stolen and sold on the black market?

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

No, the issue would be a matter for the Japanese authorities to consider under their domestic legal system.