

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

Question No. 50

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

In relation to investigations undertaken by the National Intelligence Taskforce;

- a) how many charges have resulted from the Commission's investigations since the investigation began in the Northern Territory,
- b) how many of those who have been charged are Indigenous Australians,
- c) how many of those who have been charged are from remote communities,
- d) are they outsiders from Aboriginal communities,
- e) how many of those who have been charged in relation to underage sex are juveniles as opposed to paedophiles, and have charges been laid outside of the Northern Territory?

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

The National Indigenous Violence and Child Abuse Intelligence Task Force (NIITF) is not an investigative Task Force and has not conducted any investigations. Therefore, in relation to Senator Siewert's questions, the ACC can advise:

- a) The NIITF has an intelligence gathering focus and disseminates information and intelligence to relevant agencies. It does not directly engage in, nor has it ever directly engaged in, criminal investigations. The ACC has therefore not laid any charges, nor was it intended that it ever would, as a result of its activities in the Northern Territory;
- b) Refer to (a) above;
- c) Refer to (a) above;
- d) Refer to (a) above;
- e) Refer to (a) above.