

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

Question No. 51

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

Provide details on actions taken by particular agencies following the Commission's dissemination of information relating to the Indigenous Intelligence Taskforce.

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

The ACC is unable to comment on action, including arrests and charges taken by partner agencies as a result of information provided to them.

However, the Northern Territory (NT) Police recently released the following statement in relation to a similar question from the National Indigenous Times:

The NT Police acknowledges the significant contribution the work of the NIITF has made to its intelligence holdings. However with regard to your general enquiry about drug, alcohol and other arrests, the very nature of intelligence is such that specific outcomes cannot be definitively quantified against individual pieces of information. Intelligence arises from the analysis of many and varied pieces of information which over time leads to avenues of inquires often leading to arrests. As with intelligence from other sources it would be misleading to attempt to place a value on intelligence gained over a relatively short period of time against specific arrests made over the same period.