

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION SERVICE

Question No. 85

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 8 February 2010:

Were any other asylum seekers picked up on the way back from Singapore before this vessel in October was intercepted by *Oceanic Viking*?

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

On the transit from Singapore to Australia's Northern Waters the ACV *Oceanic Viking* did not intercept any vessels.

Once ACV *Oceanic Viking* returned to Australia's Northern Waters, the vessel was involved in the interception of Suspected Irregular Entry Vessel (SIEV) 80 at Ashmore Island on 3 December 2009.