

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

Question No. 94

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

When was the nomenclature changed from SIEV meaning “suspected illegal entry vessel” to “suspected irregular entry vessel”? Who made the decision to change it?

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

The Border Protection Working Group, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, advised agencies of the updated nomenclature in July 2009, following consultation with departments and agencies working on people smuggling issues.