

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 7

Senator Parry asked the following question at the hearing on 22 February 2011:

Senator PARRY—Thank you. I will truncate mine by just asking one question and requesting that the answer be provided on notice. Commissioner Negus, in relation to the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious and Organised Crime) Bill passed through the parliament last year, could you provide on notice to the committee whether any action has been taken in relation to unexplained wealth, if you can do that without any operational sensitivity, and are there any impediments in relation to the legislation? Is the legislation robust enough for operational aspects in relation to unexplained wealth provisions that were provided in that legislation?
Mr Negus—Thanks, Senator. I am happy to take that on notice.

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

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) is assessing a number of matters for possible application of the new provisions.

The AFP has two active investigations for the possible application of unexplained wealth (UEW).

If case experience identifies any issues with the UEW legislation the AFP will raise them with government for consideration.