

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 10

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing of 22 February 2011:

Last year, you requested from the Minister's office the daily press clippings from the Australian Federal Police.

At first, the Minister's Chief-of-Staff responded to advise that clips were not prepared by the AFP. Later, the Minister responded to advise that clips were prepared by the AFP but not available to people outside the AFP's email network.

1. Does the AFP prepare press clippings internally?
2. Can the full distribution list be provided?

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

1. The AFP collates media clips of interest sent by Media Monitors under the terms of the organisation's agreement with Media Monitors. An internal summary is prepared of clips relating to issues relevant to specific portfolios within the AFP.

2. The distribution list is as follows:

- 498 internal AFP recipients; and

- 2 external recipients (the Australian Crime Commission and Zapruder's Other Films). The AFP Media Monitors clips are provided to the ACC by agreement with Media Monitors. Zapruder's Other Films, who the AFP had a contract with to produce an observational documentary series on the AFP, received the AFP Media Monitors clips for a period of time to keep abreast with AFP news, specifically relating to operational matters before the courts that they have an interest in. This arrangement has now ceased.