

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 51

Senator Xenophon asked the following question at the hearing on 12 February 2013:

Does the AFP ever use data from Project Stop in pursuing drug cases?

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

The AFP does not use or access information from the Project Stop database.

Project STOP is an initiative of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia to address the problem of precursor diversion through Australian Community Pharmacies. The most common precursor sourced through the community pharmacy channel is Pseudoephedrine which can be used in the illegal manufacture of methamphetamines. The manufacture of methamphetamines is criminalised under relevant State/Territory legislation.