

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

Question No. 85

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

In relation to seizures:

1. Every year from 2007/08 to 12/13, what is the exact quantity of drug seizures, cash seizures, seizures of proceeds of crime, seizures of firearms and other weapons that have resulted from ACC initiated operations, i.e. where the ACC were the 'lead' agency in identifying a criminal network and passed their information on to 'partners'?
2. Every year from 2007/08 to 12/13 what was the exact amount of confiscated assets that were returned to the Federal Government?

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

1. The ACC's operating model is to undertake all investigations and operations (defined as ACC projects) in partnership with other agencies. As such, the commencement of any project by the ACC can be the culmination of a number of agencies efforts; describing the ACC as the 'lead' or otherwise for a project is thus incorrect, it is, rather, a collective effort.

Table 1.1 provides a summary of key results that have eventuated as a result of ACC projects. The 'indirect' results are based on results where the ACC can lay some claim to the outcome or assisted in the outcome, but not necessarily being involved throughout the end-to-end process in securing a result. Everything the ACC does is either with or for a partner. As a result, there are instances where the agency has provided assistance to a partner's investigation through use of specialist capabilities, but have not been involved in the whole process.

Note: The ACC reports drug value by Estimated Street Value (ESV) as opposed to quantity. Therefore ESV in dollars is provided as a drug result in Table 1.1).

Table 1.1

Key Result Area	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	10-11	11-12	11-12	12-13	12-13
	12 months	12 months	12 months	12 months	12 months (Indirect)	12 months	12 months (Indirect)	6 months	6 months (Indirect)
No. of Disruptions	31	25	25	30	9	26	1	13	10
Cash seized (million)	NR	NR	\$13.77	\$5.50	\$0.25	\$5.51	\$0.16	\$6.10	\$0.50
ESV * drug precursor seized (million)	\$53.48 [^]	NR	NR	\$617.61	NIL	\$7.50	NIL	\$77.00	NIL
ESV * drugs seized (million)	\$60.11	\$4.77	\$76.73	\$141.22	\$730.03	\$70.75	\$63.26	\$188.17	\$2.86
Estimated restraints (million)	\$8.94	\$10.87	\$0.63	\$29.88	INCL.	\$103.58	INCL.	\$10.04	INCL.
Firearms seized	18	33	15	31	NIL	16	1	26	NIL
Weapons seized	NIL	NIL	NIL	8	NIL	27	NIL	NIL	NIL

* ESV = Estimated Street Value

[^] In 2007-08, drug precursors were a subset of the \$60.11m drugs total. In future years these figures were collated separately.

NR = Not recorded during these years

INCL.= Indirect results included in respective end of financial year totals. No indirect distinction available

Where an indirect figure is given for a KRA, this is additional to the figure shown for the KRA of the same year.

2. The total value of confiscated assets returned to the Confiscated Assets account for each year is as follows:

Total amount	
2007-08	\$19,771,221.66
2008-09	\$17,645,898.56
2009-10	\$29,874,590.13
2010-11	\$17,558,304.16
2011-12	\$45,714,321.00
2012-13 to 28 Feb 2013	\$26,294,297.77
TOTAL	\$156,858,633.28