

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

Question No. 90

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

In relation to intelligence:

1. To the ACC's knowledge has there been any reluctance from any State/Territory police force or any other State/Territory law enforcement agency to share intelligence with Customs? If so, when and how did this manifest itself?
2. What is the ACC's view of the reasons?

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

1. No.
2. The Australian Crime Commission (ACC) has observed a continuing improvement in the ability and intent of Australian law enforcement agencies to share information and intelligence over the past decade.

The ACC has contributed to this positive development through the provision of a national criminal intelligence database and other information sharing structures, at the request of the ACC Board.

The ACC Board comprises the heads of Australian law enforcement agencies at both the Commonwealth, State and Territory levels. These include the Australian Federal Police, the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (Customs and Border Protection), the Australian Taxation Office, the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, and the Commissioners of State and Territory Police.

The membership of the ACC Board contributes to a positive information sharing culture, including the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service.