SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 110

Senator Milne asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2006:

To your knowledge, how many suspected illegal entry vessels have sunk en route to Australia? Please give details of the dates, vessels and passenger numbers if known.

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

The role of the AFP is to investigate offences relating to organised people smuggling. Information relating to the number of suspected illegal entry vessels that have sunk en-route to Australia is not held by the AFP.