

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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**Question No. 64**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2006:**

When was the UN protocol in relation to people smuggling signed and ratified?

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

Australia signed the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime on 13 December 2000. The Convention entered into force on 29 September 2003. Australia ratified the Convention on 27 May 2004.

Australia signed the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime on 21 December 2001. The Protocol entered into force on 28 January 2004 and Australia ratified the Protocol on 27 May 2004.

Australia signed the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime on 11 December 2002. The Protocol entered into force on 25 December 2003 and Australia ratified the Protocol on 15 September 2005.