

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 11

Senator Trood asked the following question at the hearing on 26 May 2008:

What charges were laid against the eight people arrested during the Olympic Torch Relay? What is the outcome of those charges?

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

During the Beijing Olympic Torch Relay in Canberra seven arrests were made.

All seven people were charged with 'Interfere with an Event' under Section 15(1) of the *Major Events Security Act 2000 (ACT)*. One person was also charged with 'Resist Commonwealth Public Official' under Section 149.1 (1) of the *Criminal Code 1995 (Commonwealth)*.

Two of the seven matters are still proceeding through court, including the matter with two charges. Of the five matters that have been finalised, all charges were proven without conviction. Four persons were to be of good behaviour for six months and the fifth person had no penalty imposed.