

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

Question No. 29

Senator Siewert asked the following question at the hearing on 27 May 2008:

NTER: What proportion of abuse would be related to Indigenous versus non-Indigenous abuse?

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

ACC intelligence has identified that violence and the abuse of Indigenous children is perpetrated by both Indigenous and non-Indigenous offenders. The proportion of offending by Indigenous versus non-Indigenous perpetrators is difficult to quantify because of under-reporting and non-reporting of these issues by victims, their families, other community members, service providers and law enforcement agencies. National Indigenous Violence and Child Abuse Intelligence Taskforce (NIITF) intelligence suggests that the majority of abuse committed against Indigenous children and women is perpetrated largely by Indigenous rather than non-Indigenous individuals.