

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
CLASSIFICATION BOARD

Question No. 21

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2009:

For the 2008-09 financial year to date, how many classification publications have been referred to law enforcement agencies for investigation? Provide a list of all publications that have been referred to law enforcement agencies and which agencies they have been referred to.

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

According to data collected by Classification Liaison Scheme officers, 337 publications referrals have been made to law enforcement agencies in the 2008/09 financial year. Of these:

79 titles were referred to all jurisdictions via the Publications Enforcement Bulletin since December 2008. Customs has been receiving the Bulletin since May 2009.

11 titles were referred to South Australia Police and Victoria Police in October 2008.

149 titles were referred to Tasmania Police following a site visit in November 2008.

39 titles were referred to New South Wales Police in November 2008 as well as between January and May 2009.

25 titles were referred to Victoria Police in January and February 2009.

12 titles were referred to Queensland Office of Fair Trading in February 2009.

Six titles were referred to South Australia Police in April 2009.

16 titles were referred to the Australian Capital Territory Policing in May 2009.

To provide the list of all publications would require publication of titles containing explicit language that would be offensive to members of the community. It is therefore not proposed to provide the list unless the Committee advises otherwise.