

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 62**

**Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 26 May 2009:**

Has an interview been undertaken with each of the forty-four passengers who were aboard SIEV 36?

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

No. The Australian Federal Police interviewed 13 passengers who were aboard Suspected Illegal Entry Vessel 36 for the purpose of identifying passengers, crew members and organisers who may have committed offences against the *Migration Act 1958*.

Of the thirteen passengers interviewed, witness statements from four passengers support a brief of evidence against two identified crew members. Further interviews of the remaining thirty-one passengers, many of whom are medically unfit, are not required at this time.