

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Question No. 94

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

Can the Committee be provided with information that would assist in advising trends in terms of the success or otherwise of the Northern Territory Intervention?

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

In the context of violence and child abuse, the Australian Crime Commission has advised that it is not possible to comment on trends in relation to the Northern Territory Emergency Response. This is due to the lack of relevant trend data available for the short period since the Intervention commenced. The Department has no other information on trends in relation to violence and child abuse in terms of the success or otherwise of the Northern Territory Emergency Response.

Questions on the Northern Territory Emergency Response more broadly should be directed to the lead agency, the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.