

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

**Question No. 95**

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

In terms of the Northern Territory Intervention, is the level of seriousness [of violence and child abuse] increasing or decreasing?

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

It is not possible to comment on trends in violence and child abuse. This is due to the lack of relevant trend data available for the short period since the Intervention commenced and the under-reporting of violence and child abuse (including neglect) which contributes to difficulties in identifying and assessing any trends that may be emerging.

Information provided to the National Indigenous Intelligence Task Force indicates that Northern Territory Emergency Response law enforcement measures, particularly the increased Police presence in remote communities, has contributed to community members feeling safer.