

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

**Question No. 96**

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

In relation to engagement of Knowledge Pond Pty Ltd to assist the ACC to compile their submission to the Homeland and Border Security Review;

- a) were recommendations made with respect to border security matters and people smuggling,
- b) provide the terms of reference,
- c) can the Committee be provided with a copy of the report, if not, can an executive summary be provided, and
- d) if an executive summary cannot be provided, can the Committee be provided with further and better particulars surrounding the report?

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

- a) No recommendations were made in relation to border security matters or people smuggling.
- b) There were no specific terms of reference for this project. For further information on the nature of the project please see (d) below.
- c) Knowledge Pond Pty Ltd assisted the ACC to develop a classified submission to the Homeland and Border Security Review. Neither the main document nor an executive summary can be provided.
- d) Knowledge Pond Pty Ltd was contracted to provide expert advice on the style and content of a submission to the Homeland and Border Security Review. The submission addressed a range of issues considered by the Homeland and Border Security Review with a particular emphasis on the ACC's views regarding the extent to which organised crime ought to be considered as a matter relevant to national security.