

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

**Agency: Australian Federal Police**

**Question No. 7**

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

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) has asked Indian authorities for information about Paul Henry Dean on five occasions between November 2007 and 31 January 2009.

- a) Has the AFP pursued the matter through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)?
- b) When did the AFP raise the matter with DFAT?
- c) How many times has the AFP raised this matter with DFAT?

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

- a) The AFP has not sought to have the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) make representations to their Indian counterparts on our behalf in pursuing a response to our enquiries. All enquiries in relation to this matter have been directed through the INTERPOL Office housed in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), New Delhi as per the information exchange protocols with India.
- b) On 4 December 2008.
- c) This is the only occasion that the AFP has raised this matter with DFAT.