

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 283

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2005:

- a) How many Australian arrests have there been for online child sex exploitation?
(i) Could you provide a breakdown of the arrests and charges resulting from them?
- b) Of these arrests, how many arrests resulted from information gathered by the mutual global taskforce?
(i) How many charges have been laid?
(ii) Have any successful prosecutions, if so were there any convictions recorded?
(iii) What were the convictions and the length of the convictions?
- c) How many of those included convictions for grooming children on internet chat rooms for child pornography?

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

- a) Five. The AFP is unable to provide details on the number of arrests made by State and Territory law enforcement agencies.
(i) Could you provide a breakdown of the arrests and charges resulting from them?

Arrest	Charges
1	Use carriage service for child pornography material contrary to section 474.19 of the <i>Criminal Code Act 1995</i> and possess child pornography for use through carriage service contrary to section 474.20 of the <i>Criminal Code Act 1995</i> .
2	Use carriage service for child pornography material contrary to section 474.19 of the <i>Criminal Code Act 1995</i> and possess child pornography for use through carriage service contrary to section 474.20 of the <i>Criminal Code Act 1995</i> .
3	Five counts of use carriage service for child pornography material contrary to section 474.19 of the <i>Criminal Code Act 1995</i> and three counts of use carriage service for child abuse material contrary to section 474.22 of the <i>Criminal Code Act 1995</i> .
4	Possess child pornography for use through carriage service contrary to section 474.20 of the <i>Criminal Code Act 1995</i> .
5	Use carriage service for child pornography material contrary to section 474.19 of the <i>Criminal Code Act 1995</i> .

- b) None.
(i) Not applicable.
(ii) Not applicable.
(iii) Not applicable.
- c) None.