

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

Question No. 96

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

Are there any specific investigations in Western Australia on trafficking in persons for sex slavery?

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

The ACC's People Trafficking for Sexual Exploitation (PTSE) Determination is a Special Intelligence Operation. As such, the ACC is authorised to gather intelligence on PTSE but not conduct investigations which can lead to DPP referrals and prosecution. The ACC has conducted examinations using coercive powers in Western Australia. The ACC disseminates intelligence from examinations to relevant Commonwealth and State authorities for action.