

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 107**

**Senator Crossin asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2006:**

- (1) At any time before Andrew Chan, Michael Czugaj, Scott Rush, Martin Stephens, Renae Lawrence, Tach Duc Thanh Nguyen, Myuran Sukumaran, Si Yi Chen and Matthew Norman (collectively, the 'Bali Nine') were arrested in Denpasar, Indonesia on 17 April 2005, was the Minister, or any of the Minister's personal staff, involved in any discussion, consultation or correspondence relating to or connected with the investigation or arrests of the Bali Nine with
  - (a) the Australian Federal Police (AFP);
  - (b) the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (CDPP);
  - (c) the Australian Customs Service (ACS); and
  - (d) any other Australian law enforcement agency; if so, what are the details.
  
- (2) When was the first occasion that the Minister, or any member of the Minister's personal staff, was involved in any discussion, consultation or correspondence relating to or connected with the investigation or arrests of the Bali Nine with
  - (a) the AFP;
  - (b) the CDPP;
  - (c) the ACS; and
  - (d) any other Australian law enforcement agency and what are the details of that discussion, consultation or correspondence.
  
- (3) At any time before the arrests of the Bali Nine, was the Minister, or any of the Minister's personal staff, involved in any discussion, consultation or correspondence with any foreign government or foreign law enforcement agency concerning the investigation or arrests of the Bali Nine; if so, what are the details; if not, when was the first occasion that the Minister, or any member of the Minister's personal staff, was involved in any discussion, consultation or correspondence with any foreign government or foreign law enforcement agency concerning the investigation or arrests of the Bali Nine.
  
- (4) Why hasn't the government answered these questions.
  
- (5) What are the answers to these questions?

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

- (1) (a) No.
- (b) No.

- (c) No.
  - (d) No.
- (2)
- (a) The Minister for Justice and Customs was briefed by the AFP directly after the arrest of the Australians in Bali. A briefing paper was submitted to the Minister's office on 18 April 2005.
  - (b) Nil.
  - (c) Nil.
  - (d) Nil.
- (3) No. The Minister for Justice and Customs met with Minister for Justice in Indonesia, Mr Hamid Awaluddin, on 3 August 2005. This was the first occasion.
- (4) The AFP has been coordinating responses to these questions as previously asked by Ms Nicola Roxon MP. The Minister for Justice and Customs has provided a response.
- (5) Please refer to the answer to Question 4.