

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 130**

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

In relation to the discussion at the estimates hearing on 31 October 2006 on people smuggling and acknowledgement that in Indonesia "There are a couple of people smugglers who have become more active of late ... one or 2 had long standing associations with people smugglers" and that there is intelligence of foiled boat attempts in the region:

- (a) Have the 2 people smugglers (i) been associated with any voyages of asylum seekers to Australia in the past and if so which ones (eg SIEV-X), (ii) been associated with any voyages that have resulted in convictions for people smuggling offences in Australia or Egypt, and (iii) ever entered Australia on a visa including a criminal justice visa.
- (b) Is one of the people smugglers (i) Mr Maiden Sayid, (ii) Mr Sultan Sayid, or (iii) Mr Majid Mahmood.

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

- a) The Honourable Senator has made reference to a statement offered by Mr Vince McMahon from the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs and, in this regard, the AFP is unaware to whom Mr McMahon was specifically referring. The AFP is actively investigating people smuggling operations in close cooperation with the Indonesian National Police and other government agencies.
- b) To disclose the identity of individuals connected to or involved in ongoing operations or prosecutions would likely jeopardise the success of these operations or prosecutions arising from them. The AFP will not disclose this information.