

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION SERVICE

Question No. 88

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked the following question at the hearing on 19 October 2009:

Are there any plans to extend the public relations campaign designed to deter asylum seekers currently being used in Sri Lanka to other countries such as Afghanistan, Pakistan and Malaysia?

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

The Australian Customs and Border Protection Service is pursuing counter-people smuggling communications campaigns in Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Malaysia.

There are no counter-people smuggling information campaigns currently underway in Afghanistan and Pakistan.