

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No.120

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked the following question in writing, following the hearing on 19 October 2009:

How many boats and people have been intercepted on their way to Australia by Indonesian officials?

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

The Australian Federal Police (AFP), through the AFP International Network and the multi-agency People Smuggling Strike Team has provided significant support to the Indonesian National Police (INP) in offshore disruptions. From September 2008 to 19 October 2009, the work of the INP has resulted in:

- The disruption of eighty five suspected people smuggling ventures; and
- The prevention of over 1998 foreign nationals from potentially travelling to Australia.