SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No.122

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

How many people smugglers have been arrested this year? How does that number compare to the last five years?

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

For the current Financial Year (1 July 2009 to 19 October 2009), there have been six arrests for people smuggling offences.

Over the five year period from 2004-05 to 2008-09, there has been a total of fifty one arrests for people smuggling offences.