

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 9

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2011:

Mr Colvin: ...At this stage, our investigation has charged nine people, who have all been before the court and I believe they are next before the court on 9 November. I will say, though, that the investigation is ongoing and we are seeking advice from the Commonwealth DPP and external counsel about additional charges and additional people that may still be subject to charges.

Senator HUMPHRIES: So you are conducting an investigation into who was responsible for the acts of disorder at the centre...

Senator HUMPHRIES: ... Do you know if those nine people who have been charged already are still in immigration detention?

Mr Colvin: I do not know that. We could find out. I do not know that they would still be at Villawood as well. I think they were removed but I cannot be sure. We will take that on notice and find out.

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

As at 18 October 2011, the nine persons the Australian Federal Police have charged in relation to the matter were not in an immigration detention centre. All nine persons charged were housed in a NSW Correctional facility:

- two persons in the Wellington Correctional Centre (near Dubbo)
- one person in the Parklea Correctional Centre (Sydney)
- four persons in the Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre (Sydney)
- two persons in the South Coast Correctional Centre (Nowra).