

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 25

Senator Milne asked the following question at the hearing on 16 October 2012:

Senator MILNE: Are the Sri Lankan police involved in disruption activities prior to refugees leaving?

Mr Colvin: I will take that on notice.

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

The Sri Lanka Police Police Service (SLPS) have a unit that investigates people smuggling crime, called the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of the Maritime Human Smuggling Unit (MHSU). The MHSU and the wider SLPS, throughout the country, investigate and respond to human smuggling crime and actively prevent departures where they are detected.

The SLPS also works collaboratively with the Sri Lankan Navy in investigating those interdicted by the Sri Lankan Navy and brought back to shore.