

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 222

Senator Nettle asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2005:

- a) What progress has been made since your answers in November 2005 in pursuing the third SIEV-X accused?
- b) Is his name Maysam (alternate spellings Mithem, Miythem, Miythem Kamil Radhia, Mytam Kamirada)?
- c) Does he have a brother Maysar, reported in many survivor accounts as being the third Middle Eastern assistant to Abu Quassey in launching the SIEV X voyage?
- d) Does AFP intend to prosecute Maysar, at the same time or later, as his brother Maysam?
- e) If so, why not prosecute the two together, so as to wrap up the case?
- f) Given the ease with which the AFP located Khaleed Daoed in Sweden in 2003, why the delay in locating and charging these two remaining SIEV X suspects?
- g) Will AFP consider the option with Abu Quassey's remaining Middle Eastern assistants of prosecuting them for homicide, given the great distress to survivors that the lesser people smuggling charge caused in the 2004-2005 trial of Khaleed Daoed in Brisbane? If not, why not?

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

- a) The AFP investigation relating to SIEV-X is ongoing. A number of witness statements have been taken in relation to the involvement of additional persons in the SIEV-X matter. Extensive consultation is taking place with the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions in relation to the sufficiency of evidence to support prosecutions against any remaining suspects.
- b) As this matter is ongoing it would be inappropriate to comment on the identity of the alleged offenders.
- c) Refer to answer b).
- d) Refer to answer b).
- e) Refer to answer b).
- f) Refer to answer b).
- g) Refer to answer b).