

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Office of National Assessments

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Question: PM126

Topic: People-Smuggling Strike Team

Written Question on Notice

Senator Faulkner asked: What involvement does ONA have with the DIMIA and AFP Joint People-Smuggling Strike Team

Answer: ONA has no direct involvement with the AFP/DIMIA People-Smuggling Strike Team. ONA contributes to flows of information and intelligence which support decisions about the Team's operations. The main ways ONA does this are through chairing the Irregular Immigration Information Oversight Committee, and through participating in the Operational Coordination Committee chaired by DIMIA and analyst-to-analyst exchanges.

Question: PM 127

Topic: Intelligence Analysis Unit

Written Question on Notice

Senator Faulkner asked: What involvement does ONA have with the Intelligence Analysis Unit in the Department of Immigration in relation to people-smuggling?

Answer: The relevant unit of ONA works closely with the DIMIA Intelligence Analysis Unit. The two organisations consult each other often because their information sources and analyses are often complementary. This consultative relationship is encouraged by the organisations' involvement in both the Information Oversight Committee and the Operational Coordination Committee.