

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

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Division/Agency: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Question No: 26

Topic: 2016 Census – Australian Signals Directorate

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Question:

- 1) When was the Australian Signals Directorate first involved in the Census process?
- 2) What briefings did the ABS seek from the ASD prior to Census night about high demand issues such as denial of service attacks?

Answer:

- 1) The Australian Signals Directorate (ASD) was first involved in the preparations for the 2016 Census in late 2014.
- 2) In July 2016, the ASD met with the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and IBM to discuss threats to the online Census.