

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Ludlam

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Question: Have you as yet conducted any inquiries or followed up any queries or complaints arising from amendments made to the Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Act 2011? It reasonably recently passed the chamber.

Answer:

No particular inquiries have been conducted or complaints or queries followed up that arose from these amendments; however, the ongoing work of the office had regard to the legislation as amended where appropriate. For example:

- i. The review of Foreign Intelligence Collection warrants outlined on page 20 of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Annual Report 2011-12 (Annual Report) had regard for the revised conditions for the authorisation of the collection of foreign intelligence
- ii. The inspection of ASIO warrants described on page 19 of the Annual Report had regard to the revised provisions for computer access warrants.