

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY

Question No. 176

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2006:

Regarding the release of the new 'Thesaurus of Australian Government Subjects' (TAGS):

- a) Has the AIC altered its website or any other publication, electronic or printed, as a result of the release of TAGS?
- b) Does the AIC have any plans to alter its website or any other publication, electronic or printed, as a result of the release of TAGS?
- c) If so, provide a list of the changes that have been made to the website or any other publication, electronic or printed, as a result of the release of TAGS or – if they have not been completed – the changes that are planned, and when they are intended to be made?
- d) If not, why not?
- e) Has the AIC distributed TAGS to its staff?
- f) Has the AIC begun using TAGS as a guide to developing its website or any other publication, electronic or printed?

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

- a) The Australian Institute of Criminology does not use TAGS on its website as the Commonwealth Implementation Manual: AGLS Metadata requires its use only where a more specific thesaurus is not available. The Australian Institute of Criminology uses its own, more specific thesaurus, for all website metadata.
- b) As above
- c) As above
- d) As above
- e) As all metadata are added to pages by the web team, it is not necessary to distribute a thesaurus to other staff.
- f) As for a), above.