

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION

Question No. 183

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

- a) What is the average time for the processing of a security assessment of an asylum seeker?
- b) Please provide the figures for 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 (to date).

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

(a – b) Each case is assessed on its individual merits, and the amount of time taken reflects this. As such an 'average' time does not reflect either the complexity or 'simplicity' of an assessment.