

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION

Question No. 185

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 ASIO altered its website or any other publication, electronic or printed, as a result of the release of TAGS?
- b) Does ASIO 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 ASIO distributed TAGS to its staff?
- f) Has ASIO 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) No.
- b) TAGS only applies to online publications and will be incorporated into AGLS Metadata when the ASIO website is redeveloped in 2006.
- c) Website redevelopment is now at a scoping phase; a development and implementation timeline has not yet been formulated.
- d) TAGS will be incorporated in the implementation phase of the website redevelopment.
- e) No – except within the publishing area.
- f) Yes. TAGS compliance will be a requirement in the Metadata of the ASIO redeveloped website.