

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
CRIMTRAC

Question No. 203

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

Recommendation 9 of the ANAO Report: in the answer to QoN 224 from 23 May 2005, CrimTrac indicated that it intended to present a workable model for data security to the board.

- a) Was this model presented to the board?
- b) If so, was the model finalised when it was presented to the board?
- c) Did the board accept or reject the model?

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

The model is that all data that CrimTrac holds is owned by the jurisdictions. CrimTrac does not change the classification. Since jurisdictions have not classified it, it remains as 'unclassified'. However, CrimTrac recognises the sensitivity of the information it holds, and applies protections (as per PSM and ACSI33) to the data while it holds it, as if the data were 'in-confidence' or 'protected', depending on the system.

Nonetheless, the PSM's requirements for security clearance at protected level, can be met by the adoption of pre-employment checks for jurisdictional employees.

- a) No.
- b) The paper was dealt with and agreed to by the SIG on 30 March 2005.
- c) No. Board endorsement was not required because it was considered an operational issue.