

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

**Question No. 64**

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

Regarding the additional estimates budget measure *Aviation Security and Crime Information Exchange*:

- a) Please provide an overview of this budget measure.
- b) What is the timeline for implementing this budget measure?

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

a) The ACC will receive additional funding of \$22.7 million over five years for Aviation Security Improving Security and Crime Information Exchange. Of the \$22.7 additional funding, \$9.7 million is for staffing the new function and \$6.9 is for developing and implementing the national intelligence sharing framework. The balance includes the costs of acquiring analytical software and other running costs.

This funding is part of the cross portfolio response to the findings of the Independent Review of Airport Security and Policing for the Government of Australia (ASPR) by Sir John Wheeler, commonly known as the Wheeler Review. The ACC will deliver a program of criminal intelligence advice and information to law enforcement, government and the private sector relating to activity impacting on the security of Australia's airports.

b) The ACC began work to implement the initial elements of this measure in the last quarter of 2005 and the ACC anticipates that a service of assessments of criminal threats to the aviation sector will commence operation early in FY06/07. Full service delivery has a number of co-dependencies, including the establishment of a wide range of programs and structures at Commonwealth and State/Territory level. Completion of the significant work involved in the exchange of criminal information is not anticipated until FY07/08.