

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION

Question No. 141

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 13 February 2007:

- a) Recruitment target for Generalist Intelligence Officers for the year 2005-06:
 - i) What was the actual recruitment targets for that year?
 - ii) If the recruitment targets were not met, why not?
- b) How many staff in the latest round of recruitments have foreign language skills?
- c) How many of these are at:
 - i) Interpretive standards;
 - ii) Translator standard;
- d) For those staff with foreign language skills, can you provide a breakdown of foreign languages?

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

- a) - d) ASIO generally does not provide a break down of its recruitment targets or a breakdown of its foreign language capabilities, beyond that which already is provided in ASIO's Report to Parliament for reasons of national security.