

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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**Question No. 72**

**Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 18 February 2008:**

Would it be appropriate to have an inquiry, judicial or otherwise, while an Australian Federal Police investigation into the handling of the Haneef case is still continuing?

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

In making arrangements for the inquiry, a number of factors have been taken into account, including ongoing national security operations. The Hon John Clarke QC has indicated he will conduct the inquiry in a way which ensures the protection of ongoing investigations, national security information and upcoming overseas trials.