

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

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Question No. 79

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

Since the election on 24 November 2007:

- a) Please advise the Committee how many requests Attorney-General's Department have received for the security vetting of ministerial staff.
- b) Please advise the Committee on the progress made in relation to those people whom Attorney-General's Department have been asked to vet.
- c) Has Attorney-General's Department completed all of its security vetting in relation to all of those people who have been referred to Attorney-General's Department?
- d) Please provide a breakdown of how many security vetting checks the Attorney-General's Department have completed and how many remain to be finished for ministerial staff.
- e) Please indicate the clearance levels for each of the security vetting checks Attorney-General's Department has completed and for those yet to be completed.
- f) Please indicate the number of people Attorney-General's Department has provisionally vetted.
- g) Please provide details as to the number of people who have had a protective security briefing.

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

- a) The Attorney-General's Department has not received any requests for security vetting of ministerial staff. Consequently, there is no response to questions b to f.
- g) Each agency is responsible for providing protective security briefings for their minister's staff. All ministerial staff for the Attorney-General and Minister for Home Affairs have received protective security briefings.