

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

**Question No. 43**

**Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 23 February 2009:**

In relation to Operation Wickenby, \$147 million of amended Australian Tax Office notices have been issued. Provide details on what has been collected to date and what funds are expected to be collected as a result of the amended notices to be issued.

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

Operation Wickenby refers to the nine criminal investigations being undertaken by the ACC that commenced in 2004. The ACC's Operation Wickenby is one component of the broader whole-of-government Project Wickenby.

During the course of Operation Wickenby investigations information was disseminated to the Australian Tax Office (ATO) that caused amended tax assessments to be issued by the ATO. In August 2008 the ATO advised the ACC of outcomes of the amended tax assessments in relation to Operation Wickenby investigations. The ATO advised that it had issued amended tax assessments totalling \$146.57 million. In many cases these amounts included penalties and general interest charges.

The ATO has reported that as at January 2009 it has raised tax assessments of \$287.31 million and collected \$90.81 million during Project Wickenby. The ACC is not in a position to specify how much of the \$146.57 million in tax assessments raised from its operations has been collected by the ATO, or what may be collected in the future.