

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA

**Question No. 21**

**Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 8 February 2010:**

Can the Committee be provided with a situation update in terms of the Federal Court's response to the STRATSEC report on access to network vulnerability assessment and application vulnerability assessment?

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

*Issue 1 – Perform a backup and restore of the eLodgement systems.*

Current situation – The eLodgement system remains on 'limited' release. Nightly backups are in place and the restore activity, which was planned for early 2010, will be in place when the system goes to full production – anticipated in April 2010.

*Issue 2 – Perform a security risk assessment, detailing the consequences should threats associated with eLodgement be realised.*

Current situation – The risk assessment process is underway and will be completed prior to full production.

*Issue 3 – Build the DEV, UAT and TEST environments to use for structured deployment of updates.*

Current situation – TEST and UAT have been built although they are being rebuilt in the Court's virtualisation environment. The DEV environment has been completed.

*Issue 4 – Develop the Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity plans and procedures.*

Current situation – This was planned for completion by June 2010 and is currently on track to achieve this.

*Issue 5 – Finalise and endorse the Court's ICT Security Policy.*

Current situation – The completed draft remains under consideration and is being amended to take into account recent experiences following the threats posed by cyber attacks on corporate networks.