

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

Question No. 43

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

What is the average assessment time for ASIO's assessments of irregular arrivals, and all arrivals?
What percentage is completed within ASIO's goal of 90 days?

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

From 1 July to 31 December 2009, ASIO's security assessments of irregular maritime arrivals were completed in an average of 35 days.

There is no statutory processing requirement in relation to irregular maritime arrivals.