

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION

Question No. 116

Senator Nettle asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2006:

Security assessment of immigration detainees:

- a) How many individual assessments did ASIO do for DIMA in the last financial year?
- b) How many questioning warrants were exercised for detainees?
- c) How many assessments involved an interview?

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

- a) In the last financial year, ASIO provided 4223 security assessments to DIMA.
- b) No questioning warrants were executed on individuals referred to ASIO by DIMA.
- c) Approximately ten percent of all referrals involve an interview. The decision to interview an applicant is made on a case by case basis, and is often undertaken in order to expedite the assessment process.