

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION

**Question No. 123**

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

*Security assessment for DIMA number 52104008850*

- a) When will ASIO complete its security assessment for this detainee?
- b) Why has it taken over 6 months?
- c) Is he considered a risk to the community in Australia?
- d) Will his case be fast-tracked given the concern expressed by the Commonwealth ombudsman for his well-being and extreme time in immigration detention?

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

(a) – (d) It would be inappropriate to comment on individual cases. DIMA assign priority to cases referred to ASIO for security assessment. ASIO assesses each case on merit and the time taken varies with each individual case. The Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security has access to all ASIO documentation on this matter.