

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
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Question No. 50

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2006:

- a) In relation to the one-off pilot with the Tax office, what part of Tax does the pilot relate to?
- b) In relation to the authentication standard, where will it be used, or how will it be used?

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

- (a) The areas of the Australian Taxation Office involved in the Data Integrity Pilot are:
 - i. Identity Crime Research Unit, Serious Non-compliance; and,
 - ii. Register Integrity, Operations.
- (b) A number of authentication frameworks, standards and policies are being developed under the auspices of the National Identity Security Strategy (NISS) and the 2006 e-Government Strategy, *Responsive Government: A New Service Agenda*.

This work is progressing through the Authentication Working Group (AWG), one of the five working groups established under the NISS. This group is chaired by a representative of the Australian Government Information Management Office (AGIMO) within the Department of Finance and Administration.

AGIMO is working to develop a number of frameworks and standards for smartcards, biometrics, access and authorisation process and known customer approaches. It is anticipated that the authentication standards will be adopted nationally, and be used by both government agencies and the private sector.

Further information on these frameworks and standards, including details on the consultation process are available at www.agimo.gov.au.