

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
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Question No. 71

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

Anti-Terrorism Bill (No. 2) Education Reforms: Are these voluntary education programs in relation to legislative provisions? Please provide an explanation of the programs.

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

Section 104.5(3) of the *Anti-Terrorism Act (No. 2) 2005* provides that a court may impose certain obligations, prohibitions and restrictions on a person who is the subject of a control order.

Subsection 104.5(3)(1) provides that one of the obligations, prohibitions and restrictions which may be imposed by the court is a requirement that the person participate in specified counselling or education.

Subsection 104.5(6) provides that a person is required to participate in specified counselling or education only if the person agrees, at the time of the counselling or education, to participate in the counselling or education.

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) is presently examining available options for offering such programs under these provisions. The AFP is consulting with other government departments and agencies. A broad range of options is being considered, given the complex nature of the issues involved and the intent of the legislation.