

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Question No. 55

Senator Stott Despoja asked the following question at the hearing on 23 May 2007:

Background Checking

- a) How many people have been refused clearance this year?
- b) For what categories of reasons?
- c) Has any refusal decision been reviewed?
- d) Is there an appeal process? If so, how many refusals have been appealed?
- e) Have any appeals been successful?
- f) Has the AG intervened in any reviews?
- g) Has the AG received representations on any refusals?

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

In 2005 the Australian Government agreed to establish AusCheck as a division of the Attorney-General's Department to coordinate background checks on people who work in the secure areas of air and sea ports.

In relation to questions (a) – (g), no information can be provided because AusCheck has not yet commenced operations and will not do so until the 2007-08 financial year.