

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION

Question No. 91

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

What number of ASIC requests for ASIO checks have taken longer than seven days to be completed?

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

ASIO's *Report to Parliament* reports the share of counter-terrorism checks that are completed within five days. In 2005–06 over 50 per cent were completed within this period. While the figure varies from year to year, dependent on workloads, generally only a small percentage take longer than seven days to be completed.