

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
CRIMTRAC

**Question No. 98**

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

If a conviction is spent does material remain on any of CrimTrac's databases?

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

Australian Police Services maintain criminal history records. The National Names Index housed at CrimTrac contains indicators of persons' criminal histories that may contain convictions that fall under spent conviction definitions, however the actual detail of the criminal history is held and maintained by jurisdictions. The police reference system also housed at CrimTrac stores criminal history information that may fall under spent conviction definitions in accordance with the holding jurisdictions legislation. This information is only consumed by operational police for law enforcement purposes. Details of spent convictions are not specifically stored on either of these systems.