

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

**Question No. 18**

**Senator Trood asked the following question at the hearing on 26 May 2008:**

What is the timeframe involved in the implementation of Recommendation 4 of the Street Report relating to the ASIO officer having direct information technology connectivity to ASIO systems?

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

ASIO officers attached to the Joint Counter-Terrorism Teams in Sydney and Melbourne, housed in AFP offices are using TOP SECRET deployable secure communications to connect directly to ASIO's Canberra Headquarters.

Once the appropriate facilities have been built in the Joint Counter-Terrorism Teams' Sydney and Melbourne sites, ASIO will install a permanent TOP SECRET IT system for its officers to use. This permanent system will provide full access to ASIO's IT system – fully implementing Recommendation 4 of the Street Review. This is a long-term project and is expected to be completed by [can we give a year, eg end of 2009?].