

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

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Question No. 65

Senator Stott Despoja asked the following question at the hearing on: 26 May 2008:

Aviation and Maritime Security:

- a) What advice has been commissioned or received on the privacy implications of enhanced arrangements for Aviation Security and Maritime Security Identity Cards?
- b) What were the conclusions and/or recommendations in any such advice?

Will the content of any such advice be made public? If not, why not?

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

The Attorney-General's Department engaged Salinger Consulting Pty Ltd (Salinger & Co) in late 2006 to conduct a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) of the background checking service for the Aviation and Maritime Security Identity Card regimes to be provided by AusCheck.

The PIA was provided to AusCheck on 12 March 2007. It made 65 recommendations. Sixty-three recommendations have been agreed to in whole or in part. The remaining two recommendations were considered unnecessary because the underlying concerns were addressed by Government amendments to the AusCheck Bill.

The PIA and AusCheck's response are available on AusCheck's web site:

http://www.ag.gov.au/www/agd/agd.nsf/Page/Publications_Response_to_the_Recommendations_of_the_Privacy_Impact_Assessment-May2007