

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

Question No. 87

Senator Ludlam asked the following question at the hearing on 26 May 2009:

Describe in broad terms what the one-off blocks of equity funding over the past two years, for capital equipment, was for.

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

The following table provides a breakdown of appropriated equity funding over the period 2007-08 to 2008-09, including the purpose:

	2007-08 (\$'000)	2008-09 (\$'000)
National Threat Assessment Centre - Establishment	241	0
Investing in Australia's Security - Increased Funding to Intelligence Agencies	1,918	0
Australians Overseas Missions - Improved Security	1,173	150
Providing for Australia's Security - ASIO Central Office Building	20,894	28,362
National Security - Introducing a Maritime Crew Visa	303	0
National Security - Increasing Staff Levels	5,590	5,371
National Security - Enhancing Technical Capability	4,543	6,397
National Security - Expanding Information Infrastructure Capability	48,920	28,290
National Security - Improving Accommodation in State Offices	64,156	466
National Security - Maintaining Telecommunications Interception Capability	1,878	1,774
Border Control System - Upgrade	9,045	0
	<u>158,661</u>	<u>70,810</u>

Note: actual expenditure is not equal to the amounts appropriated, due to timing issues.

The above figures represent ASIO's equity funding for assets over the 2007-08 and 2008-09 financial years, not ASIO's total funding. In addition to equity funding, ASIO received on-going appropriation funding to support its activities, which was maintained in the current budget.