

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY

Question No. 343

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

Has the AIC received any feedback from these stakeholders as to the effectiveness of the reform options they have recommended? If yes, what is the feedback? If not, why not?

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

Feedback was sought and obtained in 2004 from private sector stakeholders with respect to the research on Serious Fraud in Australia and New Zealand. Very positive comments on the research were received from stakeholders. The AIC does not have specific information on how these stakeholders have subsequently used the research to inform the development and implementation of fraud prevention initiatives. A systematic follow up survey would require a considerable investment of resources.

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Question No. 344

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

Has there been any feedback relating to the identity theft prevention kit that was launched in 2004? If yes, what is the feedback? If not, why not?

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

The theft prevention kit was released by the Attorney-General's Department, not the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC). Accordingly, the AIC has not received any feedback.

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Question No. 345

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

Regarding the investigations into crimes capacity building, how much money did the South Australian Attorney-General, New South Wales Attorney-General's Department and OCP provide for their respective commissioned projects?

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

For the period in question, the following amounts were provided by agencies in New South Wales, Western Australia and South Australia for services provided by the AIC to assist in building their crime prevention capacity:

New South Wales Attorney General's Department:\$54,500

Western Australian Office of Crime Prevention:\$11,555.30

South Australian Attorney General's Department:\$1,500

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Question No. 346

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

Regarding the two projects funded by NDLERF, what is it about current Australian approaches to the practice of performance measurement in drug law enforcement that required it to be strengthened?

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

Modern approaches to drug law enforcement are based on the effective use of crime data and intelligence. This information is drawn from a constantly changing and evolving crime environment. As drug law enforcement agencies achieve new successes in preventing and reducing drug related crime, criminals will be continually searching for new ways to continue their enterprise. This means that there is an ongoing need to review, broaden and improve the range of measures employed to assess the effectiveness of drug law enforcement measures. The use of the best available approaches to performance measurement is part of the process for ensuring that the best tools and techniques are available and applied to the task of drug law enforcement.

Undertaking a review of current drug law enforcement performance measures such as the AIC is currently doing on behalf of the National Drug Law Enforcement Research Fund does not imply that the existing measures are necessarily inappropriate or inadequate. It is merely a sensible part of the task of improving and strengthening what is currently done and identifying and developing new tools and techniques to match the constantly changing environment in which our drug law enforcement efforts must operate, both domestically and overseas.