SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE ASIO

Question No. 102

Senator Stott Despoja tabled the following question on 31 October 2005:

A Federal Bureau of Investigation spokeswoman in Los Angeles told the Sydney Morning Herald that Mr Parkin would not be tracked by the agency when he arrived back in the United States. Could this be seen as a vindication of Mr Parkin's denial of any wrongdoing?

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

ASIO makes its security assessments independently on the basis of all the information available at the time and in accordance with provisions and requirements of the ASIO Act 1979.