

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
ASIO

Question No. 105

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

Given that neither Mr Parkin nor his lawyers are able to find out what laws he has allegedly violated, or what risk he allegedly posed, how can other overseas visitors be certain they are not also violating these laws or posing a direct or indirect risk to Australia's national security?

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

ASIO assessments are made in accordance with the functions outlines in the *ASIO Act 1979*. The definition of security relevant to ASIO's function is outlined in the Act.