

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
ASIO

Question No. 110

Senator Ludwig tabled the following questions on 31 October 2005:

Could you indicate how many times ASIO has used its powers of detention?

- (a) When were these powers used?
- (b) What was the duration of the detention in each occasion?
- (c) Of those detained by ASIO, have any charges subsequently been pressed?
- (d) Of those charged with an offence, what sort of offences were they charged with?
- (e) How many of those charges have been finalised in the sense of being dropped or a conviction or acquittal being recorded?
- (f) Of those finalised, how many were dropped, how many resulted in a conviction and how many resulted in an acquittal?

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

(a) – (f) As reported in the ASIO Report to Parliament 2004-2005 (page 41), ASIO has not sought a warrant under 34D(2)(b) of the ASIO Act 1979.