

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
CRIMTRAC

Question No. 140

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2005:

- a) Could you indicate what functionality ANCOR currently has, and what additional functionality it has gained since September 2004?
- b) What additional functionality do you intend to continue adding to ANCOR?
- c) Is this functionality that was intended to be part of ANCOR at the original release, or is it functionality that has been requested or otherwise assigned to ANCOR since that time?
 - (i) If it is functionality that was intended to be part of ANCOR at the release date, why was it pushed back?
 - (ii) What other functionality does ANCOR not have that it should have had when it launched?
- d) What functionality was ANCOR intended to have by now that it does not currently have?
- e) What additional enhancements are planned to ANCOR?

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

- a) When ANCOR was launched on 1 September 2004 it had functionality to allow a jurisdiction to undertake the registration and case management of persons subject to Registration. This included some basic mapping tools. The functionality it has gained since September 2004 is the means for Registrars to see a national view of registered persons, the means to share cases with other jurisdictions and transfer a case when a registered person moves interstate. The functionality to automatically pass travel alert information between jurisdictions and the AFP for registered persons travelling overseas and some general improvements in terms of searching and reporting have been added. ANCOR's current functionality enables police to register, case-manage and share information with other jurisdictions for persons subject to child protection registration.
- b) ANCOR's design and functionality are to meet requirements of state and territory police registrars: it is therefore considered not to be under Commonwealth control. Additional functionality approved for ANCOR will provide improved support to investigations through the incorporation of an investigative analysis tool to assist in the visualisation and analysis of relationships within ANCOR data; advanced mapping functions to assist in identifying spatial trends in respect to where the registered persons, live, work, frequent, and travel to and with those locations relevant to other registered persons; and advanced searching and reporting to satisfy complex time critical enquiries by investigators.
- c) This additional functionality was included in the business case for ANCOR approved by the Australasian Police Ministers Council in November 2003.
 - (i) The estimates of time and budget in the ANCOR business case were based on the concept of operations and high-level requirements available at that time. With the benefit of more detailed requirements and the completion of design ANCOR has proved more difficult and expensive to develop and implement than estimated in the

original business case. The project adopted a strategy to progressively deliver functionality in a priority order to meet jurisdictional requirements.

- (ii) Only that covered in the answer to question b) above.
- d) The functionality that is described at b) above.
- e) There are two additional enhancements in prospect for ANCOR. Firstly, in response to some jurisdictions enacting legislation that includes additional categories of offenders (such as where the victim is an adult) a business case is being prepared for the best means of supporting this new requirement. Secondly, ANCOR was approved as a stand-alone system in the first instance. There is an expectation that in the future, electronic inter-operability between ANCOR and jurisdictional systems will be required to ensure the timely passage of information between jurisdictions standard operational systems and ANCOR, including the ability to generate automatic alerts to case managers when information relating to a registered person changes or police anywhere in Australia have encountered that person.