

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Question No. 84

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

- a) Regarding the statement that the rates Australian Security Vetting Service pays are commercial in confidence, please justify the commercial in confidence?
- (b) If possible, please provide the rates in a redacted form?
- (c) If not, why not?

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

The ASVS operates in a competitive environment with other agencies and private companies offering personnel security vetting services. For this reason, the rates that the ASVS pays its contractors are commercial-in-confidence.

It is not possible to provide the rates in a redacted form for the reasons outlined above.