

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA

Question No. 38

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 19 October 2009:

Can the Committee be provided with a copy of the STRATSEC report on access to network vulnerability assessment and application vulnerability assessment.

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

The Court assumes this item relates to the Stratsec review of the Court's eLodgment system. A copy of the report 'eLodgment Security Assessment' is attached, with the key findings relating to 'application assessment' and 'network vulnerability assessment' found at page 5 of the Executive Summary.

The Court has also asked Stratsec to undertake a 'Internal Process Review' of the eLodgment system against the requirements of the Australian Government Information and Telecommunications Security Manual. This report is still under review, however it has identified five recommendations of 'immediate' or 'high' priority. These are :

1. Perform a backup and restore of the eLodgment systems (Immediate).

Backup completed. Restore activity planned for early 2010.

2. Perform a security risk assessment, detailing the consequences should threats associated with eLodgment be realised (High).

Planned for early 2010.

3. Build the DEV, UAT and TEST environments to use for structured deployment of updates. (High).

Build underway.

4. Develop the Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity plans and procedures (High).

Completion planned for June 2010.

5. Finalise and endorse the Court's ICT Security Policy (High).

Draft completed.