

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Group 3**

**Program 1.6**

**Question No. 73**

**Senator Singh asked the following question at the hearing on 18 November 2013:**

1. How many Adverse Security Assessments by ASIO of people held cases in immigration detention have been reviewed by the Independent Reviewer?
  - a) What have been the outcomes of these reviews?
2. Have you received any instructions from the Government in relation to the Independent Review process for individuals in immigration detention subject to an Adverse Security Assessment?

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

- 1) As at 3 December 2013, the Independent Reviewer of Adverse Security Assessments, the Hon Margaret Stone, has completed 13 reviews and has referred an additional four cases to ASIO for consideration of new information. She is in the process of reviewing the remaining 35 adverse security assessments. Of the 13 completed reviews, the Reviewer found that 11 were an appropriate assessment, while in two instances she found that the ASIO adverse security assessment was not an appropriate outcome.
- 2) The Government has not instructed the Department to take any action in relation to the Independent Reviewer.