

Question 6 (part 1) (To Ms Lynch)(p.28-9, *Proof Hansard*)
National Security Guideline

CHAIR—Can you tell us how many lawyers have been assessed under your national security guideline?

Ms Lynch—I would have to take that on notice. I would not necessarily know at this stage who would have applied or not. I would not have any direct involvement in that process.

CHAIR—Will you take on notice to provide us with the number who have been cleared, the number who have been assessed and the resources, personnel and otherwise, allocated to the function of assessing and clearing lawyers under that guideline...

As at 5 May 2004, the Department is aware of one legal practitioner who has applied for a security clearance under the guideline and that clearance has been granted.

The Department determined that no specific allocation of resources was needed to deal with applications from legal practitioners under the national security guideline.