

## **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**

The committee met on Thursday, 24 May 2012 from 9.02 am to 11.03 pm.

The committee called the:

- department and agencies of the Attorney-General's portfolio, including the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service, the Australian Federal Police (AFP), the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO), the Australian Government Solicitor (AGS), the Australian Crime Commission, Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia, CrimTrac and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP).

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- the level of surveillance activity undertaken by the Customs and Border Protection Service
- the cargo screening program
- AFP involvement in the interception of suspected illegal entry vessel off Cocos (Keeling) Islands
- drug seizures conducted by the AFP
- adverse security assessments for asylum seekers undertaken by ASIO
- the new ASIO building
- AGS involvement in current proceedings involving the Speaker of the House of Representatives
- the Personal Property Securities Register
- staff turnover, code of conduct breaches and incidences of bullying and workplace harassment at CrimTrac
- actions of the DPP following the report of Fair Work Australia into the national office of the Health Services Union
- funding of community programs under the confiscated assets account
- the US-Australia Joint Statement on Countering Transnational Crime
- the updated emergency alert location system
- the development of the DisasterWatch phone app.