

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION

Question No. 51

Senator Hanson-Young asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2012:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Is there a formula, though? It sounds as though it is more flexible than I would have imagined, frankly.

Mr Irvine: I would need to check exactly how and in what form DIAC is provided with the information about the adverse assessment. We are talking about that 59 here. I will need to take that on notice because I am not 100 per cent clear exactly how they are informed.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: But in your department obviously you would see the total log of claims or statement of reasons?

Mr Irvine: I see a complete statement of reasons.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: You see a complete statement of reasons but you are not sure at this moment, and you will take it on notice.

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

A classified statement of grounds supporting a recommendation for an adverse ASIO security assessment is prepared for the Director-General of Security's consideration. A classified summary of this statement of grounds is provided to the Attorney-General for information.

Classified copies of the statement of grounds supporting all adverse security assessments are made available to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) or to the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship if requested.