

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

Question No. 93

Senator Cash asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2011:

- a) How many negative assessments were referred back to ASIO by DIAC?
- b) How many negative assessments did ASIO return for the same period?
- c) What is the current status of these people who have received a negative security assessment?

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

- a) As at 16 June 2011, DIAC has not requested ASIO reassess a previously issued adverse security assessment in relation to an IMA.
- b) As at 20 June 2011, ASIO has issued 39 adverse security assessments in relation to IMAs; five were issued in 2009, 14 during 2010 and 20 as at 20 June 2011.
- c) Questions regarding the current status of IMAs following receipt of ASIO security assessment are best directed to DIAC.