

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

Question No. 179

Senator Rhiannon asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2012:

Background: The public version of the December 2011 Report into Habib's case, undertaken by the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security was released in March this year. It contained recommendations relevant to ASIO.

1. What is your assessment of recommendation 3?
 - a. Has it been implemented?
 - b. If not, what is the timeline? Will it be made publicly available?
 - c. What processes will be put in place to ensure ASIO officers are aware of this policy?
 - d. What checks will you put in place to ensure ASIO officers follow this policy?
 - e. Which agencies do you consider it appropriate or relevant to advise or consult?
2. What is your assessment of recommendation 5?
 - a. Has it been implemented?
 - b. If not, what is the timeline? Will it be made publicly available?
 - c. What processes will be put in place to ensure ASIO officers are aware of this policy?
 - d. What checks will you put in place to ensure ASIO officers follow this policy?

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

1. ASIO accepts recommendation 3.
 - a. ASIO is in the process of making amendments to existing policy and guidelines in consultation with the IGIS.
 - b. ASIO will report progress of implementation to the IGIS ahead of her Annual Report for 2011-12. ASIO policies and procedures remain classified and it would not be appropriate to provide detail publicly.
 - c. Updated policies and procedures will be integrated into ongoing ASIO training programs and relevant areas advised of the changes.
 - d. In addition to internal mechanisms for line management review, the IGIS conducts regular review of ASIO's compliance with policies and procedures.
 - e. It would not be appropriate to comment publicly on ASIO engagement with other agencies.

2. ASIO accepts recommendation 5.

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