

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

Question No. 38

Senator Hanson-Young asked the following question at the hearing on 16 October 2012:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: ...Mr Irvine, nice to see you. Firstly could you tell me how many IMAs currently have adverse security assessments?

Mr Irvine: The number of people—both IMAs and non-IMAs—in detention due to an adverse security assessment is currently 56. There are another eight people who have been given adverse security assessments who have already been settled in third countries.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: So they are not in immigration detention?

Mr Irvine: They are not in immigration detention. I do not believe they are in Australia at all. Of that 56, fifty-five are irregular maritime arrivals; one is not.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: What is the status of the person who is not an IMA? Are they a compliance case?

Mr Irvine: I would have to take that on notice, because I am not quite sure what that case is.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: If you could, just for clarification. Fifty-five was the number we were given by the department for IMAs. If you could take that on notice so we could clarify. Do you know how long that person has been given an adverse security assessment?

Mr Irvine: I am not familiar with the details of that case. I would need to provide that information on notice.

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

1. What is the status of the person who is not an IMA? Are they a compliance case?

ASIO issued an adverse security assessment in 2009 for an onshore non-IMA. Further questions, including the person's current status, should be directed to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

2. Do you know how long that person has been given an adverse security assessment?

ASIO issued an adverse security assessment for this individual in September 2009. Further questions regarding that individual's current immigration status, including regarding detention, should be referred to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.