

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

The committee met on Thursday, 30 May 2013 from 9.00 am to 8.52 pm.

The committee called:

- the department and agencies within the Attorney General's Portfolio, including the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI), the Australian Crime Commission, the Australian Federal Police (AFP), the Australian Government Solicitor, the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO), the CrimTrac Agency, Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia; and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- whether any budget cuts have impacted on ACLEI's functions and, consequently, any resource allocation changes to particular work projects
- illicit drug data and the cost of the illicit drug market, which is estimated at \$6 billion (or 2% of Australia's gross domestic product)
- the use of Section 313 of the *Telecommunications Act 1997* to block access to websites or categories of content on the Interpol list
- the AFP's complaints mechanism and the training of staff in ethics, integrity and anti-bullying
- ASIO funding, including the prioritisation and allocation of resources to support its business in an environment of new and existing operational demands.