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Senator: Ludlam

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Question:

Senator Ludlam: I spoke to ASIO's DG earlier about data collection and about the fact that, because they do not have reporting obligations under the TIA Act, we have no idea how much metadata material they are scooping up, which nearly all other agencies report in the TIA Act annual report. Do you have visibility of the volume of warrantless surveillance requests that ASIO make?

Dr Thom: I have visibility of all of the requests that ASIO make, including the numbers, if I wanted those numbers, yes.

Senator Ludlam: Do they report to you on an annual or a quarterly basis, or is it up to you to go and find that information?

Dr Thom: I could find out the information. I think we do get an annual reporting on the numbers but I am not sure; I can get back to you on that.

Answer:

The Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security does not receive periodic reporting of the volume.