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Question:	

The 2013-14 Annual Report noted that ASIS didn't have adequate controls to ensure an agent wouldn't be carrying a weapon under the influence of alcohol.

I note ASIS is in the process of undertaking change to address areas of concern. This includes:

- The introduction of a compliance branch
- An extensive compliance outreach training program
- Widespread consultation with staff
- A review of all ASIS policy procedures, to be made centrally available on a new platform

Does the IGIS consider at this point of time that ASIS has controls in place to ensure that agents are not carrying weapons under the influence of alcohol? Are you confident that during the establishment of these programs there are adequate immediate controls in place to prevent such an incident?

Answer:

The IGIS is satisfied that the programs introduced are adequate to ensure – as far as possible – that ASIS staff are not carrying weapons under the influence of alcohol.