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What agencies determine the details (or lack of) that IGIS can publish and what criteria is used?

Answer:

IGIS consults with relevant Australian intelligence agencies in order to obtain their advice to ensure that the IGIS Annual Report or unclassified reports of IGIS inquiries do not contain any information that would prejudice national security. If agencies advise that the inclusion of certain information would prejudice national security, it is usual practice for the IGIS to discuss the matter further with the agency to understand the reason why inclusion of the information would prejudice national security and explore alternative options to report as much as is possible in a public report without prejudicing national security.