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Do these limitations at times prevent IGIS from demonstrating rigorous and credible oversight?

**Answer:**

The limitations can limit the IGIS' ability to demonstrate *publicly* the nature of IGIS oversight, but do not limit the IGIS carrying out its functions of assisting Ministers in the oversight and review of Australian intelligence agencies.