

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION

**Question No. 54**

**Senator Hanson-Young asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2012:**

**Senator HANSON-YOUNG:** Are you able to tell me: when was the last time ASIO reviewed an adverse assessment?

**Mr Irvine:** Off the top of my head, no—with the exception of when, very recently, we changed a few words in an assessment.

**Senator HANSON-YOUNG:** Is that for everybody or just for IMAs?

**Mr Irvine:** I am talking about IMAs. I would really need to check—but there are very few, frankly, adverse assessments outside at the moment of the IMA cohort.

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

ASIO undertakes reviews of security assessments, including adverse and qualified, when new information is received. Pursuant to this internal review process, ASIO considers whether any new information impacts on the validity of the existing security assessment. This review process is undertaken without a formal referral from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) or other government department.

In cases where new information warrants a new security assessment, ASIO will proactively issue a new security assessment. This is a continuous and ongoing process.