

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**QoN PM81 Senator Evans**

**Senator CHRIS EVANS:** Have you done any major work on the regular reporting in addition to that?

**Mr Varghese:** We do what we call strategic assessments, which are more in depth coverage. We do that reasonably — well, frequently would be the wrong word because of the nature of strategic assessments, but we have done several in relation to East Timor.

**Senator CHRIS EVANS:** When was the most recent you have done?

**Mr Varghese:** I would have to check the date and get back to you, but the most recent strategic assessment would probably be in the last fortnight or so.

**Answer:** For the period 1 July 2006 to 27 June 2007, ONA has written 21 reports on East Timor, including one National Assessment issued on 7 July 2006 and two Strategic Assessments, one issued on 1 December 2006 and the most recent on 26 June 2007.