

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN TRANSACTION REPORTS AND ANALYSIS CENTRE

Question No. 199

Senator Ludwig tabled the following question at the hearings on 14 February 2006:

Please provide a breakdown of the intelligence exchange requests from foreign jurisdictions, based on the number of requests and the number of requests granted?

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

1 July 2004 - 30 June 2005

Total number of requests received – 94

A response was provided to all requests:

- FTR information disseminated in response to 65 requests
- A negative response was provided for 10 requests as no corresponding FTR information was found.
- A negative response was provided for 17 requests as AUSTRAC had not entered into an Exchange Instrument with the requesting country.
- A negative response was provided to one request as there was no suspected offence included in the request.
- A negative response was provided to another request as the request did not fall within the terms of the Exchange Instrument.

1 July 2005 – 28 February

Total number of requests received - 48

A response was provided to 45 requests:

- FTR information disseminated in response to 21 requests
- A negative response was provided for 10 requests as no corresponding FTR information was found.
- A negative response was provided for 14 requests as AUSTRAC had not entered into an Exchange Instrument with the requesting country.

3 requests are still being considered.