

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

**Question No. 75**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2006:**

Regarding the release of the new 'Thesaurus of Australian Government Subjects' (TAGS):

- a) Has the ACC altered its website or any other publication, electronic or printed, as a result of the release of TAGS?
- b) Does the ACC have any plans to alter its website or any other publication, electronic or printed, as a result of the release of TAGS?
- c) If so, could you provide a list of the changes that have been made to the website or any other publication, electronic or printed, as a result of the release of TAGS or – if they have not been completed – the changes that are planned, and when they are intended to be made?
- d) If not, why not?
- e) Has the ACC distributed TAGS to its staff?
- f) Has the ACC begun using TAGS as a guide to developing its website or any other publication, electronic or printed?

**The answers to the honourable senator's questions are as follows:**

- a) No
- b) No
- c) Not relevant
- d) The ACC notes that TAGS is the latest addition to a list of thirty-three metadata schemes registered by the Australian National Archives for use in AGLS metadata. The released material points out that some support resources are still in development. As the ACC understands that adoption of the TAGS scheme is not compulsory the ACC is reluctant to commit resources to premature implementation of a scheme still incomplete and without wide support.
- e) Yes - the ACC has distributed it to appropriate ACC Graphic Design and Information Management staff.
- f) No