

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

Question No. 137

Senator Nettle asked the following question at the hearing on 13 February 2007:

- a) Are you are aware of recent statements made by that Alan Dupont, Director of the Centre for International Security Studies that “climate change is fast emerging as the security issue of the 21st Century”?
- b) What work is ASIO doing to analyse, plan and prepare for the security impacts of climate change?

The answer to the honourable Senator’s question is as follows:

- a) Yes.
- b) While it would not be appropriate to comment on the details of ASIO’s work, I can provide assurance that ASIO is constantly examining and taking appropriate action in relation to potential new threats to security, as defined in the *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979*.