

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
CLASSIFICATION BOARD

Question No. 9

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 8 February 2010:

In 2009 to 12 October the board had investigated or was investigating 32 publications. Nine audits have been conducted; six passed the audit, two have been revoked and another is in the process of being revoked. Twenty-three call in notices have been issued:

- a. How many of the called in titles were imported by Namda and/or Windsor wholesale?
- b. How many of the revoked titles had been previously given Category 1 serial classification by the Classification Board?
- c. Of the called in titles, how many were found packaged with titles which had been classified?

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

- a. The Classification Board does not know who imported these magazines. The Classification Board receives applications for classification from a wide range of organisations along the supply line, including distributors, publishers and so on. It is not part of the applications process for the applicant to indicate whether they are the importer of the material.

Of the 32 publications, three serial classifications were revoked. NAMDA had applied for these serial classifications. All were covered by a Category 1 restricted serial declaration.

- b. All three of the NAMDA publications which had their serial classifications revoked were covered by a Category 1 restricted serial declaration.
- c. As a result of the Classification Board's investigations, 23 unclassified publications were called in for classification. Three of these were found in packages with titles which were covered by a serial classification.