

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

**Question No. 37**

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

Regarding the *Oceanic Viking* incident in late 2009, at what point:

- a. was ASIO first asked to provide advice or any other processing services to the Government with respect to those people who were passengers on *Oceanic Viking*?
- b. did ASIO know the identity of the people on board the *Oceanic Viking*? Did ASIO know of these peoples' identity before they disembarked in the middle of November?
- c. were the five adverse assessments issued?

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

- a) ASIO commenced substantive work on the security assessments from 24 November 2009 following receipt of detailed information from DIAC on that date.
- b) Information provided to ASIO by DIAC by 24 November 2009 identified conclusively the passengers on board *Oceanic Viking*.
- c) ASIO issued four adverse assessments in relation to passengers from the *Oceanic Viking*:
  - Three adverse assessments (in relation to one female and two male passengers from the *Oceanic Viking*) were issued to DIAC on 11 December 2009.
  - One adverse assessment (in relation to a male passenger from the *Oceanic Viking*) was issued to DIAC on 23 December 2009.
  - One adverse assessment was issued to DIAC on 18 December 2009 in relation to an irregular maritime arrival on Christmas Island. This individual is the husband of the female from the *Oceanic Viking* who was the subject of an adverse assessment.