

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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**Question No. 104**

**Senator Ludlam asked the following question at the hearing on 8 February 2009:**

Confirm the total number of submissions received, including a breakdown of how they were submitted (via e-mail, mail etc), as part of the national security legislation public consultation. Please explain any major discrepancy.

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

On 12 August 2009, the Attorney-General released a Discussion Paper on proposed legislative reforms to Australia's counter-terrorism and national security legislation. A website was set up by the Attorney-General's Department to facilitate public consultation and submissions were able to be made until 9 October 2009.

Fifty submissions were received by the Department. Five were received by post. Forty-five were received via email to the Discussion Paper consultation email address - <CTconsultation@ag.gov.au>. Of these forty-five, duplicate copies of three submissions were also sent by post to the Department.

Senator Ludlam referred to over 1300 submissions coming through his Office. However, those submissions (which were in the form of a petition scheme allowing people to indicate support for views expressed in a campaign letter on certain Discussion Paper related amendments) were not forwarded to the Department or the Attorney-General's Office during the consultation period.