

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
OFFICE OF THE AUSTRALIAN INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

Question No. 7

Senator Boyce asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2012:

Senator BOYCE: I was a bit surprised, whilst looking through your website, to find a media release of 11 July 2011 from the office advising about a scam with the OAIC. Did you report that to the ASIC scams-alert system?

Mr Pilgrim: I will have to take on notice whether we made contact with ASIC on that.

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

The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) became aware of this matter when it was reported to its Telephone Enquiries Line on 11 July 2011. The OAIC acted immediately to upload a statement on its website to warn individuals about the scam, and to remind individuals to remain vigilant about telemarketing calls offering online technical support or computer virus products. The OAIC did not receive any further calls about the scam.

This matter has not been reported to ASIC.