

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 99**

**Senator Allison asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2005:**

Minister Downer indicated that CCTV tapes were not available in the case of Ms Corby's arrest as they were usually destroyed within a few hours? Was that information correct?

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

In the case of Ms Corby, the AFP sought three video records in relation to baggage handling areas in the Brisbane domestic airport. Of those three applications, two of the areas were not covered by electronic surveillance. In relation to the third application Qantas advised that the hard-drive medium which could have recorded images of Ms Corby had been overwritten. The images on the hard-drive were independently examined and found not to contain any images of Ms Corby.

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Please provide details of those changes being proposed to surveillance in baggage handling areas?

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

The AFP had no responsibility for the deployment of CCTV by aviation industry participants.

On 7 June 2005 the Government announced it would act immediately to further tighten security at Australia's major airports, with a package of measures to address the community's concerns about the level of crime at these critical international and domestic gateways. This package of measures will include the removal of the legal obstacles to increasing the use of video surveillance in all areas of airports, including the baggage holds of aircraft.