

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION

Question No. 114

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 25 May 2006:

Background checks for ASIC holders:

- a) Are there any outstanding checks to be done on those who applied for a check on or before 31 December 2005?
- b) What is the average time taken to process a background check?

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

- a) ASIO has 14 ASIC checks outstanding that were received by ASIO before 31 December 2005. As the applications are not lodged with ASIO we do not know the date of lodgement.
- b) In May 2006 ASIO cleared 75% of ASIC checks in 4 calendar days — 90% within 8 days.