

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

Question No. 89

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 23 May 2007:

If you are able to do so, please provide a list of those business sectors ASIO's Business Liaison Unit has communicated with.

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

ASIO's Business Liaison Unit (BLU) uses the same nine business sector classifications as adopted by the National Counter-Terrorism Committee. The sector classifications are: Banking and Finance; Communication; Energy; Essential Manufacturing; Food Supply; Health; Property, Icons and Mass Gatherings; Transport; and Water Utilities. Within a number of these sectors are sub-sectors of significance; for example, Transport is subdivided into Land, Maritime and Aviation.

The BLU has communicated with all these business sectors since its inception in late 2005, including through regular meetings with industry, attendance at industry security forums and via a secure website.