

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

Question No. 28

Senator Siewert asked the following question at the hearing on 26 May 2008

NTER: situation reports:

- a) In what way are the seven situation reports different to the 333 intelligence dissemination reports?
- b) Which communities or regions do the seven situation reports relate to?

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

The 333 intelligence dissemination reports are discrete and contain details of persons of interest, suspected criminal activity, descriptions of associations between persons of interest or outline concerns raised in relation to a community.

The seven situation reports are strategically focussed, featuring assessment and analysis of intelligence and related information. These situation reports include detailed profiles on persons of interest, overviews of the ACC's findings and thematic reports focussed on a specific type of criminal activity. The reports also contain comment on specific communities, regions, and persons of interest to law enforcement.

The reports are disseminated under the *Australian Crime Commission Act (2002)* and are controlled documents. The information is largely obtained from confidential sources and from a culmination of ACC intelligence reports. Because of the confidential nature of the documents, the ACC cannot identify communities or regions that are the subject of these reports.