

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY

Question No. 339

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

Has the department or agency done any papers or reports on this issues? If not, why not?

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

The AIC has published the following reports on this issue:

No. 220: *Older people and consumer fraud*
Glenn Muscat, Marianne James and Adam Graycar
March 2002
<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/tandi/tandi220.html>

No. 212: *The victimisation of older Australians*
Carlos Carcach, Adam Graycar and Glenn Muscat
June 2001
<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/tandi/tandi212.html>

No. 139: *Substitute decision making and older people*
Deborah Setterlund, Cheryl Tilse and Jill Wilson
December 1999
<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/tandi/tandi139.html>

No. 132: *Fraud & financial abuse of older persons*
Russell G. Smith
SBN 0 642 24127 9 ; ISSN 0817-8542
October 1999
<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/tandi/tandi132.html>

No. 113: *Abuse of older people: crime or family dynamics?*
Pamela Kinnear and Adam Graycar
May 1999
<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/tandi/tandi113.html>

No. 96: *Homicide and older people in Australia*
Carlos Carcach, Marianne James and P N Grabosky
November 1998
<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/tandi/tandi96.html>

No. 37: *The elderly as victims of crime, abuse and neglect*
Marianne Pinkerton James
June 1992
<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/tandi/tandi37.html>

Research and public policy series

No. 51: *A safe and secure environment for older Australians*

Marianne James, Adam Graycar and Pat Mayhew
2003
<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/rpp/51/index.html>

No. 32: *Preventing crime against older Australians*
Marianne James and Adam Graycar
2000
<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/rpp/32/index.html>

No. 5: *Protecting superannuation against criminal exploitation : seminar held on 21 June 1996, Melbourne, Australia*
Adam Graycar (ed.)
1996
<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/rpp/05/index.html>

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Question No. 340

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

- (a) Regarding the work done on victimisation of older Australians, have any recommendations been made so far?
- (b) If yes, what were they, how have they been implemented and have they been successful?
- (c) If not, why not?

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

a) The AIC did not make any specific recommendations. It provided a broad strategy for crime prevention and fear reduction programs outlined in the 2003 report on *A Safe and Secure Environment for Older Australians*. This work was commissioned by the Australian Government's Department of Health, Ageing and Community Care. This included measures such as:

- Promotion of a sense of security and safety to reduce older people's fear of crime.
- Implementation of programs that increase the physical security and personal safety of vulnerable older people.
- Implementation of programs that ensure the financial safety of vulnerable older people.
- Identification and use of crime prevention techniques that encourage supportive social environments.
- Effective utilisation of the social capital that is available within the older population and in the wider community.
- Reduction in sensationalism in the media.

b) and c) No specific recommendations were made. Instead, a strategic framework was provided, which could be modified and adapted to meet stakeholders' needs. As a research agency the AIC's legislation does not extend to the implementation of programs and strategies.

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Question No. 341

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Regarding the investigation into transnational and organised crime, is there a preliminary report available? If not, when will one be available? If yes, please provide.

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

Yes, the Report has been published as: Australian Institute of Criminology, *The Worldwide Fight Against Transnational Organised Crime: Australia*, Technical and Background Paper No. 9, pp. 1-66, Australian Institute of Criminology, Canberra which is available at:

<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/tbp/tbp009/>

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Question No. 342

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

Regarding the investigations into identity theft, economic and high tech crime, does the AIC involve extra-governmental stakeholders (for instance, major corporations, IT companies, etc.) in collaborative work in these areas? If not, why not? If yes, which ones and do they contribute financially to the investigations?

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

Yes, PricewaterhouseCoopers, provided funding of \$39,158 including GST for research into serious fraud in Australia and New Zealand; in 2001, a project was undertaken for the Confederation of Asian and Pacific Accountants (CAPA), *Controlling Fraud on the Internet: A CAPA Perspective* for which CAPA provided funding of \$71,000; in 1998 a project was undertaken for the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (ICAA), *Taking Fraud Seriously: Issues and Strategies for Reform* for which ICAA provided funding of \$33,150.