

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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**Question No. 67**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:**

How many and which of the recommendations of the Standing Committee were eventually used to refine the legislation?

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

It would contravene the *COAG Guidelines for the Operation of Ministerial Councils* to release details of the deliberations of Standing Committee of Attorneys-General without the prior agreement of that Committee.

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**Question No. 68**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:**

Regarding the three feasibility studies in the area of identity crime, are any reports, interim or completed, available? If so, please provide. If not, why not?

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

The feasibility studies undertaken on a common set of identifying documents, an on-line document verification service and on cross-agency data matching to detect fictitious identities and cleanse identity registers have been completed and considered by the Commonwealth Reference Group on identity security, an Australian Government inter-agency committee composed of 24 Australian Government agencies.

The studies will form the basis of a report to Government. The reports are not available for public release.

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**Question No. 69**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:**

What was the cost of developing and printing the ID theft kit?

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

The total cost was \$187,000.

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**Question No. 70**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:**

How many kits have been distributed to the public?

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

The number of kits distributed as of 17 December 2004, was 41,666.

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**Question No. 71**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:**

What feedback has the Department received from the community as to the effectiveness of the kit?

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

No formal feedback has been sought. However, positive comments have been informally received.

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**Question No. 72**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:**

Regarding the Prisoners and their Families Program:

- (a) How effective was the Prisoners and their Families program in achieving its stated goals?
- (b) Are there any reports on the effectiveness of the program? If yes, please provide. If no, why not?
- (c) Why was funding to the Prisoners and their Families program allowed to lapse? Is the Department aware of any plans to re-institute funding on this or any similar program?

**The answers to the honourable senator's questions are as follows:**

- (a) The program has been successful in that all jurisdictions have either incorporated elements of the program into some health and welfare programs and/or continued the program on site.
- (b) Yes. An evaluation of the program was completed by Success Works in November 2004. The report has been provided to the Minister for Justice and Customs and is expected to be made available on the Australian Government Attorney-General's Crime Prevention website.
- (c) The Australian Government initially offered States and Territories the *Prisoners and their Families Program* as a two year pilot. The program commenced at Risdon Prison in December 2000 and was rolled out nationally to thirteen sites in total.

On 20 September 2002, the Minister for Justice and Customs, the Hon Senator Chris Ellison provided additional funding of \$1 million to extend the program beyond the initial period of the two year pilot to 30 June 2004. This was to enable an evaluation of the program on all sites to be undertaken, and to give jurisdictions additional time to decide whether or not to continue the pilot program or incorporate elements of it in their prison welfare service programs when Australian Government funding ceased. In fact, the program continued to operate with this funding on most sites to mid-December 2004.

The Department is not aware of any plans to re-institute funding.

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**Question No. 73**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:**

How many criminal justice certificates were issued in 2003-04?

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

A total of 193 criminal justice certificates were issued in 2003-04.

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**Question No. 74**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:**

On how many flights are Air Security Officers present?

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

The AFP does not discuss operational issues relating to the ASO program, as to do so may compromise the security of the program and its operators.

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**Question No. 75**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:**

Are Australian officers present on both domestic and international flights?

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

Yes. International flights to and from Singapore and the United States of America are included in the Air Security Officer programme.