

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
ASIO

**Question No. 108**

**Senator Ludwig tabled the following questions on 31 October 2005:**

- (a) Are you able to indicate how many raids ASIO conducted over the course of the last financial year?
- (b) Are you able to indicate how many people have been arrested or charged with an offence as a result of one of these raids?
  - (i) Of those charges with an offence, what sort of offences were they charged with?
  - (ii) How many of those charges have been finalised in the sense of being dropped or a conviction or acquittal being recorded?
  - (iii) Of those finalised, how many were dropped, how many resulted in a conviction and how many resulted in an acquittal?

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

- (a) ASIO does not publicly provide details of operational activity for reasons of security and does not publicly identify the subjects of such activity.
- (b) ASIO warrant activity is conducted for the purposes of gathering intelligence. ASIO is not a law enforcement agency and does not exercise powers of charge or arrest.