

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 237

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2005:

- a) How much of the funding provided for enhanced checking of aviation security ID card holders has been expended?
- b) Has all funding been expended?
 - (i) If not, how much funding has yet to be expended?
- c) Was there any variation to the stated budget for this program?
 - (i) If so, what was the variation?
 - (ii) Was additional funding provided, or did the program lose funding?
 - (iii) If the program lost funding, where was the funding transferred, and why?
 - (iv) Were any stop-gap measures put in place?
- d) What was the stated outcome of the program at the time the funding commenced?
 - (i) Did the program meet its stated outcome?
 - (ii) If not, in which areas did it not meet its stated outcome?
 - (iii) Were any other measures or additional funding required to meet the stated outcome of the program?
- e) Has a review been conducted of the program?
 - (i) If so, could you provide a copy?
 - (ii) If not, why not?
 - (iii) Is one being conducted, or will one be conducted?
 - (iv) Are there any *interim* reports available?
 - (v) Are there any plans to produce any *interim* reports?

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

- a) The Australian Government Department of Transport and Regional Services have not been provided with any funding for the re-assessment of the criminal history of aviation security identity card (ASIC) holders.
- b) Not applicable.
 - (i) Not applicable.
- c) Not applicable.
 - (i) Not applicable.
 - (ii) Not applicable.

(iii) Not applicable.

(iv) Not applicable.

d) While no specific funding has been provided, the Department is conducting a re-assessment of all ASIC holders to ensure eligibility based on the background checking criteria in the Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005.

(i) The review is currently in progress.

(ii) Not applicable.

(iii) Not applicable.

e) No.

(i) Not applicable.

(ii) The review is currently in progress.

(iii) No.

(iv) No.

(v) No.