

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

Question No. 82

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

Has any analysis been done on the number of calls received?

The answer to the Honourable Senator's question is as follows:

The National Security Hotline does not analyse information contained in calls. However, all calls received are categorised based on the nature of the call. The three broad categories are as follows:

- *Information* – calls received from the public where information is provided about suspicious persons, objects, or circumstances;
- *Assurance* – calls received from the public seeking information about the national security situation in Australia and/or countries overseas; and
- *Campaign* – calls not categorised as *Information* or *Assurance* calls that have been received from public in response to the National Security Hotline Campaign launched by the Australian Government in December 2002.