

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

**Question No. 92**

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

- (a) Have you been in talks with the Attorney-General's department regarding difficulties encountered in the roles, powers and structures of the ACC and the Board?
- (b) What has the AGD indicated are problems within the current structure?
- (c) What have you indicated to the AGD are problems with the current structure from your point of view?
- (d) How did these problems come to be identified?
- (e) Was there a review process, or is this just what you noticed from the day-to-day operation of the ACC?
- (f) Could you indicate whether you have assisted the AGD in any redrafting of any part of the act?

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

- (a) The ACC has been in talks with the AGD regarding a number of complex issues relating to the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002* (the *ACC Act 2002*) that may require law reform. Some of these issues are contained in a classified appendix to the ACC Board and ACC Submission to the PJC's Review of the operation of the *ACC Act 2002*.
- (b) The AGD has not indicated any problems within the current structure.
- (c) The ACC has not indicated to AGD any problems with the current structure.
- (d) There were no problems identified.
- (e) See d) above.
- (f) Since its establishment on 1 January 2003 the ACC has suggested several amendments to assist the AGD in redrafting parts of the Act. These suggested amendments have primarily addressed limitations in transitional provisions.