

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
CLASSIFICATION BOARD

Question No. 36

Senator Marshall asked the following question at the hearing on 20 October 2008:

What is the percentage of submittable publications (to the Classification Board) as opposed to all other publications on the market?

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

The Classification Board is not aware of the total number of publications titles which are in the market. The Classification Board only classifies submittable publications.

Publishers may apply for a classification for each issue of a publication or for a serial classification which allows them to apply the classification granted to a single issue of that publication to a number of future issues for a specified period of time or specified number of issues.

In the 2007-08 financial year, 250 publications applications were made to the Classification Board. Of these applications, 48 publications were classified Unrestricted, 145 publications were classified Category 1 restricted, 56 publications were classified Category 2 restricted and one publication was RC (Refused Classification).

In the 2007-08 financial year, in addition to the 250 publications applications, 73 serial classification declarations were issued by the Classification Board. Of these declarations, 9 publications were classified Unrestricted, 58 publications were classified Category 1 restricted, 5 publications were classified Category 2 restricted and one publication was withdrawn.


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