

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION

Question No. 97

Senator Ludlam asked the following question following the hearing on 19 October 2009:

- a) Has ASIO recruited the full quota of staff budgeted for?
- b) Does the Agency continue to advertise on Google as it did in the past?

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

- a) ASIO remains engaged with a substantial growth program. It is anticipated the budgeted staffing levels of around 1800 will be reached by mid-2011. This program of capability enhancement is consistent with recommendations outlined in the *Review of ASIO Resourcing* in 2005. As at 19 October 2009 ASIO employed 1702 staff.
- b) ASIO does not advertise explicitly via Google. However, it does utilise search engine marketing as part of recruitment campaigns. This allows for key search words within relevant search engines, such as Google, to connect with ASIO or identify positions associated with ASIO as part of search responses.