

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

Question No. 149

Senator Rhiannon provided the following written Question on Notice:

In response to a question in Estimates hearings there was this exchange:

Mr Irvine: I have just been corrected. In that year we actually issued two adverse assessments to the same person.

Senator RHIANNON: So, in 2012-13 it is actually only one ASA?

Mr Irvine: No, it is one person affected. And for the period since 1 July there have been none.

- a) How did one person have two adverse security assessments?
- b) Did ASIO intend to undertake two adverse security assessments on the one person?
- c) If so why did this happen?
- d) If it was not intentional how did ASIO come to make two adverse security assessments on the one person?
- e) Did the two adverse security assessments on the one person have different findings?
- f) If so how did ASIO resolve these differences?

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

- a) ASIO issued two adverse security assessments to one illegal maritime arrival in respect of two separate prescribed administrative actions – refusal of the person's permanent protection visa, and cancellation of the person's bridging visa.
- b) Yes, it was necessary in relation to the two separate prescribed administrative actions.
- c) Refer previous answer.
- d) Not applicable.
- e) No, both assessments resulted in an adverse finding.
- f) Not applicable.