SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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Senator Payne provided in writing.

Question

youTHINK forum

What specific actions is the Government taking in direct response to any of the Forum outcomes?

Answer

The ideas from the discussion on 'Contributing to our Democracy' at the **youTH**INK forum were provided to Senator the Hon John Faulkner, then Special Minister of State, for consideration in developing the Government's second green paper on electoral reform. Detailed summary of the discussion of this topic at the forum will also be sent to Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig, the current Special Minister of State, to inform the development of the second green paper on electoral reform, which will be released later in 2009.

The ideas and opinions from the discussion on 'Violence and Safety' have been provided to the relevant area of the Office for Youth involved in the Australian Government's current work on a national approach to addressing issues around violence and safety. The Australian Government has recently announced a House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth inquiry into and report on the impact of violence on young Australians. The Committee will undertake this inquiry later in 2009.