

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Question No. 82**

**Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2010:**

- a. Are there plans to publish a full suite of electoral reports on the Department's website? If not, why not? If so, when? What data will be included?
- b. Did the Department prepare electorate level reports for the Government Ministers for the 2010 election?
- c. What data is included in these reports? How often is this updated? Why is this material not publicly available?
- d. Please provide a copy of the latest reports.
- e. Has electoral specific data been used by the current Government in any grants scheme since November 2007?

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

- a. The Department does not prepare electoral reports. The Department currently publishes its Grants Register, which contains information on grants approved since 1 January 2009, the date of commencement of the Government's new grant reporting arrangements. This Register indicates grant funding by location but not by electorate.
- b. – d. The Department does not prepare electoral reports. In the ordinary course of its business, the Department prepares briefs for its Ministers on the progress and outcomes of projects and programs within the portfolio. From time to time, where relevant, these briefs may indicate the location where such matters have an impact, which may in some cases include the electorate.
- e. There has been no electoral-specific data used by the Attorney-General's portfolio in the administration of any of its grants schemes since November 2007.