

Senate Select Committee on Adopting Artificial Intelligence (AI)

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Varun Ghosh asked the following question:

Senator GHOSH: That's okay. One of the submissions—I can't remember if it was written or oral—that we received from the Law Council of Australia was around maintaining or ensuring that human beings were the ones giving legal advice, particularly where there are matters of discretion or judgement to be exercised, whether assisted by AI or not. How does a program like amica provide its proposed solutions, and do these constitute a form of legal advice or legal determination?

Ms Priestly: As I mentioned, the AI is autonomous and does draw on the outcomes of current family law cases, but there is human-led quality assurance for each suggested property split

Senator GHOSH: If someone's unhappy with the way that split that is suggested, is amica liable for that? How does that process work as distinct from, for instance, someone giving legal advice?

Ms Priestly: It's used to provide suggested property divisions between couples. I'll have to take this on notice to confirm with my family law colleagues, but I understand that it's voluntary, so the parties wouldn't be bound by the decision. But I'll take that on notice.

The response to the question is as follows:

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